



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **ACSTA AGM, Conference and Elections**
November 20-22, 2009
The Westin Edmonton
- **Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament**
Nov. 26, 27 & 28
St. Dominic High School
- **School Board Meeting**
Monday, November 30 @ 7:30 pm
Montfort Centre
- **Student Report Cards**
Middle Schools on December 7
and
Elementary Schools on December 9
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
May 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

Holy Trinity Catholic School Sod Turning

On Thursday, the Division held a most awaited and successful ceremony - the sod turning for Holy Trinity Catholic School in Olds!



This dream has been 6 years in the making. Over thirty people attended the celebratory event including families, friends, clergy, parishioners, local officials, trustees and business partners.



We prayed and Fr. Maurice Okolie blessed the ground. The school site offers a view of the majestic Rocky Mountains.

Mayor, Judy Dahl, from the Town of Olds, brought greetings as did Greg Wiens, Director of Corporate Services with Mountain View County.



Many congratulations to Ken Jaeger who has worked tirelessly on this project. We pray that God keeps all the workers safe as we build our school.

International Education Week

This week International Education Week was celebrated around the world to promote the importance of international education and how it benefits society. This year's theme is Promoting Global Citizenship. Our Division recognizes the importance of fostering a global dimension in the classroom to prepare our students as world citizens.

Since it's inception in 2004, the Division's International Services, headed by Hugh McPherson, has welcomed nearly a hundred students from around the world.



In 2008, Hidenori Jochi from Japan came to Notre Dame to teach Japanese while Yilan Zhao came from China this summer to teach Mandarin in our high school and middle schools.

Hidenori says, "Learning a language is learning a culture. It's very enriching... the program is not only good for me to learn about the Canadian learning model, but it is also an opportunity for Canadian students to experience the Japanese learning style. They are definitely different!"

Yilan says, "one of my goals is to make China better known to Canadians, especially all the changes that have happened since my country adopted its open policy in the late 80's."



Notre Dame teacher Marie Meeres will use a different approach to make connections with teachers around the world and promote international professional learning communities as she starts her teacher exchange in January with a teacher from Australia!

Special greetings to all our international students and teachers during this special week!

Tomatoes in Space!



Mrs. Joan Erlandson's science class at Maryview was awed throughout Bob Morrow's presentation on Canadian astronauts' travels in space. The students are taking part in Tomatosphere, a science project, that sees students grow tomato plants from seed, seeds that may or, may not, have

travelled into space. The scientific research results will be used for research on how to grow food in space.

Robert Morrow, Tomatosphere project manager, told students that to become an astronaut, one has to have really good grades in science, math and languages (most astronauts speak three or more languages), but even more importantly, one needs to work really well with others.



Students tried on NASA outfits and inspected the plastic bag that took the seeds to the space station a few months ago. It travelled over 9 million km! *Congratulations to Mrs. Erlandson for bringing science alive in the classroom!*

A Remembrance Day Advent Project



Grade One students at St. Elizabeth Seton School stuffed socks for soldiers in Afghanistan. Items were donated from families and businesses. The nephew of a teacher at St. Elizabeth belongs to the platoons that will receive the socks. Every soldier in the platoon will receive a gift sock. Socks have already been sent to arrive in time for Christmas.

Special thanks to Roseanne Ramsay who headed up the project and congratulations to the students and parents!

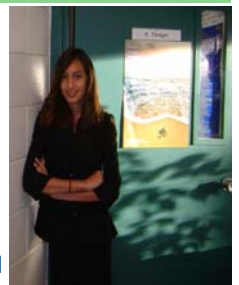
Principal for a Day

My name is Chantel Manchulenko. My favorite subject is gym, and I enjoy Social and Science. I also enjoy school events, especially when I get to be principal.

We had a Spirit Week at St. Pat's. It involved dressing up for Green Day, Backwards Day, Wacky Hair Day, and Beach Day. My teacher, Mr. Groenewegen, kept track of who dressed up during the whole week because your name was put in a draw to be "principal for a day". That Friday, I was surprised because, out of the whole school, I was the lucky one who would get to experience that fantastic day!

I got to do announcements, pop into each class to say hello, and observe teachers. I got to deal with confidential matters (but I knew everyone was acting. It was obvious). The highlights were when I got to eat with Mrs. Finnigan (very fun). We got Tim Horton's turkey-bacon subs. The thing I will remember most, though, is when I got to supervise the elementary kids. I was surrounded by them!

Showing school-spirit is a tremendous way to have fun and show you are enthusiastic at St. Patrick's Community School. *Congratulations Chantel and all the staff at St.Pat's!*



Joint Council Meeting

At Joint Council Meeting this week, Barb Borle presented her thoughts on "Raising a Christ Centered Family". She suggests that families should: (1) say prayers together, (2) talk to God for any reason, any time, any place, (3) have rituals that are meaningful to the children, (4) develop a strong sense of belonging and (5) do good works.



Jolene Crashley, parent representative on the Embedded PD Committee, presented the committee report and encouraged parents to give feedback to parent council chairs.

Parents were given an overview of emerging technologies that students have embraced and that our Board needs to fully understand as it looks at developing policies.

Many thanks to parent Shelley Holitski for chairing a very successful and well attended meeting!

Servant-leaders are often seen as the humble steward of their organization giving priority to the needs of their colleagues and those they serve just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

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