

Connections

Newsletter

Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you Prairie South team, for all the work you do to support students every day. We received many wonderful stories of your work from parents, guardians, students and staff members and shared a few on our social media pages during Staff Appreciation Week. We will be sharing each one we received with the individual staff member in the coming weeks. Here are some pictures of events that took place in our schools throughout the week!





PEACOCK COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT



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Peacock Collegiate, home of the Tornadoes and the Toilers, is proud of its diverse population as well as the variety of course options and extra-curricular opportunities. We are the only comprehensive high school with over 600 students. We have developed programs and courses to meet the needs of a wide variety of student interests. Our staff works hard to provide as many learning opportunities for our students while creating a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for our Peacock family.

Through the Peacock Innovation Grant, we are offering our Aviation class where students are learning about aviation, engineering, mechanics, and machining in the process of assembling an aircraft. This is a great opportunity for students with a variety of skills to come together and accomplish an amazing project. As a technical school, we have many opportunities for students to engage in hands-on learning in any of our shops including welding, machining, electrical, mechanics, autobody and construction, as well as in our clothing and foods lab. Through the Apprenticeship program, many of our students leave here ahead of their peers as they enter post-secondary. We also offer a variety of academic and elective courses including AutoCAD, entrepreneurship, leadership, outdoor education, and personalized sports training. We also offer Audiovisual engineering, graphic design, and communication media.





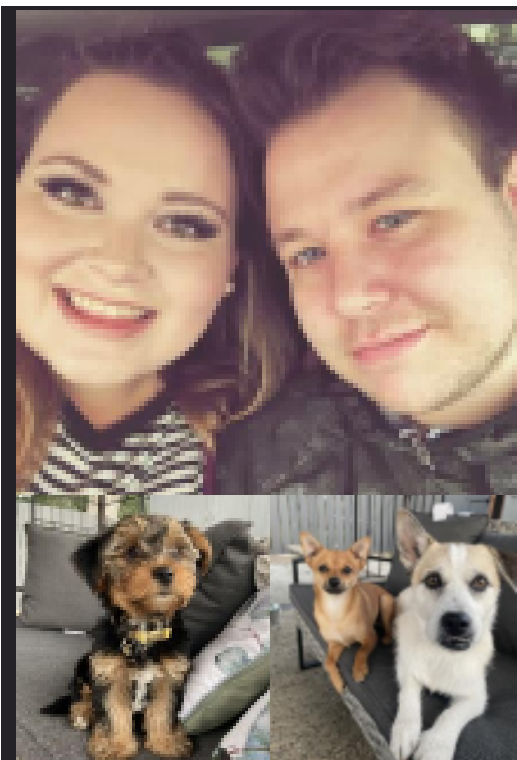
We are so proud of our many extra-curricular opportunities from sports in the gym to car club in the shops, there is always something to do. Our intramural program is always a hit, as well as our student vs staff games at lunch. We also have arts collective, writing club, journey to hope, SADD, student leadership, Gay-Straight alliance, yearbook, and more! We are always looking for more opportunities for students to participate in while they are here at school. We also partner with community groups to help raise money and awareness to assist students in becoming more community minded.



Each day, we live through our school motto of "excelling together".



Get to Know Our Staff



Sarah Graham (Marcotte) grew up in Moose Jaw and attended Sunningdale and Palliser Heights for elementary school and Caronport High School. She began studying education right after high school and got her first teaching position with Regina Public in 2019, teaching grade 1. COVID hit during her first year of teaching, and her time in the classroom was shortened due to home learning. At the end of the year, Sarah chose to apply to Prairie South and began working at Prince Arthur and has been there ever since. One year as an SST for grades 5 and 7 then as a grade 2/3 classroom teacher, and this year, grade 2 classroom teacher. Her favourite thing to teach is literacy. Sarah loves being a part of a child's literacy journey and being able to support them in their growth. This past summer, Sarah got married in Moose Jaw. She lives with her husband and their three dogs: Dorrie, Ralph and Winnie. In their spare time, they like to travel (just getting back into it), go for walks with the dogs, bake and spend time with family. At Prince Arthur, Sarah is part of the SCC and helps coach volleyball and badminton and other activities. She feels very privileged to get to work with the amazing staff, students and families at Prince Arthur.

Tal Blair grew up around Red Deer, Alberta. He attended Lakeland College in Vermilion and received his Fish and Wildlife Diploma and then went to the University of Lethbridge and received his B.Ed. Tal's first teaching job was for the Nipisihkopahk First Nation School (Samson Cree Nation) in Maskwacis, Alberta. This is his 15th year at Ecole Gravelbourg School. His first position was teaching shop, math, social studies and PAA survey course of wildlife management, photography and horticulture. This morphed into sciences, shop and PAA. Today he is the vice principal and still teaches science and PAA shop. Tal met his wife at his first teaching position. They moved to international teaching starting in Pereira, Colombia (the coffee growing region of South America), taught in Seoul, Korea and Kathmandu, Nepal. In their travels, they peered down the throat of an active volcano in Colombia, travelled to the Galapagos Islands, and were ½ a day hike from base camp of Mt. Everest. Tal's hobbies include fly fishing, tying flies, photography and travel. He tends to never travel to the same place but he would visit Bangkok, Thailand again. Tal enjoys ethnic foods such as bulgogi from Korea, Tom Kha Kai soup (lemongrass and coconut milk soup) of Thailand and Butter Chicken Masala of Nepal. His bucket list is to take 2-3 years to drive with their truck camper around the US and to complete the Appalachian trail in bits and pieces.



Lisa O'Reilly grew up in Yorkton, Saskatchewan and attended St. Paul's Elementary School and Sacred Heart High School. Lisa's first job was a Busser at a local restaurant. Her duties included serving water when customers arrived, helping waitresses/waiters serve food, drinks, etc. and clearing and cleaning tables after customers left. Lisa started working for Prairie South in 2013. Since then, she has taken on numerous positions such as an Educational Assistant, Teacher, Substitute Teacher and Library Associate. Lisa has two siblings, both younger than her: brother Ryan and sister Kristine. Lisa is married and lives with her husband on a cattle and grain farm with numerous farm animals including cows, dogs, cats, a horse and a donkey. Her husband would love chickens, but Lisa is not a bird person. Right after Lisa received her Bachelor of Education Degree, she went back to school and received her Automotive Service Technician Certificate. She truly believes that anyone who drives a vehicle should be able to fill their fuel tank and change a tire. Her favourite vacation spot is Nashville, Tennessee. She enjoys country music and taking in all the history of artists and scenery. Lisa is 100% Ukrainian so she loves perogies, mushroom gravy and cabbage rolls (both rice and buckwheat). She also loves a homemade bowl of Baba's borscht!

Upcoming Events

March 3: Prep/LIT Day

March 7: Regular Board Meeting starting at 1:00 pm

March 9: By-Election for Subdivision No. 6 (City of Moose Jaw) from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

March 29: School-based Administrators' Meeting



Mossbank School



Central Collegiate



Westmount School
STEM Night



Rouleau School



Rouleau School



Westmount School



Prince Arthur School



Riverview Collegiate



Coronach School



Assiniboia Composite High School



Mossbank School



Ecole Gravelbourg School



Assiniboia 7th Avenue School



Mortlach School



Avonlea School



Kincaid School



Assiniboia Elementary School



Ecole Gravelbourg School



Avonlea School



Empire School



Lafleche School



Cornerstone Christian School



Bengough School



Eyebrow School



Ecole Gravelbourg School