

# Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

*Catch the Energy...*

*Release the Potential!*

## Paul Rowe Raiders Compete At Provincials

**An Exciting Opportunity for Senior Boys Basketball Team**



*Paul Rowe's Senior Boys Basketball Team  
GREAT JOB RAIDERS!*

Paul Rowe's senior boys basketball team recently travelled to Bow Island, Alberta to compete at the provincial championship in the 1A division. Winning a spot at provincials was a great accomplishment for the team, as it has been at least twenty years since the Paul Rowe team has made it this far in the play-offs.

Students at home were able to root for their team, as Friday afternoon classes were suspended in favor of viewing the first game live through the Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA) website.

During the first game, the boys were a little jittery and excited and were defeated 59-36 by Daysland. After this game, they

were able to regroup and played two very close matches with only two points separating the teams at the end of both games.

When asked about the team, coach Darren Southwick said: "They stay very calm. They don't get rattled if they're losing. There's been a lot of games when we've been at a 10-15 point deficit. The boys stayed calm, cool and collected and carried on to win those games."

Thank you to coaches Darren Southwick and Epsen Johansen for all of the time spent at practices and on the road traveling to tournaments. Thank you also to the player's families and the community for the support.

Way to go Raiders!

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### Upcoming Events:

#### April:

- \* **21-27 Volunteer Appreciation Week**
- \* **24 Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- \* **29 No School for Students**  
Site Based PD Day

#### May:

- \* **6-10 Education Week**
- \* **6 Music Monday Concert**  
7:00 p.m.
- \* **10 Education Week BBQ**  
11:48 a.m.
- \* **16 School Council Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. at MES
- \* **17 No School**  
Non-Operational Day
- \* **20 No School**  
Victoria Day
- \* **23 Next Raider's Report**

### Parents and Guardians:

#### In Your Mailout:

- \* Hot Lunch Order Form
- \* Summer Work Experience Info
- \* Why Read? Handout

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews are April 24th.

4:00-6:00 p.m. by appointment  
6:00-7:00 drop in

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# Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 21-27

Paul Rowe would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers for their support throughout the year! A special thank you goes out to:

- \* **our classroom volunteers!** Your expertise and extra help is always appreciated!
- \* **our School Council!** Your input and support are invaluable!
- \* **our School Foundation!** The "extras" that result from your "behind the scenes" efforts are appreciated very much!
- \* **our Food For Thought volunteers!** Regularly arriving at school early to prepare breakfast takes dedication and we thank you for it!
- \* **our Hot Lunch coordinators!** Without you, Paul Rowe would not have a hot lunch program!
- \* **our coaches!** Your commitment to ensuring students have athletic opportunities is appreciated very much. Thank you for the countless hours that are put in for practices and travelling to events!
- \* **our extracurricular volunteers!** Without you programs like School of Rock could not exist!
- \* **our staff!** Thank you for all of the extras!
- \* **our parents!** Thank you for your commitment to your child's education!
- \* **our students!** Thank you for all you do to make Paul Rowe a great place! Whether it is helping SCOER promote school spirit, spreading SADD's message, helping with a school team or group or otherwise lending a hand, your efforts are appreciated!



## EDUCATION WEEK is May 6-10!



**Please join us at Paul Rowe for a BBQ on Friday, May 10 at 11:50 a.m.**

**Other Education Week events planned for students include:**

- **Leave Your Mark (Handprints)**
- **Community Outreach Project with Del Air Lodge**

**Contact the school at (780) 836-3397 for more information.**

## Everyone is invited to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **MUSIC MONDAY CONCERT**

**Music Monday brings together students, parents and community members to celebrate the gift of music in our lives.**

**Monday, May 6th  
7:00 pm at Paul Rowe**

**Hosted by Paul Rowe's School of Rock and the Manning Tri-school Band.**



# Staffing Changes



There have been a lot of changes in staffing at Paul Rowe in the last month:

- Mr. Matthew Taylor, our Assistant Principal, is currently Acting Principal while Mr. Nieman is away on medical leave;
- Mr. Bill Wymore is teaching Mr. Nieman's classes until he returns;
- Mrs. Karla Cove is our new Distance Learning coordinator;
- Mrs. Darla Robinson and Mrs. Bobbi Lewandowski are temporarily covering the Information Specialist role while Mrs. Stone is completing her teaching practicum.

Paul Rowe staff and students wish Mr. Nieman a speedy recovery and Mrs. Henitiuk success and happiness in her new career. Welcome Mrs. Karla Cove. Mrs. Darla Robinson and Mr. Bill Wymore!

## Register Now for the Summer Work Experience Program

The Summer Work Experience Program is a great way for high school students to earn credits towards their diploma. Work Experience also provides a great opportunity to gain valuable job skills and investigate possible career options. Students who are already working may also qualify for this program.

*For information, please see the brochure included with this month's mail out or contact Mrs. Anita Bak.*

# "Tell Them From Me"



In conjunction with Alberta Education & Peace River School Division #10, Paul Rowe has been participating in a pilot program designed to measure student engagement in the social, academic and intellectual domains. The survey focuses on gathering student information on social, intellectual and institutional engagement and drivers of student outcomes, such as classroom contexts and quality of instruction.

Paul Rowe considers this to be an excellent opportunity to find out more about our student engagement at the high school and junior high level. Our students complete the anonymous survey twice a year. Our staff reviews the results and reflects upon what the students are reporting to them about their engagement at school. Our ultimate hope is that we listen to our students' feedback and are able to refine our practices to make school more engaging for our students. Thanks to our students for their participation and feedback. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the Tell Them From Me surveys at Paul Rowe, please contact Ms. Thornton at [Thorntk@prsd.ab.ca](mailto:Thorntk@prsd.ab.ca).

### **Grade 12 Scholarship Reminders**

- \* The deadline to apply for the Rutherford Scholarship is May 1. [www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca).
- \* Manning Diversifies Forest Products scholarship deadline is May 1. Any student going to college or university may apply—they do not need to be going into Forestry.

# Literacy Initiative: Free Public Library Memberships Offered to Junior High Students



In an effort to improve general literacy, Paul Rowe has implemented a new Literacy class for junior high students. This class is in addition to regular English Language Arts programming and focuses on strategies in reading and writing. To encourage literacy, Paul Rowe is subsidizing memberships to the Manning Municipal Library for our junior high students. The goal is to allow students to easily access a wider range of materials and resources.

Recently, Mrs. Lori Jackson, who is the librarian at the Manning Municipal Library presented grade seven to nine students with an overview of all of the great things they can do once they receive their library card. Many students were surprised to learn that they can use their library card to access millions of resources from libraries across Alberta. These resources include:

- \* Books
- \* E-books
- \* Audiobooks
- \* Movies
- \* Music
- \* More!

Registration cards are currently being collected as parent permission for any student under the age of 14 is required. Once Mrs. Jackson

receives the registration cards, she will create an account for each student. After this, she will return to Paul Rowe where she will work with staff and students to learn how to access resources on their own. Students who may want to access digital resources will learn how to use library apps, download materials, etc. Those who have limited access to technology or prefer physical books will learn how to access materials through the inter-library loan service. Students will also learn how to use the “TracPac” app online or on their devices to manage their accounts. In addition, on a trial basis, there will be a “courier” service between the public library and the school one or two days a week.

For more information about Paul Rowe’s literacy initiative please contact Mr. Matthew Taylor. For more information about the Manning Municipal Library, please visit [www.manninglibrary.ab.ca](http://www.manninglibrary.ab.ca) or call (780) 836-3054.

## Countdown to Grade 9 Achievement Exams

Though it may seem that Spring is barely here, final exams are just around the corner with the Language Arts 9 Provincial Achievement Exam scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 12.

Besides in-class support, there are a number of tools available to help students prepare for the exam such as the [Alberta Education Student Writing Samples](http://www.education.alberta.ca/admin/testing/achievement.aspx). The written responses in these documents are examples of student writing that meet or exceed the acceptable standard for student achievement. The commentaries that accompany them, should also help students to understand the scoring criteria that is used.

For general information about Alberta Achievement Exams, visit <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/testing/achievement.aspx>.

## Travel Group Returns from Europe



Ask any student who traveled to Europe with Paul Rowe's Travel Group over Easter Break, and they will tell you that they had a great trip! Along with staff and parent supervisors, students spent 10 busy days exploring Rome, Sicily and Greece.

Thank you to Mrs. Jackie Ristesund and Mrs. Bert Goddard for coordinating and supervising during the trip. Thank you also to all of the parent and student volunteers who spent countless hours helping out at various community events.

Current grade 9 and 10 students are encouraged to sign up for Travel Group 2015. "It is an experience of a lifetime" said one traveller.

## Still Think It's OK To Drive After A Couple?

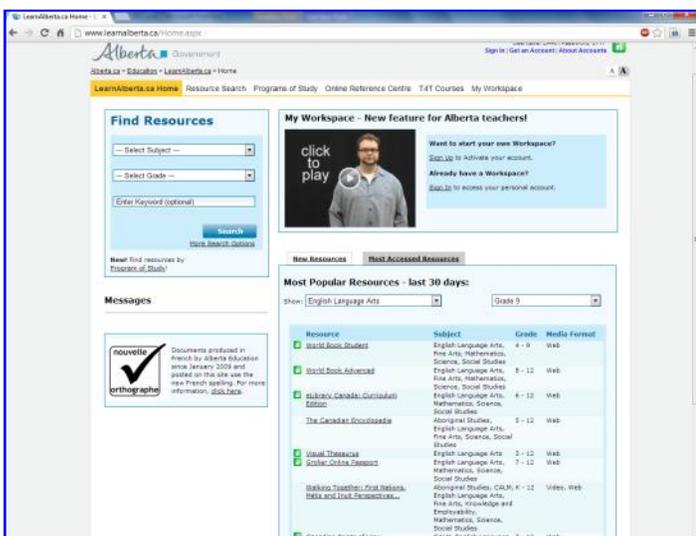


At a recent presentation, Paul Rowe was commended for being one of only a handful of Northern Alberta communities who already have an active Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) chapter in their high school.

Unfortunately, statistics show that many people are still not getting the message that drinking and driving destroys lives. Students were reminded that the number one cause of death and injury among youth in Canada is drinking and driving!

Thank you to SADD for working hard to spread your message to our students and our community.

## VLC Web Tool of the Month: LEARNALBERTA.CA



*Missed a day at school?  
Struggling to understand a concept?  
Forgot your notes at school?  
Prefer to watch a video or do an interactive activity than read the textbook...again?*

Check out [www.learnalberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca)! Search for resources and links by subject, grade, topic, media type and more!

Username: LA46 [Request the Password](#)

For more links, visit [Paul Rowe's Virtual Learning Commons](#) and click on the "Curriculum Support" tabs.



# APRIL 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 <b>VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK IS APRIL 21-27</b>	22	23 *First Aid Session 2	24 *First Aid Session 2 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7 p.m.	25 *HL: Hot Dog & Puff Wheat Squares *Teen Volunteer Appreciation Moive at Aurora Theatre	26	27
28	29 *No School Site Based PD Day	30				

# MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <b>EDUCATION WEEK IS MAY 6-10</b>	6 *4th Annual Music Monday Concert 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 *HL: Subway	10	11
12	13	14 *“Work Wild” Presentations	15	16 *HL: Pizza	17 *No School Non-Operational Day	18
19	20 *No School Victoria Day	21	22	23 *Next Raider’s Report Published *HL: Chinese Food	24	25
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