



PAULETTE'S VIEW

News from the Superintendent



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Coming Soon @ Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools:

- **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

Education Foundation News



Earlier this year the Division announced the creation of an Education Foundation.

It is an exciting undertaking and the pieces are gradually coming together.

A Board of Directors was established in May, with Christine Moore as its Chair. The Board has developed vision and mission statements and identified the main goals of the Foundation. A foundation logo has been adopted.

Board members are excited and learning lots about the workings of a foundation. Red Deer and District Community Foundation is proving to be a valuable partner.

The Board is currently working on the official launch and a major fundraising event. *Stay tuned!*

Math Award goes to Brenda

At the recent Annual Conference of the Mathematical Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association (MCATA), Brenda MacDonald received the very distinguished Alberta Mathematic Educator Award.



Brenda is most deserving of this award having contributed remarkable amounts of quality work to promote strong math awareness and instruction. Brenda's professional demeanor, commitment and contributions are well known in our Division, but also throughout our Zone, from her tireless work with Central Alberta Regional Consortium (CARC).

Congratulations, Brenda! We are so proud of you and all you bring to education.

Celebrate, Protect, Foster Catholic Education



This Sunday we are celebrating Catholic Education in Alberta. Our Trustees will speak at each mass in all parishes.

"Good News for All" is the theme selected by the Bishops of Alberta for this celebration. It draws on St. Paul's letter to the Romans, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.' (Romans 15:10). In an era when announcing the good news was often shared by travel on foot, St. Paul proclaims the feet of the messengers to be beautiful by virtue of the message they carried. Our schools today are those feet as they too convey the life-saving truth of the Gospel, and they are just as beautiful.

The Bishops invite all Catholics to share the good news of Catholic Education with others, within and outside of the Catholic community, by telling our story.

Catholic Education contributes enormously to the overall success of public education in Alberta. Our schools stand out for their innovative ways of preparing students to be globally-aware citizens who participate, as leaders, in their own communities and beyond. Many of our leaders, provincially and nationally, were educated in Catholic schools. Every year, our schools receive a large number of recognition awards in the area of excellence in teaching. Our boards are recognized for their fiscal responsibility. *You are all part of this success story. This Sunday, we celebrate all the good work you do for Catholic Education in Alberta!*

St. Teresa Wins Big for Library



Principal Michelle Coppens is smiling because she just learned that the *unofficial* amount of money raised for the school library is **\$4100**... WOW! Staff at Chapters in Red Deer are still counting a few donations that were made on-line.

Congratulations to all the staff at St. Teresa's who worked on the application - your hard work paid off. Enjoy your shopping spree!

Board Chair Jailed

Emily Moore, daughter of our Board Chair, totally surprised her mom when she orchestrated a Jail-N-Bail that would see Christine taken to Parkland Mall and jailed for the afternoon. You can imagine her initial reaction, but Christine quickly appreciated the importance of the event - fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society - and in her typical manner, made the most of the occasion enjoying a pleasant afternoon with other jailbirds! *Bravo Emily and Christine!*



Max-I-Mime at St. Martin

Max Fomitchev performed for the students at St. Martin de Porres School last week. Max started performing at the age of 13 in Moscow. He was frequently the only deaf performer in advanced classes and competitions.

In his performance of "Rainman", Max depicts the journey of a downtrodden character who recreates a dance with his lost love. The students were enthralled, excited and awe struck by Max's brilliant performance. Students participated in follow-up activities with school staff to reinforce this unique dramatization.

Sometimes I really miss all the fun in grade school!



Beginning Teachers Conference

Denise Gagne, a volunteer at St. Martin de Porres School, volunteered to help at the recent *Beginning Teachers Conference* in Edmonton. She shared her expertise and wisdom with beginning teachers.



Denise is a renowned music educator, having developed the curriculum resource MusicPlay for music instruction used in over 15,000 schools around the world.

Denise is a familiar face at St. Martin de Porres Elementary School where she volunteers to work with students and staff. Her daughter, Stacy Mildenberger, has joined the St. Martin faculty, teaching Grade 5 - Choir and Music. *Your commitment to the teaching profession and support for beginning teachers is commendable Denise!*

United Way Penny Parade at Camille

On Tuesday, students at École Camille J. Lerouge School held the closing event for the United Way project. Seventeen students displayed their artwork and all the piggy banks filled with coins. Mlle. Leger's Grade 8 arts class participated in the pilot project "Penny Parade - Count Your Blessings" that saw her students visit each classroom at Camille to speak about United Way and how "1 in 3" people in Central Alberta use the services of an agency that United Way helps. They left a piggy bank in each classroom. A coin counting machine was brought to the school and students watched in awe as the total number climbed and climbed until it finally stopped at \$1606.08! *Congratulations to the entire Camille community!*



Artwork will SOON be on display at RDC. Students did amazing work interpreting the theme. Check it out!

Principal of Practice "We pray as an educational community"

Praying together is one of the richest experiences Christians can have together. There is a deep joy in praying together. It is like the difference between eating your meal alone and sharing in a party feast. There something more when eating together. So it is with prayer!

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