



# PAULETTE'S VIEW

*News from the Superintendent*



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## Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

### St. Dominic Catholic High School Commencement Exercises

Wednesday, June 30  
at 5:30 pm at the Lou Soppit Community Centre  
Thomas Boston, Valedictorian

### École Secondaire Notre Dame High School Graduation

Wednesday, June 30  
Ceremonies at 11 am  
Gala at 7 pm

### School Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 7 at  
7:30 pm  
Montfort Centre

## Congratulations and good luck to Darcie McDonald!

Darcie was selected as one of the 25 finalists for the 2010 Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History.

Send in your stories, photos contributions and comments.

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## Another great school year comes to an end!

Another year is coming to an end and I hope you take pride in your hard work and accomplishments that saw our students grow and succeed!

From the support staff in the schools, to the teachers and administrators who cared for our students every day, to our second-to-none Transportation Department who safely transported our students, to a phenomenal Maintenance team that keeps our schools safe, and to all the staff in Central Office who work so hard behind the scenes, I am forever grateful. You are a wonderful team to work with!

*I wish you a blessed summer. Rest, play, be safe, and enjoy life to the fullest!*

## Good wishes from the Board of Trustees

As we reach the end of another school year, let us be grateful for all the abundance in our lives.

Many thanks to our students, staff, and parents for a year filled with dedication and many blessings!

We wish all members of our school communities, their families and friends, a summer filled with joy!

*May God bless you, hold and keep you until we meet again in September.*



## Ten Students Receive Rotary Opportunity Award Scholarship

Once again the **Red Deer and District Community Foundation** bestowed the **Rotary Career Opportunity Award** to high school students pursuing post-secondary studies. The \$1500 scholarship is a rigorous competition to win. This year, 21 scholarships were awarded, 10 of which went to students in our Division!

Four students are from St. Dominic Catholic High School in Rocky Mountain House and six are from École Secondaire Notre Dame High School in Red Deer. What a terrific showing of our students' successes!

*Special thanks to the school counsellors, administrators and teachers who encouraged students to apply.*

*To all the winners, congratulations and best wishes in your post-secondary studies!*

Rotarian, Dr. Lynne Paradis, with Rotary Career Opportunity Award recipients



**St. Dominic Catholic High School winners:** Josh Lecerf, Eliza Mudryk, Sarah Weaver, and Brady Mason.

**École Secondaire Notre Dame High School winners:** Teresa Kelly, Cherilynn Mullis, Ben Edwards, Kevin deGuzman, Morgan Dumville, and Marvin Tuazon.

## First ever Pre-K students reminisce with teachers!

Students who attended the first Pre-Kindergarten program at St. Elizabeth Seton School gathered for a time of reminiscence.

Students looked through the 2003-2004 year book and saw their hand prints! It was truly special for Mrs. Christie-Blundell and Mrs. Lightbown to see how they had grown into beautiful youths.

Five of the first ever Pre-K students are still attending St. Elizabeth Seton School. They are Thomas Z., Graham S., Anna-Marija S., Jordan V., and Eric D.

*Best wishes to all our Grade 6 students as they embark on their middle school adventure!*



## Principles of Practice in Action: Pop Star Awards

St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School was recognized for its Knowledge and Employability Program designed for a group of students often overlooked in middle schools. St. Mathew School was recognized for its community service works. The school is well known in the community for its social justice initiatives. Maryview School was recognized for getting students involved in creating a safe and caring environment. École Camille J. Lerouge School was recognized for their sharing of their experiences on how to address safety issues in a school.

**Thanks you to all school administrators for your commitment to making our schools the best!**



## National Aboriginal Day at St. Martin de Porres School

For National Aboriginal Day, students at St. Martin de Porres School were visited by Brian St. Germain, aboriginal councilor, who spoke in each classrooms about aboriginal cultures. Classrooms received workbooks, games, puzzles, tattoos, and book marks.

The Red Thunder Dance Troop performed in the gym. Students learned about the jingle, hoop and grass dances; they picked up some sign language, and learned how to say hello in several aboriginal languages.

*Thank you to all who organized this event and special thanks to Brian St. Germain! Students really enjoyed National Aboriginal Day!*



## News from Holy Trinity School

The Knights of Columbus dropped in on Principal Blake Krause. Knight Frank McHugh delivered a Silver Rose Icon for Our Lady of Guadalupe for the new school. Frank brought along a special guest, his son, Father Jim McHugh. Father Jim toured the temporary school and was thrilled that Catholic education was now in Olds. He is currently the priest in Invermere and Golden in B.C. He is currently on holidays.



## A Country Expert Social Fair

Grade 3 students at St. Martin de Porres School held a Country Expert Social Fair, the grand finale to a year long study of four countries. Students learned about Tunisia, Ukraine, Peru and India and compared them to Canada. Parents and families attended the fair and tested the students knowledge!

*Congratulations to all the students and many thanks to teacher Jocelyn Loree!*



## Corporate Apparel Hits Central Office



It was a fashion show in Central Office as staff wore their new corporate apparel on casual Friday.

A new catalogue will be available in September with a selection of Fall apparel. If you have suggestions, please send them to me!

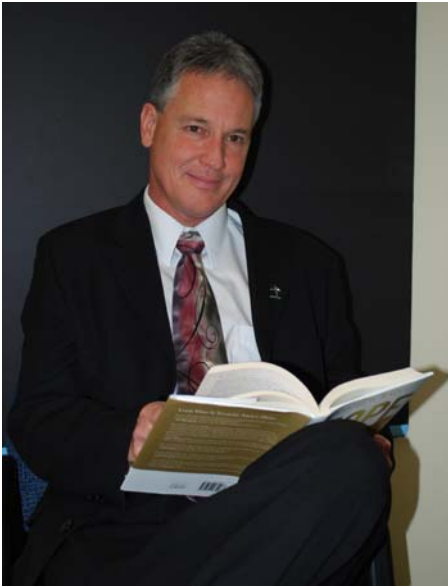
*I hope you will enjoy your purchase and wear it proudly!*

Vive les vacances!

Happy summer holidays to all!

We Value Our Staff

## A Summer Reading List from Dr. Paul Stewart



As we head into summer, it is a time when we should be able to take some time to relax, read a book and contemplate. Here are my summer recommendations.

**The Shack** (2007) by Canadian author William Paul Young

A grief stricken father's encounter with the Holy Trinity. Very good.

**Left To Tell** (2006) by Immaculée Ilibagiza

The true story by a lady who spent 91 days cramped inside a bathroom hiding out with 7 other people during the Rwandan holocaust. If you haven't read this book yet then this summer is the time.

**The Happiness Project** (2009) by Gretchen Rubin

The author spent a year test-driving the ways popular cultures says you can be happy.

### Other very good books:

**Have a Little Faith** (2009) by Mitch Albom

This book is about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; and, about the divine spark inside us all.

**The Kite Runner** (2004) and **1000 Splendid Suns** (2007) by Khaled Hosseini

Both books are excellent novels about life in the turmoil of Afghanistan over the past three decades.

**The Cellist of Sarajevo** (2008) by Steven Galloway

A story of survival by ordinary people during the siege of Sarajevo

**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** (2006) by John Boyne

A boy's view of Germans and the Holocaust during WWII.

### An older but excellent read from my youth:

**To Kill a Mockingbird** (1960) by Harper Lee

A novel about racism and growing up in the Depression.

*If you read any good books that you would recommend, please email me any time over the summer or let him know when we return to school in September. I am always open to reading different books. Have a great summer!*

