

# CONNECTIONS

## NEWSLETTER

April 2024

### Important Dates

- April 1-5: No School
- April 9: Board Meeting
- April 23 & 24: Board Planning Meetings
- April 24: Administrative Professionals Day

# Student Spotlights



Photo at left: Congratulations to **Brodie Ansell**, quarterback from Central Collegiate. Brodie has committed to the University of Calgary Dinos program in the fall of 2024.



Photo above: Congratulations to **Bryce Boughen** from Central Collegiate on winning the Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarship (Chancellors' Scholarship) from the University of Saskatchewan, valued at \$30,000. This award is based on academics, leadership, and contributions to school and community life.

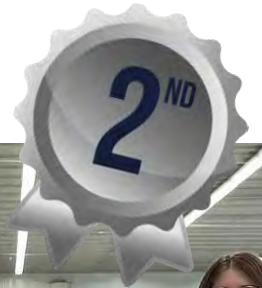
Photo at right: Congratulations to **Javin Boynton**, running back from Central Collegiate, on signing with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies for the fall of 2024. Best of luck!



# Provincial Curling



A huge congratulations goes out to the A.E. Peacock Collegiate Girls team on winning Provincials! Way to go team!



The Central Collegiate Mixed team placed 2nd at Provincials. The future looks bright for this young team.



# Provincial Basketball

Congratulations to all our teams who competed in Provincial Basketball in Moose Jaw on March 23. We had three teams come away with medals!



Central Collegiate  
4A Boys  
Gold Medal



A.E. Peacock Collegiate  
4A Boys  
Silver Medal



A.E. Peacock Collegiate  
4A Girls  
Bronze Medal



# Provincial Wrestling

Congratulations goes out to our Provincial Wrestling medal winners! Kingston Usher and Akela Sand who won silver and Akela Sand and Evelyn Eros who won Provincial Team Gold 4A!



4A Girls Team Provincial Gold



# Meet Our Staff

**Brendan Fedoski** grew up on a cattle farm near Grimshaw, Alberta. For those who do not know where Grimshaw is, it is about a 12-hour drive from Moose Jaw, in northern Alberta. He grew up on a family farm where they raised about 100 head of cattle. His grandparents lived very close, so they were major influences in Brendan's life.

Brendan went to grade school in Grimshaw and moved to Edmonton after graduation to attend the University of Alberta to receive his Bachelor of Education. In 2021 he began taking his Master of Education in Teacher, Learning and Leadership at the University of Regina. He will be graduating from that program in June 2024!



Brendan moved to Moose Jaw in 2018 after meeting his wife at the 2017 U15 Canada Basketball National Championships. They got married in 2019 and have two beautiful children, Braxtin who is 4 and Macy who is 18 months. They live on an acreage outside of Moose Jaw.

Brendan started his teaching career at his old high school in Grimshaw and had the opportunity to open a new K-12 school in his second year of teaching. It was a great experience building the fundamental vision and philosophy of a new school by working with a new staff and being on the leadership team.

When he moved to Moose Jaw in 2018, he taught at Vanier Collegiate. In 2019, he began his career at A.E. Peacock Collegiate and has taught there ever since, loving every minute of it. GO TOILERS! He currently teaches full time in the Physical Education Department, teaching all high school Physical Education classes and Outdoor Education 20. During his spare time, you can find him on the court either coaching basketball or officiating basketball. He currently coaches the Peacock Sr. Girls Basketball Team, where they worked extremely hard to qualify for HOOPLA. They won bronze at the Provincial Basketball tournament held on March 23! He is extremely proud of the team!



Brendan and his wife continue their officiating careers by reffing at the USport (University), CCAA (College) and high school levels. Being involved in sports in any capacity leads to some amazing opportunities. Their kids have become accustomed to spending many hours in various gyms, playing and being with the team! If he is not in the gym, you can find him playing with his two kids, doing yard work, or helping on the family farm. Brendan loves tacos or anything from a BBQ. His advice is: Life is an adventure. You never know where it will take you. Work hard and just go with the adventure. It will lead to amazing things!

# Meet Our Staff



**Al Wandler** was born in Leader, Saskatchewan but his parents moved to Kamloops, BC when he was three years old. He currently lives in Assiniboia but will soon be moving to Nipawin.

Al has been married to Teresa for 30 years. Together they have a son Taylor, 27 and lives with his partner Kyanna near Regina, a daughter Alexa, 25 and lives with her partner Corey in Swift Current and they are expecting their first grandchild (a boy) the end of May! They also have one dog named Quill.

Al's first teaching job was in Richmond, SK in 1993. He came to the area in 1997 when he accepted a principalship at Mossbank School. Al moved to Assiniboia Composite High School in 1999 where he worked until 2023. He currently works in an office at ACHS for the Saskatchewan DLC and still works as a casual bus driver for Prairie South. Al has been the coach of the ACHS senior girls' basketball team for 25 years (he's coached other teams too, but not for as long!).

Al went to high school at Kamloops Senior Secondary School, and he received his B. Ed. and M. Ed. through the University of Regina. He enjoys traveling with his wife Teresa, coaching basketball, working with the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association, and woodworking.

His favourite food is pizza, but his diet doesn't allow for much of that anymore, so Memphis Chicken Sandwiches are now his go-to and one of Teresa's specialties! Their favourite vacation destination is the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. Something you may not know about Al is that he has an artistic side to his woodworking. Check out the photo below!



Al's advice: don't sweat the small stuff, keep things in perspective, control what you can control, and love your family!



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# École Palliser Heights School

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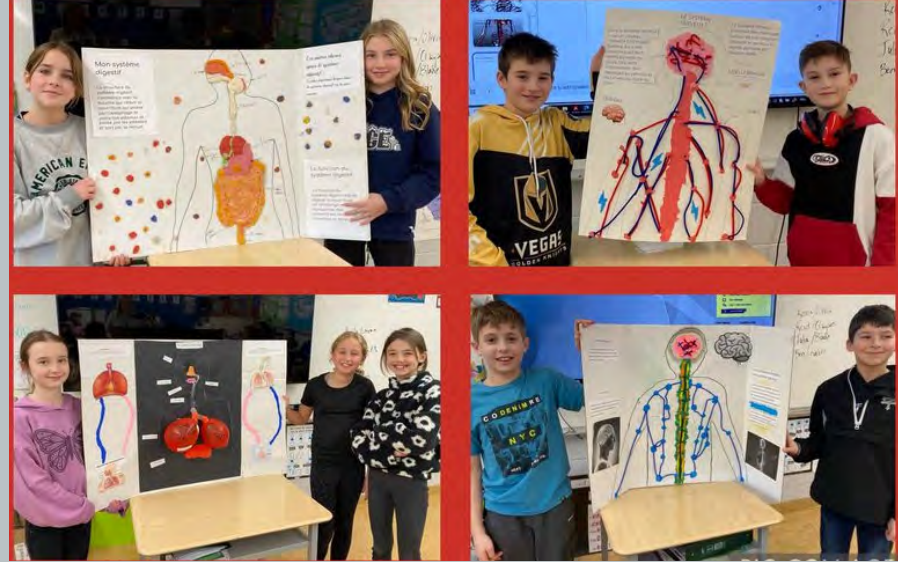
École Palliser Heights School is a dual-stream elementary school in the north-west of Moose Jaw. Our current enrollment is 640 students; 344 in the English stream and 296 in the French Immersion stream. Throwing in our 63 staff – made up of teachers, EAs, Admin Assistants and Facility Operators, we make up one of the largest schools in all Prairie South School Division.



We pride ourselves on the community spirit that we show each year. Like other schools in the division, we always 'do our part' for the Terry Fox Foundation and the Food Drive for Hunger Moose Jaw, and support International Recognition days such as Orange Shirt Day, Pink Shirt Day, and Lots Of Socks Day. In 2015, we raised over \$15,000 through our SRC to build a school in Africa and buy LOTS of goats, and are currently fundraising to install an all-inclusive play structure in our yard.



School Spirit is another aspect of Palliser that has remained strong throughout its existence. This is reflected in how often The Huskies are represented throughout the year. Our SRC tries to ensure that at least one Spirit day takes place each month and the participation from staff and students is always great to see. Henry The Husky actually became an active member of our school community for a while and could be seen in various places throughout the building.



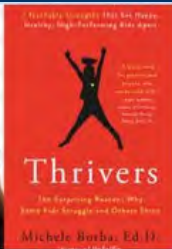
As might be expected, we have a focused approach to delivering our curricular work, making sure that students can experience success across the full spectrum of curricular areas. The staff at Palliser work hard each year to provide a wide range of extra-curricular and alternate activities for students, including visits from the community. This year we have had very healthy representation in Cross-Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Curling, and Badminton, and have managed ski trips for our Grade 7s to Mission Ridge, and our Grade 8s to Asessippi in Manitoba. We have never let the weather get in the way – our Carneval in February of 2016 went ahead as planned – even in a blizzard! As well as sports we have established clubs for Choir, Drama, Table-Top Gaming, Morning Yoga, Art, Authors Tea, Creative Café, Chess, Guitar Club, Yearbook Production, and Student Representative Council. While many of these clubs are for our Middle Years students, we certainly make sure that our younger students can be included wherever possible. Our SCC also ensures that all students in the school are included in their annual Literacy Challenge – which includes photographic evidence as part of the challenge. This makes for a great display each year in our entrance hallway.







One of the things that adds to the uniqueness of ÉPHS is its ability to provide PAA for the Grade 7 and 8 students from ÉPHS, as well as the 7s and 8s from Sunningdale, Lindale, William Grayson, Empire, Prince Arthur and King George. Our liaison with PSS schools does not stop with students. During the March PD Day Palliser shared its gym with staff from Avonlea and Coronach where we collaborated on compiling a program of activities that dovetailed with the 7-character strengths contained within the "Thrivers" book by Michele Borba. We were incredibly fortunate to have Michele Zoom in with a 25-minute welcome, which really set the positive tone for a very productive morning. Additionally, we place high importance on diversity and inclusion, ensuring that all student needs are met and everyone feels a sense of belonging within our school. There is no doubt about it, École Palliser Heights School is a GREAT place to come each day - either as a student or as a staff member!





Rockglen School



Ecole Gravelbourg



Central Collegiate



Lafleche Central School



Avonlea School



Chaplin School



Eyebrow School



Bengough School



Central Butte School