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September 6, 2023

CELEBRATING GYPSD'S LEARNING FOCUS

Submitted by GYPSD

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's first priority is Student Learning. To ensure that priority is met, the second priority is Teacher, Support Staff, and Leader Excellence. Though the 'official school year' concluded at the end of June, the learning certainly did not!

In addition to summer school CALM, Work Expe-

rience, and RAP programming for high school students, individual teachers from across the Division completed coursework for their graduate degrees or certifications to support their instructional expertise. Members of GYPSD's Board of Trustees attended the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education; later in August,

members of the Board attended the Public School Association's Council professional learning event in Medicine Hat where they visited the Saamis Tepee and participated in the Blanket Exercise.

Superintendent Lewis and leaders from Division Services and Supports attended the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) Summer

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RECOGNIZING ALBERTA'S VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

There is still time to nominate people for the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards and recognize Albertans making a lasting impact in their communities.

Volunteers are the foundation for many community organizations providing recreational, social and

cultural programs. Alberta has more than 26,400 non-profit organizations and, each year, more than 1.6 million Albertans provide more than 262 million volunteer hours to support the non-profit and voluntary sector at a value of \$5.6 billion.

The Stars of Alberta awards highlight and pay tribute to volunteers who

give their time, energy and skills to make a difference in the lives of Albertans.


"Volunteers are the driving force behind the recreational, social and cultural programs that make our communities great. We want to recognize outstanding volunteers helping Albertans stay connected and feel supported.

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Celebrating GYPSD's Learning Focus

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Learning Conference to engage in deep learning and system implementation to improve student learning. School principals and assistant principals returned to learning in August to explore the results review process and reflect on a different way of implementing goals and designing improvement plans with the central Division Services and Supports team. Later that week, the Division Leadership Team (DLT) -

which includes all school leadership teams and central department heads - met with Superintendent Lewis and each other to discuss the foundational work for a whole-division focus for the 2023/24 school year. Teachers new to GYPSD met and collaborated on August 28th - having time to connect with Division department heads as well as each community trustee. On August 30th, all GYPSD staff engaged in Kick-Off 2023 to reconnect with each other, the Divi-

sion's core focus, and engage in purposeful, targeted professional learning, including a refresher session on PowerTeacher Pro and the implementation of the Digital Report Card. Even our newest, and youngest learners got in the learning groove by joining GYPSD's First Rider Program - featuring Buddy the Bear in his Grande Yellow Bus Adventure - where they learned about bus safety. GYPSD: learning together for students.




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'Now,' he says, 'are there any questions?'

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Recognizing Alberta's Volunteers

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We encourage all Albertans to show their support for our extraordinary volunteers and their life-changing work by nominating them for a Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

en Awards are given to two youth (up to 24 years of age), two adults and two seniors. In addition, the Breaking Barriers category recognizes exceptional volunteers who are working to create communities that are diverse and inclusive. Three

awards are presented in this category to individuals who are addressing racism, advocating for 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion and fighting gender discrimination in their communities.

Albertans are encouraged to submit nominations online. The deadline for nominations

is Sept. 15.

The awards are part of the government's commitment to recognize the contributions of Alberta's volunteers and recipients are celebrated annually on or around International Volunteer Day, which is Dec. 5.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Submitted by GYPSD

GYPSD is proud to announce that Mr. Glen Allen, Principal of Harry Collinge High School in Hinton, was recently awarded a Council of School Leadership (CSL) Alberta Distinguished Leadership Awards this past June. He was nominated by Principal Ryan Maguhn of Crescent Valley School. Board Chair Dale Karpluk and Superintendent Carolyn Lewis honoured Mr. Allen with a recognition certificate for

his achievement at the August 23, 2023, Public Board Meeting.

Recipients of the CSL Distinguished Leadership Awards create a learning community of outstanding principals throughout Alberta who can share professionally, interact collegially and act as mentors to new colleagues. They provide avenues for research and sharing of best practices. The cadre of distinguished Alberta school leaders are true role models for others looking to challenge the

status quo, improve learning in their contexts, and be equipped for higher levels of leadership.

The Council for School Leadership Distinguished Leadership Award program annually recognizes outstanding principals, assistant principals, and school jurisdiction leaders who have succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for students. The awards:

* recognize outstanding Alberta school leaders

* honour creative, innovative and effective leadership

* focus public attention on excellence in school leadership and celebrate leadership excellence.

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PREPARING YOUR FIREPLACE OR STOVE FOR THE SEASON

Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves not only can be beautiful focal points within a home, but they also provide an additional source of heat and can be used to keep rooms or entire homes comfortable without the need for additional and potentially costly heating sources.

Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they

are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the leading factor contrib-

uting to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

- Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds

up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

- Install or check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are

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Preparing Your Fireplace Or Stove For The Season

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essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.

- Inspect the chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.

- Inspect the damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

- Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks or flames.

- Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and dou-

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According to the National Safety Council, more than one million injuries result each year from stairway falls. Staircase and stairway accidents constitute the second leading cause of ac-

cidental injury, second only to motor vehicle accidents. Each year, there are 12,000 stairway accident deaths. The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation states that a large portion of Canadians who visit hospitals after a fall on or from stairs or steps in their homes are seniors (men and women age 65 years

or older).

However, many stairway falls can be prevented with some simple planning.

•Install sturdy handrails. A common contributor to stairway falls is a failure to use handrails. Sturdy handrails can decrease fall rates. Even if a person slips, he or she may be able to prevent the fall by grabbing on to the handrails and regaining some of his or her balance.

•Rely on highlighters or friction strips. According to a study titled "Safety on stairs: Influence of a tread edge highlighter and its position," by Richard J. Foster, fall risk may be reduced by using a highlighter positioned flush with the tread edge. This helps make stairs more visible, particularly for those with impaired vision.

•Improve lighting on staircases. Failure to see steps may contribute to falls as well. Staircases should be well lit so that residents and guests know where to step. Subtle foot-level lighting

can be installed to make it easier for people who frequently use steps at night.

•Use slip-resistant materials. Slip-resistant surface material acceptable for normal floors should work on stair treads. Loose rugs should not be placed at the top or bottom of the landing. Outdoors, rough finishes are recommended, particularly on stairs that are subject to getting wet.

•Improve step geometry. If slips and falls frequently occur on a particular staircase, consider the relationship between the rise and the run, advises the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. The National Building Code of Canada says that, within a staircase, treads should have a uniform run and tread depth that does not vary more than 0.5 to 1 cm. Steep steps with high risers and/or short treads can increase the risk of falls.

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- September 21:** Entwistle Seniors Centre
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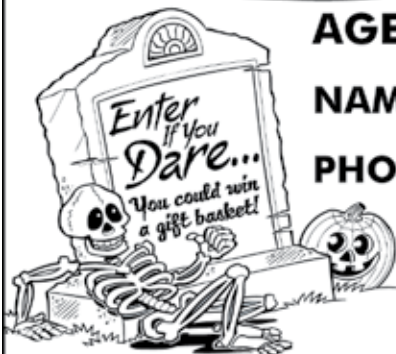
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of the week

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

ANSWER:

1	2	8	6	4	5	9	3	7
9	4	5	7	3	8	2	1	6
3	7	6	1	9	2	4	8	5
5	9	4	8	7	1	3	6	2
6	8	1	9	2	3	7	5	4
2	3	7	5	6	4	1	9	8
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 Thank you for slowing down and being mindful of school buses and children in school zones.



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Be alert and drive with caution when approaching a school bus. Be prepared to stop and leave children room to get on and off the bus safely.

FALL SAFETY

Tips

A reminder about school bus safety on Yellowhead County roads.

Please remind children to...

- Be aware of graders, school buses, industry trucks, and regular traffic.
- Keep a safe distance from the road when waiting for the school bus.
- Be aware of weather conditions such as snow, fog & other weather conditions that limit visibility.
- Wear bright colors or clothing with reflective material.

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*In-Person & Online Group Sessions

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- **2023 Dates:**
 Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19
- **2024 Dates:**
 Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18

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- Choose the right clubs. There is more to selecting clubs than pulling any old iron out of your golf bag and whacking away. Wind, hazards and obstructions in landing areas should influence your de-

cision of which club to use. Novice golfers may want to rely on their caddies to make club recommendations, and as they become more confident in their abilities they can start to make their own choices.

- Anchor your feet. Anchor your foot behind the ball to drive the ball further. Right-handed players will keep the right foot anchored, and lefties will do the opposite. Do not lift your foot prematurely; otherwise, you can lose power

and distance.

- Identify your weaknesses. As with any hobby, identifying those areas that need the most work can help you become a better golfer. Keep track of each shot you take, and then look at the results to see which areas of your game need the most work.

- Fix your alignment. Align your shots by assessing the target from behind the ball. Then set the clubface behind the golf ball and align it with

the target before you enter your stance.

- Use your torso for power. The torso is essential to a solid swing. Practice rotating from your core to control your backswing and then maintain the same spine angle and posture on the downswing.

- Use the wind. Not every golf game will be played in perfect weather. A good player knows how to make adjustments for the wind depending on the shot. Use the wind to your advantage when you can, and adjust your swing when hitting into the wind.

- Become a better chipper. Many players put so much emphasis on their backswings and putt shots that they fail to devote any practice to chips. All shots are important for golfers trying to shed strokes off of their scores.

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