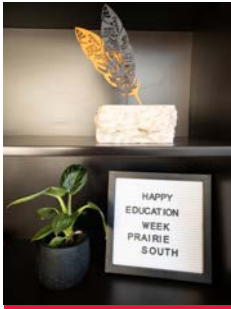


SHOWCASE ON OCTOBER EVENTS



Prairie South had a busy month celebrating Education Week, Library Week and Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Thank you to all our employees for everything you do for our students, families, communities and overall school division. Extra curricular activities were also in full force in October. Check out more pictures at the end of this newsletter!

Learning Together: A Prairie South Podcast is all about learning in Prairie South. The hope is to have conversations amongst members across our learning community to help create reconnections and relationships throughout our geographically large and diverse division. Expect episodes every month as we meet with wonderful people throughout Prairie South. You should be able to tune in through any platform you currently listen to podcasts on, such as Spotify, Apple Podcast, Google Podcast. The first episode aired on October 26, 2021.



River Street Promotions held Homestand 21 in August where over 1000 people enjoyed watching several musicians play. Prairie South received a very generous donation of \$50,000 from River Street Promotions, which will go directly to supporting mental health initiatives. A huge thank you from Prairie South to everyone who supported Homestand 21 and to River Street Promotions. Watch for Homestand 22, which is already in the works!



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF & DEPARTMENTS



Logan Petlak has been a **Learning Consultant** since 2019 and has also worked at John Chisholm and Central Collegiate. Logan grew up in Moose Jaw on 15 Wing Moose Jaw and has lived in the area for most of his life. He attended St. Michael's School and Vanier Collegiate, graduating as valedictorian in 2008! Logan went on to the U of R where he pursued a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis on educational technology and is now a doctoral student with hopes of finishing in 2025! Logan's first jobs were working in the sports and rec department at Canadian Tire and stocking shelves at Reader's Book Shop. Logan is married to his amazing wife Kristin and together they have a one year old, Kohen. Logan also has four cats - Indie, Bitsy, Rico and Lily. If you're looking for Logan, he might be playing Twilight Imperium, which lasts, on average, 8 hours! He also enjoys a wide variety of PC games online with friends, playing hockey, football and weight training. Good luck as you finish your doctoral studies, Dr. Petlak!



Our **Transportation Department** operates over 148 buses which provides 2,600 students with a ride to and from 37 schools every day. Our buses travel 18,139 km each day and for a comparison, most people put similar mileage on their vehicle in one year! We also have about 1,900 extra trips each year which support schools with both curricular and extra-curricular activities. There are 106 full-time drivers and 42 casual drivers throughout the division. We have 6 mechanics and 5 support staff who work to keep all our students safe when on the road.

Paul Warken is a **Bus Driver for Coronach School**. Paul was born in Coronach and grew up on a farm east of Coronach. He went to school in Eddyside, Buffalo Gap and Big Beaver. At age 16, Paul moved to Regina and started working at various jobs. At his first ever job he cleared \$69 every two weeks! Paul even moved to the NWT for a year where he drove semi. Paul met his wife, May, 52 years ago at a dance on a Saturday night in Big Beaver. They have a son and a daughter. In 1989 Paul and his family moved back to the farm in Coronach where he always wanted to be - farming. He quit farming 7 years ago and enjoys visiting with his family, including two grandsons and one granddaughter. He had the pleasure of being his granddaughter's bus driver on her first day of school.



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