



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **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 AGM and Conference**
November 20-22, 2009
The Westin Edmonton
- **ACSTA Catholic Conference**
May 12 -13, 2010
Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

25 Years at St. Teresa of Avila



On Tuesday, St. Teresa of Avila School celebrated its 25th anniversary. Paul Mason represented the Sr. Admin and reports that Michelle and her staff put on a very classy event. Many past parents, students, teachers and principals attended.

Honoured guests included Fr. Victor Eze and Mr. Ernie Sebastian, St. Teresa's first Principal. Charmaine Marcinek, Program Coordinator at Sacred Heart Church, brought greetings. The program included a PowerPoint presentation that took one through the years.



There was a display table with hundreds of photos. To top it all off, everyone got a cupcake!

In this photo, Michelle is with Mr. Ernie Sebastian and Mrs. Joan Martel, teacher at St. Teresa for 25 years! *Congratulations and many blessings for the next 25 years!*



Read-In Week at St. Martin de Porres



Two weeks ago, St. Martin de Porres held its Annual 'Read-In Week', a celebration of the gift of literacy.

Several special guests were invited to St. Martin to read to students. I was one of these privileged guests along with Fr. Victor Eze, Red Deer Rebel #27 Jordie Deagle, Rebel player #18 Brett Ferguson, Big 105 Morning Show hosts Michelle and Blake, Dr. Paul Stewart, and Mrs. McQueen.

Read-In Week was headed up by Grade 3 teachers, Miss Jocelyn Loree and Miss Megan Kehoe. Grade 2 teacher Miss Brady had Rebel player Brett Ferguson read to their class as well.

What a great way to celebrate reading week. The students really enjoyed the event. And it was a pleasure to be part of the celebrations!



Artist in Residence at St. Francis de Assisi School

Andrew Glazebrook was the Artist In Residence at St. Francis of Assisi School this past week. Andrew is a well know local artist. Andrew taught students how to use a wood turning lathe to create art. Every single student was given the opportunity to work with the lathe. *Lucky students!*



POP Star Awards!

At this week's Administrators' Meeting, Ryan Ledene invited us to reflect on the Principle of Practice "We pray as an educational community".

He reminded us that the POP STAR award is a way to share ideas on how to put our Principles of Practice into action. It's not really a contest although it is a fun way to get people thinking. This week, Ryan highlighted administrators in two schools.



Dorice Swensrude at Our Lady of the Rosary was recognized for her efforts in practicing community prayer. Dorice came from the public school system where this would not be a principle of practice. Ryan noted how she quickly and enthusiastically embraced her role as spiritual leader of her school. She sought out resources and assistance from other

administrators. ***Congratulations Dorice. We know you will do well!***



Pat Maschio and Denise Kofin accepted the POP STAR Award for St. Francis of Assisi School. Ryan spoke of one particular event that took place last year at St. Francis when a student died. The school staff organized a faith-filled prayer service that really exemplified

praying as a community. It was very spiritual.

Congratulations to all at St. Francis!

"Ensuring that our Principles of Practice are integrated throughout the Division" is a specific Division goal for this year. ***Thank you Ryan for your assistance in working towards achieving this goal!***

Book Review by Dr. Paul Stewart



The Six Secrets of Change by Michael Fullan (2008) is a nice read about helping your organization thrive. You may have read a lot of Fullan over the years but this is a worthwhile read.

The author uses real life examples and simple language to explain six secrets to making an organization successful. The conclusion offers a great lesson on what

you can do in your school to thrive in the 21st century.

Welcome Andres!

Andres Ceron joined the Division IT team earlier this month as our hardware specialist. Andres came from Colombia nine years ago with his family. He studied at Red Deer College and obtained his Diploma in Computer Systems Technology. He is currently working towards finishing his Management Certificate. Previously Andres worked with The City of Red Deer. ***We are very fortunate to have Andres on board. I know you will all warmly welcome him to our Division!***



WorldSkills Calgary 2009 Legacy Gifts



The WorldSkills Calgary 2009 competitions may be over but the legacy continues. École Secondaire Notre Dame High School applied for some of the equipment used at the competitions.

Paul Couillard says it was like Christmas when the equipment arrived. The shipment included 60 high-end design stations, 11 large screen TVs, 12 colour laser printers, a high-end plotter, a touch-screen computer station and tools for our building trade programs.



On October 16, Premier Ed Stelmach, along with Red Deer MLAs Hon. Mary Anne Jablonski and Cal Dallas with representatives from our Division, Red Deer Public Schools and Red Deer College came together to share their perspectives on these valuable contributions.

The Legacy gift that our Division received is worth well over \$100,000. Some of the equipment will be shared with St. Dominic Catholic High School.

As Dr. Lynne Paradis said in her address, "the ripple down effect will be felt in all our schools and goes as far as furthering our relationship with Red Deer College as we will trade some of the equipment to better serve each of our needs."

Note how well our Division representatives did at the photo shoot!



'The family that prays together stays together; and if you stay together, you will love one another with the same love with which God loves each one of us.'

Mother Teresa - 1996

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