



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **St. Teresa of Avila 25th Anniversary Celebration**
Tuesday, October 20 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm
- **Catholic Youth Rally 2009**
October 17
Archbishop O'Leary School in Edmonton
- **Build a House Presentation**
Friday, October 23
7:00 pm
St. Mary's Church
- **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:30 pm
Montfort Centre
- **Senior Boys & Girls 2A Provincial Volleyball Tournament**
Nov. 26, 27 & 28
St. Dominic High School
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
May 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

Leadership Recognized

Our Lynne outdid herself this month. First, she is spotlighted in *Notebook*, RDC's Alumni Community Magazine, Fall 2009 edition. As a tribute to **RDC 45** years of success, 45 alumni were featured.



Then she won the **Premier's Award of Excellence** which celebrates excellence in public service. Lynne and her team members won a silver award for their work on Grade Level Achievement Reporting.

Congratulations Lynne, and thank you for always sharing your gifts, enthusiasm and energy for the good of all!

Special Education Award

Yesterday, at the Special Education Conference in Kananaskis, Sally Deck was honoured by the Alberta Teachers' Association Special Education Council. Sally received the

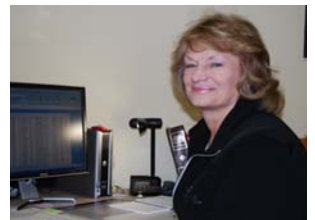
Mac Kryzanowski Award in recognition of her long time service, her accomplishments as well as her leadership, teamwork and contributions to the field of Special Education.

Thank you, Sally, for all you do to improve the lives of our Special Education students. What an honour to our Division . Congratulations!



Family Wellness Gets Award

The Red Deer Family Wellness team was awarded the Canadian Mental Health, Central Region, Professional of the Year Award for their creativity and effectiveness in the field of mental health. These dedicated workers go beyond the call to enable our students to participate fully and actively in a healthy way in our schools. *Congratulations to Velma and team! Our Division is blessed with your presence amongst us.*



Turkey Trot at St. Martin de Porres School

Parents came out in numbers to help make St. Martin de Porres "Turkey Trot" a smashing success. Parent Council and Sobeys provided prizes: students who came closest to their estimated time to trot around the school *won a turkey* while those who were next closest in their time estimate *won a pumpkin pie*. Following the trot, everyone gathered to celebrate the successful event! *Well done and bravo to all the winners!*



POP Star Winners: Value Our Staff

Support St. Teresa of Avila School



Principal Michelle Coppens and Vice-Principal Rose McQuay were recipients of the September POP Star Award in the category "We Value Our Staff". Here's a



The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Adopt-a-School receives hundreds of submissions every year from schools across Canada. **Bravo to staff at St. Teresa of Avila School for being a winner!**

The program raises money from staff and customer donations to help fund school libraries across Canada.

So how can you support the school? From October 11 to 24, Indigo/Chapters in Red Deer will ask for donations for the Love of Reading Foundation. All monies collected in Red Deer will go to St. Teresa School to buy new books.

Pass on the word and perhaps make a small donation during your next visit to Chapters!



bit about these two special women!

One thing I believe to be universal is the desire to be valued by your school, to be considered valuable.

When we asked the Staff at St. Teresa of Avila why Michelle and Rose should be given an award in this category, we were told of the many small and meaningful things they do, like saying a simple thank you to a staff member. They also take students to an assembly once a month to give teachers time to collaborate.

We also learned that Michelle and Rose always include themselves in the supervision schedule and that Michelle personally leads staff prayer every Tuesday morning. They are also very supportive of teachers who need support with challenging students. Outside of Builders Award days, they support teachers who need extra time for collaborative planning.

"They are a very special team!" is one way of summing it up. ***You are true blessings to your school and very deserving of this recognition award!***

Athletic Updates



Congratulations to **Nolan West**, Grade 12 student at St. Dominic Catholic High School. Nolan competed in the Golf Provincials Tournament earlier this month and came in 3rd overall (1A - 4A schools). **WOW!** Many thanks to Kyle Wright, teacher, who coached Nolan and drove him to Zone

Tournaments and Provincials!

Notre Dame High football Cougars are 7 - 0 and first in the league. **GO, Coach Gino Castellan, GO!** Notre Dame Junior football Cougars are 6-0! **GO, coach Steve Dionne, GO!**



More Turkey Trot News from Sylvan Lake!



On Thursday, October 8, Our Lady of the Rosary School in Sylvan Lake held its 3rd annual Turkey Trot. Children had been preparing songs and cheers in readiness for the arrival of the special visitor. Her arrival was greeted with music, song and dances by everyone. The life size turkey (Ms. McIntyre) led everyone on laps around the gym due to the inclement weather. Everyone had a chance to 'shake a thigh' and wiggle their tail feathers!



Looks like everyone had a good old time, including Principal Mrs. Swensrude!



Prizes of pumpkin pies, turkey memorabilia, and frozen turkeys were awarded to lucky children thanks to the School Parent Council's kind donation. ***These Turkey Trots sound like fun... an idea for Division Office walkers and runners? Thanks for sharing your story with us!***



Food for thought: value your staff, respect their competence and abilities, encourage their contribution and efforts, communicate with them about the Division, listen to their suggestions for innovation and improvement, commit to their professional development as a valued part of the team and the Division, support and develop

WE VALUE OUR STAFF