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Farewell



We will be saying farewell to some amazing staff. We wish them all the very best, but they will all be greatly missed by staff and students.

Mr. Finlay has taken the position of vice principal of St. Paul Elementary. He will continue to make an impression on students as he will be teaching part days. The way you foster excitement for learning will be missed.



Mme. Turcotte will be retiring after a long career of engaging her classes in learning. Even though she has been in Mallaig for a relatively short amount of time we were very lucky to have someone that gave a lot of herself to student success and to community. We look forward to having you back in the building to sub.



Miss Kirk came to us to fill a maternity leave for the 2020/2021 school year. Her bubbly personality made it very easy for her students to feel comfortable in her classroom. She will be moving on to a new position outside our division and we know she will have an amazing and successful career ahead of her.



Mrs. Warchola-aka Ms. Yacyshyn will be officially moving to her new home near Edmonton. Although she only spent the last year with us, she left an impression on the students she taught with her extensive knowledge of math and sciences. She also took the time to know the students personally outside the classroom and for that we are very grateful.



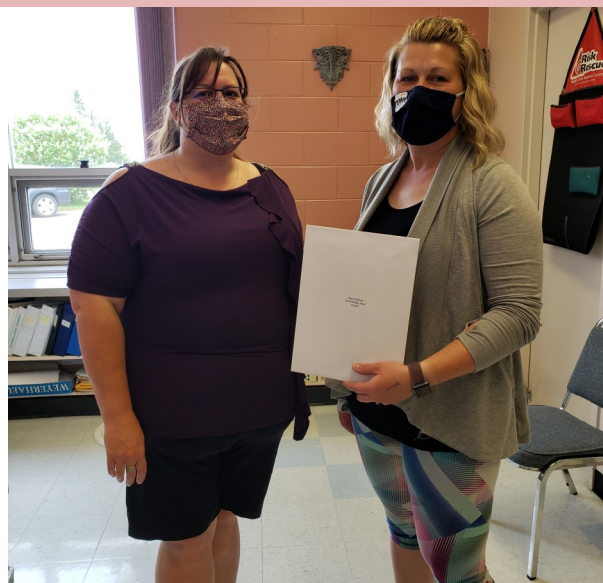
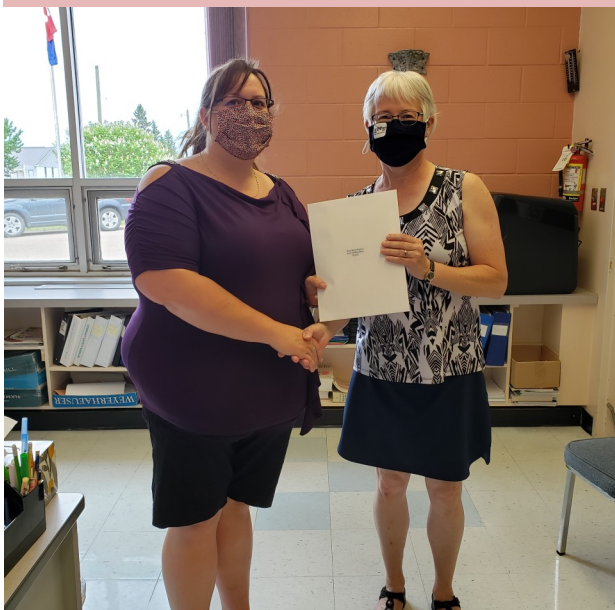
Mrs. Weinmeier had spent many years as an E.A. and came to us mid year to share her experience with our students. She had such an easy going personality that made it easy for the students to connect with her and in turn produced the work that was expected. She has moved on to her next adventure and we wish her the best.



Mrs. Andersen has been with us as an E.A. for 5 years and will be making a career change. She has built a strong bond with the students she has been with for several years and she will be missed by them and the teachers she has worked along side. We wish her the best and we know she will be very successful as her new journey begins.

We would like to congratulate Anne-Marie Amyotte on celebrating 30 years with our division. With all the roles she plays and all that she does, we are greatly blessed. Thank you for your dedication!

Congratulations also to Mrs. Renee Andersen on celebrating 10 years in the division. The work that you do is part of the reason for our student's success.



Report cards can be picked up on June 24. Any cards not picked up will be mailed out at the end of June.

MALLAIG PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mallaig Public Library has for sale 3 desktop computers-no monitors. They have been cleaned and support Window 7. Please call Pauline or Charlene @780-635-3858 if interested.

Summer Library Hours

Tuesday 3:30-6:30
Wednesday 4:00-8:00
Thursday 9:00-1:00



Just a few year end reminders!




- ◆ School fees are due
- ◆ Shop projects must be paid and picked up
- ◆ 2021/2022 Registration forms need to be returned asap
- ◆ Chromebooks and text books must be returned upon completion of courses. Any unreturned items will be invoiced to the parent.
- ◆ Pick up all personal items-shoes, clothing, school supplies, this also includes items in the lost and found. Any items left will be collected and donated.

2021/2022 Registration Days

August 26 & 27 - 8:30am-3:30pm

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Summer Reading Program Starts July 1	1 Canada Day Celebration Craft, games, story 10:30	2	3
4	5	6 Come in and enjoy a book!	7 Movie Night 6:30	8 Christmas in July Story and Craft 10:30	9	10
11	12	13 Take and Make Summer Slime	14 Come in and enjoy a book!	15 Clown Mingle 10:30	16	17
18	19	20 Come in and enjoy a book!	21 Stuffed Animal Sleepover with Storytime at 7:00	22 Animal Fun Story and craft 10:30	23	24
25	26	27 Come in and enjoy a book!	28 Friendship Bracelet Making	29 Costume Party Story and Craft 10:30	30	31

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August 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Dream Catcher	4 Techno Time!	5 Virtual Magic Show 10:30	6	7
9	10 Come in and enjoy a book!	11 Movie Night 6:30	12 Bird Feeder craft and story 10:30	13	14
16	17	18	19 Yummy! Cookies! Story and Craft 10:30	20	21
..... Book in the Park Storywalk					
23	24 Come in and enjoy a book!	25 Trivia Night via Kahoot!	26 Back to regular hours 3:30-6:30	27	28
30	31 Summer Reading Program ends		b-class in the park this month! Stay tuned for date and time!		

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Community of School Councils (COSC) Engagement: Under normal circumstances, the Division would host a face to face COSC meeting in the spring. This year, given the success of the public engagements that were held earlier this year, the Division will host an open Zoom meeting for all stakeholders on June 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include staffing, technology, plans for fall re-entry, and our student's mental health and educational needs. This approach aligns with the expectation for stakeholder engagement in the Division Education Plan.

Transportation Task Force: The Transportation Task Force was tasked with providing recommendations to the Minister in regards to improving transportation. A number of important recommendations have come forth from the Task Force report, including a special recommendation to modify/relax training requirements during the pandemic to address challenges with recruitment. At this time it is not known what the training requirements will be post-pandemic. A Student Transportation Audit team will also be formed to review all matters pertaining to student transportation operations at the school jurisdiction level, including funding, costs, fees, policies, shared transportation, route efficiency, stops, ride times, and use of technology. The audit team will use the information gathered to identify best practices. Finally, there is a recommendation to review the current student transportation funding model and revise as needed to ensure it is appropriate to fund legislated student transportation requirements, is aligned with findings from the Audit team, and is predictable, sustainable and equitable. While school authorities have been given the autonomy to set transportation fees, not enough is known about the new funding model to make any decisions about local student transportation fees at this time. Trustees passed a motion to maintain all current transportation fees for the 2021-22 school year. Trustees will be gathering more feedback from stakeholders on this topic, starting with the upcoming COSC meeting on June 16. [The remaining recommendations can be viewed on the Alberta Education website.](#)

Locally Developed Courses: Trustees approved a number of locally developed courses to be acquired for 2021-2022.

2021-22 Budget: Secretary Treasurer Champagne reviewed the proposed budget for the upcoming school year. Key budget issues include post-pandemic catch-up for students, distance education, technology upgrades and the outstanding contract with teachers. The Division is also facing inflation pressure in areas such as benefits, insurance, transportation and the carbon tax. At \$56 million dollars, the budget for 2021-22 is mostly the same as last year minus two significant grants that will no longer be continued. These are \$1.2 million in one-time COVID-related funding and \$400,000 for Innovations in First Nations Education. The Division has experienced five consecutive years of deficits in the transportation department and will be working with stakeholders to ensure sustainability. Overall, this budget has a moderate deficit of \$681,055. Despite planned deficits for the past six years, the Division felt it was important to maintain stability as much as possible post-pandemic before making any significant budget decisions. Trustees passed a motion to approve the 2021-22 budget as presented.

Graduation Ceremonies: The province has very recently released a number of updated guidance documents for high school graduation ceremonies. Currently, "a school may host a graduation ceremony on school property without external in-person attendees, during regular school hours while adhering to the current Alberta health measures." When Stage 2 is announced, the following will apply: "When the graduation ceremony is outdoors and has fixed seating, such as a grandstand, it will be limited to 1/3 seating capacity. When the graduation ceremony is taking place outside where there is no fixed seating, the organizers will be able to set up chairs/seating for up to 150 people with distancing restrictions in place. Indoor graduation ceremonies will be limited to 1/3 of the fire code occupancy and can only take place as a seated event. Masking and physical distancing between households is required. No indoor social gatherings are permitted. If the event will be occurring in a school, with individuals outside of the grade 12 classroom cohort, it will need to take place outside of school hours and follow the applicable guidance. Once again, no indoor social gathering will be permitted to take place before, during or after the graduation ceremony."

Stony Creek Colony School: The Division has received a request from the Stony Creek Hutterite Colony to open a school for next year. Trustees passed a motion by Trustee Cook to establish a colony school at the Stony Creek Hutterite Colony. The Division looks forward to providing services to the students from this colony.



Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Brodziak offered a word of praise and gratitude to students, parents, and staff for all of their good work and effort during what has been a very difficult year.
- Alberta is now in Stage 1 of Open for Summer with Stage 2 tentatively set for June 10. A number of different things may be considered if the province moves into Stage 2 as planned, including face to face School Council meetings, field trips, and graduation ceremonies. As noted below, there are new guidelines for a variety of scenarios for graduations held outdoors or indoors, all of them with continued masking and social distancing expectations. Graduation exercises have already been held at Mallaig, Ashmont, Myrnam and SPAEC schools with others to be held in the upcoming weeks. Although the Division reached out to the department to inquire about additional considerations for graduation, any exercises that have already occurred or been planned were required to be planned in accordance with the current guidelines.
- Reminder to all school staff that classroom conversations surrounding vaccination should be sensitive to student and parent choice. A conversation of this nature constitutes personal health information and cannot occur.
- [Update in regards to final exams for high schools and junior high schools \(as posted on May 6\)](#). High school exams will continue much as they have in the past but there were some changes to junior high exams such as a maximum weighting of 10% and all exams being open-book. There will not be final exams in grades K to 6.
- On May 28 the Government of Alberta committed up to \$45 million to support students in Grades 1-3 who are experiencing difficulties as a result of pandemic-related learning disruptions. The focus will be on intervention for literacy and numeracy. More details will be shared when they are known. Of note, prior to this announcement, the Division was already in the process of forming Division Literacy and Numeracy committees to look at these two areas post-pandemic and moving forward.
- On May 31, Division flags were lowered to remember the 215 children found at Kamloops Residential School. For National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, the Division will be holding a Division-wide (K-12) honour song and prayer led by Mr. Clifford Cardinal. That same day he will also be providing an address on the 215 children found at Kamloops to students from grades 7-12. The presentations will be both age-appropriate and curriculum-related. Mr. Cardinal was recently appointed as the Cultural Advisor for all Division schools. Congratulations to Mr. Clifford Cardinal on this appointment.
- June 3 was recognized as Mental Wellness day with a theme of 'Take care of yourself and each other'.
- Staffing has been mostly completed with a few remaining job advertisements to be filled.
- Together We're Better summer programming will be offered. Please watch social media for more information.
- Care Kits were shared with Division schools from the County of St. Paul Family and Community Social Services.
- The Division Technology leads will be meeting with school administrations to discuss and plan for technology upgrades that are planned in schools over the summer.

Financial Report

- Trustees reviewed cheque and financial information and passed a motion supporting the proposed Rural Caucus budget.

Reports

[Letter from Dr. Hinshaw dated June 8, 2021](#): Vaccine information for parents. [See the Division website.](#)

[Alberta Schools Boards' Association \(ASBA\) Zone 2/3](#): Trustee Rajoo reported on the May 23 meeting.

[Alberta School Boards Association Spring General Meeting](#): Trustees participated in two days of business meetings and professional development which were held earlier this week.

[Capital Report](#): The report provided a synopsis of work to be completed on school sites over the summer months.

[Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association \(ACSTA\)](#): Trustee Wiebe provided an overview of planned activities of the ACSTA, including information on the upcoming elections.



St. Paul Education

MALLAIG, RACETTE and ST. PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

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Important Dates

Aug. 30 & 31	Teacher P.D. Days
Sept. 1	Teacher P.D. Day
Sept. 2	First Day of School
Sept. 6	Labour Day
Sept. 27	Teacher P.D. Day
Oct. 8	Teacher P.D. Day/Local ATA P.D. Day
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12	In Lieu of Reporting Day
Nov. 15	Teacher P.D. Day
Dec. 17	Early Dismissal - 2:00 p.m.
Dec 20 to 31	Christmas Break
Jan. 31	Teacher P.D. Day
Feb. 1	Catholic Education Faith Formation Day-Mallaig, Racette, SPECS (Regular school day for all other schools)
Feb. 16	Teacher P.D. Day
Feb. 17 & 18	Teachers' Convention
Feb. 21	Family Day
Mar. 7	Teacher P.D. Day
Mar 21 to 25	Spring Break
Apr. 15	Good Friday
Apr. 18	Easter Monday
Apr. 19	Teacher P.D. Day
May 20	Teacher P.D. Day (may be used in lieu)
May 23	Victoria Day
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day (no exams)
June 24	Last Day of School
June 27	Teacher P.D. Day
June 28	Teacher P.D. Day (may be used in lieu)

School Year	Instructional Days
177.75 Instructional Days	89.75 Semester I
17.25 Teacher Days	88.00 Semester II
195 Total Operational Days	177.75 Total Instructional Days

LEGEND

★	First Day/Last Day of School
X	Teacher Day - No Students
	Holiday
	Early Dismissal

DIPLOMA EXAMS - October 28, 29 November 2-5, 8-10 January 11-13, 19-21, 24-28 March 31 April 1, 4-8, 11, 12 June 13-17, 20, 22-24, 27, 28
 ACHIEVEMENT TESTS - administration window - January 11, 14, 20-28 (Gr. 9) Dates determined by individual schools
 ACHIEVEMENT TESTS - administration window - May 9, 11 & June 13-24 (Gr. 6 & 9) Dates determined by individual schools