



March 2016

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

Paul Rowe Encourages Kindness

91 Year Old Holocaust Survivor to Give Presentations in Manning



The entire community is invited to see Eva Olsson on March 11th at Rosary School.

On March 11, ninety-one year old Holocaust survivor Eva Olsson will visit our school. Since 1996, she has been speaking about her life, her experiences in the concentration camps and sharing her message about tolerance, compassion, strength and character. In her presentations, she uses the Holocaust and her experiences in it as a springboard to discuss the following key issues:

1. The power of hate and the need to stop it wherever it occurs. She focuses on bullying in society.
2. The importance of not being a bystander when bad things are happening. Evil

thrives when good people stand back and let it happen.

3. The importance of having compassion and respect for self and others—it must go beyond mere tolerance. Children have to see these qualities displayed by adults in their lives, especially at home and in schools.

A community presentation will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 11 at Rosary School, however any community members who are unable to attend this session are welcome to sit in on her presentation at Paul Rowe.

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Upcoming Events:

March:

- * **3-7 No School (Teacher's Convention)**
- * **8 Art Exhibition Begins**
- * **11 Eva Olsen Presentation**
1:00 p.m. at Paul Rowe
7:00 p.m. Community Presentation at Rosary School
- * **17 Parent/Teacher Interviews**
4:00-7:00 p.m.
- * **21 Class of 2016 Meeting**
7:00 p.m. in Library
- * **24 Mailout**
- * **25 Easter Break Begins**

Parents and Guardians:

Messages to parents:

*Parent/Teacher Interviews are Thursday, March 17 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Please call the school office at (780) 836-3397 to book your appointment(s).

*The Homelogic student information system has been replaced. This will affect the ability to access marks online. Information will be made available soon.

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Superintendent's Message: Response to Intervention (RTI) in Schools

Education and the way in which it is delivered is always evolving and transforming in search of the best possible understanding of the most effective ways for children to learn and grow. We know that students learn in different ways, that each individual has their own unique needs, and that we can't rely on textbooks and traditional learning methods as a one-size-fits-all approach to education.

This is why, in 2012, Peace River School Division (PRSD) began a shift towards a Response to Intervention (RTI) learning model. This highly regarded system involves moving away from the dual system of education that recognizes main-stream education and special education, and separates the two, and moving towards a system that supports all learners based on their strengths instead of their weaknesses.

The RTI approach is designed to assist in the early identification and support of students with learning and behaviour needs through a multi-tiered intervention system that is proven to maximize student's individual success. Using a variety of research-based assessment methods on all students an academic and behavioural baseline is established and used to identify struggling learners and plan appropriate interventions. While most students will not require intervention past the initial assessment those that do go through increasing levels of strategic intervention until it is determined that their individual needs are being met.

By paying attention to individual student's strengths, learning styles, and specific needs as well as their responsiveness to increasingly intensive adjustments we hope to provide the best possible instruction. This learning model allows teachers to expand their methods of teaching to better engage students, identify specific learning styles, and help target their instruction to better ensure the success of each individual.

While RTI has changed the way our classrooms look and the way our teachers teach we believe this is a very positive change, and one that continues to be recognized by education experts as effective. PRSD provides RTI related professional development and training to staff on an ongoing basis and we are excited to continue to learn how to best meet the diverse educational needs of students and to ensure that we are creating engaging and productive learning environments.



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

Grade Level Learning Support Team Meetings



Learning support team meetings are meetings held to look at ways to enhance and support student achievement. These meetings may take various forms and include teachers, administration, educational assistants, division support personal, outside agency personal such as Occupational

Therapy, or Physical Therapy, parents and students. At Paul Rowe, as a starting point, we conduct specific Grade Level Learning Team meetings with teaching staff specifically. These meetings are held twice a week. One meeting is devoted to grades 7 or 8 and the other meeting focuses on grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. These meetings are beneficial for students as teachers look at each student as an individual and consider what supports may be needed to help enhance their academic success. During these meetings teachers examine various forms of data around student achievement, including both summative and formative assessment of student assignments and exams, and academic behaviours. Teachers then use the information gathered in these conversations to consider best instructional practices and further steps to enhance student achievement on a class and/or student level.

Art Exhibition on Display for Month of March



From March 8 to April 6, an art exhibition entitled “Galt Gardens” will be on display at Paul Rowe. The exhibition, which is on loan from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, is a combination of a suite of 18 pieces including drawings by Lethbridge born artist Edward Bader. Community members are welcome to come to view the exhibition during Parent/Teacher Interviews on March 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Mrs. Presakarchuk for organizing.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are March 17



Parents/guardians are their children’s greatest teachers and role models, so it is important that children see the importance that parents/guardians put on their education. One way that this can be demonstrated is by attending Parent/Teacher Interviews. The next Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held on March 17. Please call the school office at (780) 836-3397 to book an appointment between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. or drop in between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

SCOER to Host Much Music Video Dance



SCOER, Paul Rowe’s Student’s Union, is hosting a Much Music Video Dance on Friday, April 8th. The theme is “Masquerade” and students are encouraged to dress up. Tickets will be on sale the weeks of March 21st and April 4th. Students who plan on attending should listen to the announcements as important information regarding ticket prices and rules will be made soon. Rosary students in grades 7-9 are invited to sign up as well.

Travel Club Dinner and Silent Auction



Save the date! Paul Rowe Travel Club 2017 will be hosting a Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 16. This event, along with other community service based fundraising helps to ensure that the opportunity to travel is an option for all of our students. This group of students has chosen to travel to Greece and Italy. More information on this event will be available soon.

Amazing Projects Created at Lathe Workshop



Over half of our student population took part in workshops held by lathe artist Andrew Glazebrook from February 16-23. Students had the opportunity to create several well made projects. In addition, many staff were able to learn from him during evening and weekend sessions. Thank you to Mrs. Ristesund for organizing and to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and the Paul Rowe School Foundation for their financial contribution to this program.



Basketball Season is Underway



Basketball season has started and we are excited to have both Senior Boys AND Senior Girls teams this year! The school recently held a pep rally showcasing our players in a skills competition. The teams have attended three tournaments so far. We all wish them luck as they continue to compete this season! The boys team would also like to thank the Paul Rowe School Foundation for funding their new uniforms. GO RAIDERS!

Paul Rowe Team Off to Curling Provincials



Manning recently hosted the Northwest Alberta Schools Athletic Association Zone level tournament for Junior and Senior High Curling. Our Senior Boys team of Lane Knievel, Ben Southwick, Luke Knievel and Leven Kover won their draw and will compete in the Provincial Curling tournament on March 3-5 in Ponoka. Thank you to Mr. David Hyatt for your time spent coaching and for organizing the Zones tournament in Manning. GO RAIDERS!

Grade 9 Students Learn About Career Options



Grade 9 students recently had the opportunity to learn about the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). John Thurston, a representative of Careers: The Next Generation talked to them about various aspects of the RAP Program including the different programs available and high school requirements. This is important information for many grade 9 students as they begin to make their course selections for high school. Thank you to Mrs. Anita Bak for organizing.

Eva Olsson Presentation

Friday, March 11

1:00 p.m. Paul Rowe School Presentation
7:00 p.m. Community Presentation at Rosary School

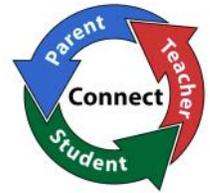
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Asset Tip #6: Achievement Motivation



Getting any child motivated to do well in school can be tricky, especially who is more interested in other things. If you use tactics such as promising money, rewards, or praise, some young people will find the fastest, easiest route to getting by - and then may go on to something else.

If you can encourage your child to feel motivated from the inside, then you'll launch a lifetime of learning.

Try tapping into your child's interests and connect them to what they are learning in school or ask, "How can I help you enjoy more or help you succeed?"



Extra special thanks go out to:

- the following for their contributions to the lathe workshop:
 - Instructor Andrew Glazebrook for going above and beyond expectations .
 - Mrs. Jackie Ristesund for organizing the program.
 - Mr. Steve Blanton, Mrs. Sherry Blanton and Ms. Tamara Czaban for cutting and hauling the wood.
 - All of our subs and the staff who supervised classes.
 - The Alberta Foundation for the Arts and the Paul Rowe School Council Foundation for their financial contribution to this program.
- Our Mighty Peace Team for organizing the Pink Day assembly and activities.
- to Mrs. Julie Gummesen and Rosary School for bringing Eva Olsson to our community and allowing our students to opportunity to hear her important message.
- Mr. David Hyatt for coaching curling, organizing the Zones tournament in Manning and accompanying our Senior Boys team to provincials.
- Mrs. Bak for coordinating career information opportunities for our students.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Free Hat Day (SCOER) Mailout	3 No School for Students (Teacher's Convention)	4 No School for Students (Teacher's Convention)	5
6	7 No School for Students (Site-based PD Day)	8 Art Exhibition begins Paul Rowe	9	10 Hot Lunch: Subway Study Café 3:45 p.m.	11 EVA OLSSON PRESENTATIONS Paul Rowe 1:00 p.m. Community Session 7:00 p.m. at Rosary School	12
13	14 PJ Day (SCOER)	15	16 March Scholastic Orders Due	17 Green Day (SCOER Spirit) Hot Lunch: Chinese Food Limited Study Café 3:45 p.m. PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS 4:00-7:00 p.m.	18	19
20	21 Much Music Dance tickets go on sale! CLASS OF 2016 MEETING 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Mailout Hot Lunch: Taco Bags April Hot Lunch Order Forms Due	25 No School (Easter Break)	26
27	28	29 No School (Easter Break)	30 No School (Easter Break)	31 No School (Easter Break)		
APRIL: 1-4 No School (Easter Break continues) 20 School Council 5 School Resumes 22 Term 3 Report Cards Mailed						