

Horizon Highlights

MAY 2019



Board Update

Horizon School Division No. 67 is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Bryan Pritchard as Principal of Warner School 2019-2020 school year. Bryan has been with Horizon School Division for the past three and a half years: starting out in 2015 as Principal at the Hays School, then taking on the Vice-Principal position at W.R. Myers High School in August 2017. The Board of Trustees is also pleased to announce the appointment of the following Vice-Principals: Wendy Peters – Taber Christian Alternative School, Trina Mantler-Friesen – Taber Christian Alternative School and Gregory Bowes – W.R. Myers High School.



Back row: Blair Lowry, Bruce Francis, Rick Anderson, Derek Baron, Front row: Jennifer Crowson, Marie Logan (Chair), Christa Runka

Education Week – April 29 – May 3, 2019

Teachers are committed to creating an inspired future for every child and are working hard with our school community to ensure that students have optimal learning conditions. We would like to thank our dedicated teachers, support staff, and volunteers for providing the supports our students need to be successful. Thank you for all that you do!

Edwin Parr – May 15, 2019

Edwin Parr homesteaded near Athabasca in 1920. He served as chair of the Athabasca School Board until his death in January 1963. Edwin Parr was president of the Alberta Trustees' Association from 1956 to 1962. Mr. Parr instituted an "Annual Teacher Award" for outstanding service. The Alberta School Trustees' Association established the Edwin Parr teacher Award (for first year teachers) in 1964 to honor the profession he so deeply respected,

This year Horizon School Division nominated Amy Shim, a grade 1 teacher from Dr. Hamman. Congratulations Amy!

Low German Mennonite (LGM) Program

Benita Peters (LGM Consultant) did a presentation on, Education in the Mennonite Culture, to the Learning Support Teachers and appreciates the respect and consideration that the teachers demonstrate towards their LGM students.

"Horizon teachers are absolutely amazing in respecting and considering each student's cultural needs and are always willing to learn more about the student's culture."- Benita Peters

Low German word of the Month:
Goaden = garden
Ekj well en mien Goaden schaufen. = I want to work in my garden.



Curriculum Update

Since the government began to prepare for the election, we haven't had any new updates on curriculum implementation from Alberta Education, however, we will continue to move forward with the momentum that we've had, focusing on the new draft k-4 curriculum and working collaboratively.

In his Speech from the Throne, Jason Kenney said his government plans include that they "...will also include a commitment to curriculum reform, based on proven pedagogy that teaches essential knowledge needed to achieve foundational competencies and to prepare young Albertans to succeed in the future."

Transportation (School Bus) Update

To avoid delays in arranging transportation you will need to complete the necessary steps.

1. Register at your school as early as possible.
2. If you are unsure about which school is your child's designated school, please contact our division office.
3. If you require non-designated transportation, please review policy IC – School Attendance Areas, and complete the Non Designated School Placement and Non-Designated Transportation **prior to June 1st**.



***NEW - If you have a NEW Non-Designated Transportation for the next school year – please note these applications will be reviewed/processed starting on September 15, 2019. Please ensure you arrange your own transportation for your child until your application is approved.**

Wellness Corner

Intellectual Wellness - Intellectual Wellness promotes creative and challenging opportunities to expand not only our knowledge base, but also our horizons. The desire to learn new things, fine-tune skills and see exciting adventures all contribute to intellectual wellness. See if you can inspire exploration and curiosity in yourself and those around you in the pursuit of lifelong learning.



Dates to Remember

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| • June 4 – Administrator's Meeting at Vauxhall High School |
| • June 11 – Case Consultants Meeting |
| • June 12 – Family Connections: Taber Family Fun Night |
| • June 26 – Board Meeting |

Congratulations to all our graduates and Have a Great Summer!

Horizon is a 21st century inclusive learning community that engages and empowers all learners for success.