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EDUCATION WEEK

Last week we celebrated Education Week across our schools - a time to recognize the incredible work happening every day in our classrooms. This year's theme, "Seeds of Learning, Roots to Success" reminds us that education is a lifelong journey that begins with curiosity, grows with care, and flourishes through opportunity and support. Thank you to our dedicated teachers, support staff, families, and community partners who nurture these seeds of learning each day.



BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY



STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to Grace King from Central Collegiate on being selected as a representative on the Ministry of Education's 2025-26 Youth Council!

Grace will be part of a group of 12 youths from across Saskatchewan who will provide advice and insights on education policies, curriculum, programs, and priorities.



Grace King

**Grade 12, Central Collegiate Institute
Prairie South School Division**

Grace has been an executive member of Central Collegiate Institute's Student Leadership Council since 2022. She is most passionate about dance, spending most of her time practicing and finding ways to share her passion with others. Recently, she represented Canada at the Dance World Cup held in Burgos, Spain, where she was the only dancer from Saskatchewan on the team. Grace also volunteers with her dance studio and contributes to a variety of community organizations, including the Saskatchewan Festival of Words, Moose Jaw Festival of Dance, Moose Jaw Minor Hockey and more. Grace is excited to collaborate with other students and help make positive changes to school experiences across Saskatchewan!

In the 2025 football season, Central Collegiate's **Keaton Belsher** delivered an outstanding all-around performance, recording 25 receptions for 766 yards and 14 touchdowns. In addition to his dominance as a receiver, he showcased his versatility by throwing two passing touchdowns and contributing on defense with four interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns.

Over the course of his career, Keaton has totaled 102 catches for 2,305 yards and 35 touchdowns in just 23 games, shattering Central's previous record of 87 receptions for 1,299 yards and surpassing the league record of 84 receptions for 1,703 yards. His explosive playmaking and consistent production have firmly established him as one of the most dynamic talents in program history.





Coteau Hills Elementary School

What an exciting and inspiring beginning to our very first year at Coteau Hills School! As we embark on this journey together, our focus has been on building a vibrant school culture rooted in belonging, teamwork, and pride. Every student and staff member plays an essential role in shaping a community that truly reflects our motto: *Bright Minds, Kind Hearts, Coyote Strong.*

HOWLERS





We've hit the ground running, quite literally, with our Cross Country Team proudly representing us at their meets. Our students made the podium with a silver and bronze to bring home to their school. Our volleyball teams have also shown outstanding spirit, sportsmanship, and pride, especially as we gear up to host our inaugural Joint Use School Halloween Howl Volleyball Tournament.



It promises to be a fantastic weekend filled with energy, teamwork, and community spirit as both of our gyms come alive with cheering fans and committed athletes.



Of course, no Coteau Hills celebration would be complete without Koda, our beloved school mascot. Koda is the heart and spirit of our school, always ready to energize the crowd, celebrate achievements, and lead the cheers. Whether it's at assemblies, special events, or cheering from the sidelines, Koda reminds us to learn with enthusiasm, lead with kindness, and always stay Coyote Strong.



To foster engagement and celebrate commitment to learning, we've introduced the Here and Howling Cup, a monthly initiative that recognizes strong attendance. With the generous support of our School Community Council (SCC), students are entered into monthly attendance draws featuring exciting prizes. We're incredibly grateful to our SCC for helping us make attendance something to strive for, and something to celebrate.



This fall, we were thrilled to welcome families into our school for our very first Coyote Connection Night. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to explore our new learning spaces, connect with staff, and feel part of the Coteau Hills community right from the start.

We were also deeply honored to welcome the Premier of Saskatchewan to help mark the official Grand Opening of Coteau Hills School, in partnership with our friends and colleagues from Our Lady of Hope Catholic School. It was a proud and meaningful moment for our students, staff, and community. It was a celebration of the dedication, collaboration, and vision that made this incredible joint-use school a reality.



As we continue to grow and learn together, we're already seeing the powerful impact of a school community built on kindness, enthusiasm, and pride. Our halls are filled with energy, laughter, and learning which is becoming a true reflection of the spirit that defines us. Here's to a phenomenal first year of learning, belonging, and howling with pride. Go Howlers!



MEET OUR STAFF



Angela Simoneau was born and raised on a ranch near Central Butte. In 2002, she moved to Moose Jaw and has called it home ever since. She loves living on South Hill—it offers that perfect small-town feel within the city.

In the fall of 2004, Angela met the love of her life, Alain Simoneau, and three years later, in November 2007, they said “I do.” After years of waiting, their greatest blessing arrived in 2013—their daughter, Neva.

From an early age, Angela knew she wanted to work with children. After high school, she enrolled in the College of Education through the University of Saskatchewan. Her career began in early

childhood education within the daycare system, where she started as a preschool teacher and soon transitioned into an administrative role. In that position, she was able to create positive change by developing and maintaining consistent expectations within the preschool curriculum.

Following Neva’s birth, Angela made the decision to leave daycare and join Prairie South. She began as a substitute teacher and, in 2018, found her home at Empire School as the Kindergarten teacher. Fast forward to 2025, and she is now thrilled to be part of the amazing early years team at Coteau Hills, where she teaches both Kindergarten and Pre-K.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, baking, and listening to audiobooks—because who really has time to sit and read? Angela loves sharing meals with friends and family, especially when she’s not the one cooking! Her favourite vacation spot is anywhere she can have her toes in the sand and a drink in her hand.

If she could offer advice to her younger self, it would be this: Go forward with confidence, hold your head high, and give yourself the same grace you give others. Doubting yourself will be your biggest obstacle in life—and she’s still working on that one!



Kim Alexanderson grew up in Moose Jaw and still calls it home today. Kim and her husband are both teachers here, and they feel incredibly lucky to raise their two boys, who are in grades 8 and 5. One of her favourite things

is getting to share a school with them—it makes each day a little more special. Just before summer started, their family grew by one when they brought home a playful puppy who has quickly become part of their family.

Kim currently works at Coteau Hills, where she feels so fortunate to be surrounded by amazing colleagues in such a beautiful new building. Before that, she spent 11 wonderful years at Westmount, and it was great to make the transition to Coteau Hills with many of the same staff and students. Over the years, she has also taught at Chaplin and Mortlach schools, as well as in Northern Saskatchewan when she first began her career. Kim's education journey began in Moose Jaw where she attended King Edward, then Empire for grades 7 and 8, and Riverview for high school. All her post-secondary studies were completed through the University of Regina.

Outside of work, life is full and fun. Her family celebrates "Family Friday" every week—a tradition that helps them slow down and reconnect amid their busy schedules. They love watching movies, playing games, doing archery, taking day trips to Regina, and spending time with extended family. Kim enjoys reading and working on puzzles when she has some quiet time.

When it comes to food, it's hard for Kim to pick a favourite; she enjoys everything from BBQ meats and bakery treats to fresh salads and fruits, and she is always happy with a good coffee drink in hand. Her family loves visiting Calgary and discovering new things to do each time they go. A fun fact many people don't know about Kim is that she was a competitive lawn bowler as a teenager, representing at Nationals multiple times. She even returned to the sport in 2019 and led her team back to Nationals as an adult!

If Kim could give her younger self one piece of advice, it would be to keep working on the activities and goals that matter most—don't put them on hold, because it's always harder to pick them up again later.



Sunningdale School



Mossbank School



Riverview Collegiate



AE Peacock Collegiate and Prince Arthur



Lindale School

Upcoming Events

- November 4: Regular Board Meeting
- November 5: CUPE Bargaining
- November 7: Prep/LIT Day (no school for students)
- November 10: No School
- November 11: Remembrance Day
Stat Holiday
- November 25: Board Planning Meeting



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love to hear
from you!**

Do you have any stories or
ideas to share? Please email
your submission today!