

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter



Paul Rowe Encourages Student Leadership

Student Leaders Present at Provincial School Board Conference



"Skatepark" students shared their inspirational story with school board trustees from across the province.

Paul Rowe High School representatives for Three Battles Skatepark recently presented at the Alberta School Boards Association's spring general meeting in Red Deer. This year's theme was "Student Voices – LOUD & CLEAR".

Student groups from across the province were selected to share their inspiring success stories with school board trustees from across the province.

Clay Pharis, Eric Johnson and Aaron Johnson from Paul Rowe High, and Levi Pharis from Manning Elementary School represented the Skatepark committee at the conference. They had the opportunity to tell

the story of how their group used their flexible learning time (enrichment block) at school to do the behind the scenes work which resulted in seeing their dream of building a skate park in their community become a reality.

"There are so many examples of students taking action and making positive change through leadership and citizenship in our schools," says PRSD Board Chair Darren Kuester. "We are very proud to have some of our students share their stories with the province. The impact they have and continue to make is truly inspiring."

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Upcoming Events:

June:

- * **12 Diploma Exams Begin**
- * **15 Deadline to hand in hours for Work Experience, RAP, Volunteerism, etc.**
- * **17 Grade 9 Celebration** 7:00 p.m.
- * **19 All Library Books are Due**
- * **Last Day of Regular Classes for grades 7-12**
- * **22 Final Exams and Tutorial Sessions Begin**
- * **27 Class of 2015 Commencement Ceremony** 3:00 p.m.

August:

- * **24 School Office Re-Opens**

September:

- * **1 First Day for Students**

Parents and Guardians:

In this Mailout:

- *Final Exam Schedule
- *Test Anxiety Handout
- *Rutherford Scholarship Changes Information Sheet

2015-2016 Registration forms are included in your parent package. Please return completed forms to the office as soon as possible.

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www.paulrowehigh.ca to subscribe!

Superintendent's Message: Thank You

The 2014-2015 school year is nearing completion and it is my absolute pleasure to thank you all for your important contributions over the past year.

Thank you to our students for your dedication, enthusiasm and creativity. It brings an incredible sense of pride to reflect upon the countless examples of collective and personal accomplishment, growth, school and community spirit, kindness and leadership. The positive impact you make in your school, community and society as a whole is further reaching than you know. To our graduates, congratulations on reaching this important milestone and best wishes in all your future endeavours. Remember that no dream is too big and to live your life to its fullest potential.



Thank you to our parents for your support and involvement. We realise, value and appreciate the important role you play in your child's education. Parental involvement looks different for every family and we thank you for all that you do. Whether you help your child with homework, volunteer at the school, attend events, participate in parent teacher conferences, are a member of School Council, keep in contact with school staff or help your child with career planning - your contributions make a difference. We look forward to celebrating you again in November 2015 during PARENTS MATTER Appreciation Week.

Thank you to our staff – teachers, caretakers, support staff, educational assistants, learning coaches, bus drivers, maintenance personnel, mechanics and central office staff- every role makes a difference and contributes to student success. Thank you for your part in supporting one and other especially during this exciting time of educational transformation.

Recently, our May 2015 Accountability Pillar Results (APR) Report was published by Alberta Education. We are very pleased to report that PRSD has experienced an increased rating of “improved significantly” or “improved” in seven of twelve measures and have maintained progress in the remaining five measures on the report. The APR is PRSD's “report card” provided by Alberta Education and is based on educational scores and survey data collected from students, staff and parents.

Our continued growth is a result of the collective contributions of our school community. In PRSD, we truly are Inspiring Education and it is because of the important work you all do. Thank you for your support and guidance as we provide our students with opportunities that allow them to shine as ethical citizens, engaged thinkers with entrepreneurial spirits – better prepared for the world today.

To our community members and organizations, we are very grateful for your involvement and participation in our schools. Your involvement demonstrates the importance of community and teamwork for our students. We are very thankful for your time spent volunteering, providing input, collaborating and forming partnerships throughout our school division that brings increased opportunities for students.

Students, staff, parents, community members and businesses, you are all an important part of the Peace River School Division family. Thank you for your contributions that make our schools the great places they are to learn, grow, work and be. Wishing you a fantastic summer!

*Paul Bennett
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division No. 10*



As our students complete another milestone in their lives, everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate!

GRADE 9 CELEBRATION

*June 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Paul Rowe High*

CLASS OF 2015 COMMENCEMENT

*June 27, 2015
3:00 p.m.
Manning Arena*

Congratulations Grade 9 Students!

Paul Rowe's grade nine students will receive recognition at a special ceremony which will be held on June 17th at 7:00 p.m. Family and community members are invited to celebrate the completion of junior high.

Congratulations to the following grade 9 students:

- * Sharman Bigler
- * Cody Cove
- * Hunter Dawydiuk
- * Stacy Doerksen
- * Beth Hager
- * Isabelle Jacobsen
- * Erik Johnson
- * Cassie Kamieniecki
- * Noel Lariviere
- * Logan Munroe
- * Tyler Neufeld
- * Noah Pasichnuk
- * Taylor Paulovich
- * Jayden Peterson
- * Clay Pharis
- * Layne Supernault
- * Kyser Yasinski

Congratulations High School Commencees!

On June 27, the class of 2015 will celebrate their commencement from high school with family, friends and community members. Commencement ceremonies will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Manning Sports Complex. Family and community members are invited to join students and school staff to celebrate the completion of high school.

Congratulations to the following Commencees:

- * Stefanie Brand
- * Shelby Dechant
- * Trinity Fedorowicz
- * Kelly Fredrickson
- * Trevor Greschner
- * Anthony Hudema
- * Brody Jonson
- * Keltie Kover
- * Keandra Lacasse-Carpenter
- * Kyleigh Lacasse-Carpenter
- * Morgan Lein
- * Zachary Lorencz
- * Emily Lyseng
- * Carlo Marino
- * Brett Munroe
- * Brett Nicklason
- * Ryan Nordstrom
- * Signy Pasichnuk
- * Destiny Rever
- * Christopher Hager
- * Blake Stone
- * Jazmyn Teige
- * Samuel Tupper
- * Sarah Walton-Schmidt
- * Becky Wiebe



Only 10 Class Days Left Before Final Exams!



The school year is quickly coming to an end, and students should be preparing for final exams.

Exam Schedule

Paul Rowe's June exam schedule is posted on our school website at www.paulrowehigh.ca and has been mailed home with the June parent packages.

SS 30 Diploma Exam Study Sessions:

Friday, June 12th 7-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 13th 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Diploma Exam Prep Course: Chemistry 30

Peace River School Division will be offering a diploma exam prep course for Chemistry 30 on June 20 & 21st. Please call (780) 624-5941 to register or for more information.

Tutorial Sessions

Students are encouraged to take advantage of afternoon tutorials, which are offered during exam week. The tutorials will be held the afternoon prior to the exam.

Independent Study Resources

A number of online resources are available to assist students in preparing for their exams. Visit Paul Rowe's Virtual Learning Commons Curriculum Support page for links.

<https://sites.google.com/a/prsd.ab.ca/paulrowehighvlc/courses>

Exam Anxiety Support

Students who suffer from test anxiety are encouraged to discuss their concerns with their classroom teachers and/or to connect with our Youth Worker, Ms. Ryan.

Questions?

Please call the school at (780) 836-3397.

Congratulations Term 3 Project Excel Recipients!

- * Amicis: BreeAnna Morisette
- * ATB Financial: Taylor Lohr
- * Aurora Theatre:
 - * Gold—Beth Hager
 - * Silver—Rachel Wu
 - * Green—Declan Schamehorn
- * Esso:
 - * Gold—Keegan Dick
 - * Silver—Dalton Gibson-Ducharme
 - * Green—Brett Munroe
- * The Source:
 - * Gold—Mason Blais
 - * Silver—Cody Jonson
 - * Green—Justin Hanna
- * TireCraft:
 - * Gold—Clay Pharis
 - * Silver—Jayden McDowell
 - * Green – Calin Lariviere
- * Trics Salon & Day Spa:
Heather Kamieniecki
- * Venture Parts Supply: Shawn Doll

Important Scholarship Changes!

Rutherford Scholarships

Rutherford Scholarship applications must now be completed online. More information is included in the parent mailout.

Local Scholarships

Changes have been made to some local scholarships. Please visit the following websites for more information:

- Town of Manning
- County of Northern Lights
- MDFP

If there are any questions please contact Mrs. Bak.

myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:

- View and print diploma exam results statements
- Order transcripts
- More

<https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>



World-renowned Performer Visits Paul Rowe



Sandra 'Safire' Sommerville, a world-renowned circus performer and motivational speaker recently visited Paul Rowe. With her first hand experience of childhood bullying, confidence issues and self-doubt, Safire shared her message about what it took for her to believe in herself. She also engaged the audience in a number of interactive activities. In the afternoon, she also facilitated student learning sessions in performing with hoops which was very well received by the students who participated.

Music Monday Concert A Great Success!



Paul Rowe recently hosted the 6th Annual Music Monday concert, which celebrates the importance of music in our lives. Community and family members enjoyed performances by the School of Rock and the Manning Tri-School Band. Thank you to School of Rock organizer Jennifer Paulovich and Tri-School Band organizer Melody Taylor for organizing this event and for giving our students an opportunity to explore the world of music throughout the year.

Paul Rowe Students Off To Track & Field Provincials



Our track and field team has had a great season! Jared Collins, Rachel Schmidt, Shania Stone and Ben Southwick all competed at the divisional track meet and went on to compete at Zones. Congratulations to Zones gold medal winners Rachel Schmidt (80 meter hurdles), Shania Stone (high jump) and Ben Southwick (relay with Peace River team)! Rachel and Shania will be attending the provincial track meet on June 5-7.

Way to GO RAIDERS!

Author Shares Inspirational Message



Children's author Miriam Laundry recently visited our grade 7/8 classroom, where she shared her personal story of why she became an author and how she strives to empower youth to make choices that promote confidence, happiness and responsibility. She delivered an inspirational message on the power of positive vs. negative thinking, then challenged students to reflect personally and had them participate in an interactive activity based on her "I Can" series of books.



JUNE 2015



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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Grade 7/8 Author Visit Study Café | 5 Mailout | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Study Café | 12 Social 30-1/2 Study Session 7:00-8:00 p.m. | 13 Social 30-1/2 Study Session 12:00-1:30 p.m. |
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Important August dates: 24 School Office Opens
26, 27, 28, 31 Divisional & Site-based Professional Development Days

Important September dates: 1 School Resumes

June Tip for Parents:



Start the Conversation

- Looking for ideas to stay connected with your kids during summer break?
- Try these conversation starters:
 - * If you could ask any four people to dinner, who would you ask and why?
 - * How do you handle the situation when someone lies to you?
 - * What was the best thing you ever received?