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## Bus Driver Appreciation Day

We have an amazing group of bus drivers in Prairie South! They safely transport students to and from school each and every day. We appreciate the excellent work they do as professional drivers with significant responsibilities on the road. Thank you bus drivers!





Madison Macfie, right, with Amy Johnson, Superintendent of Human Resources



Chloe Pouteaux, middle, with Acting Principal at Ecole Palliser Heights School Chantie Champigny Lucyk and Amy Johnson.



Rouleau School, home of the Rebels, is located on Treaty Four territory in the northeast edge of Prairie South School Division. Rouleau is home to 111 students and our motto, "Dream and Believe; Learn and Achieve" embodies our mission and values at Rouleau School. Our staff and students are highly involved at school providing programs in the classroom which will benefit our students as they graduate Rouleau School. Our students are offered Financial Literacy 20, Mental Health Studies 20, Entrepreneurship 30, and starting next year, we're excited to offer Robotics 10. Combined with our core subjects, we hope this combination best prepares our students for life beyond Rouleau School.

> As a K-12 school, our students have many interactions with their K-12 peers. Our SRC and ECRC work hard to provide opportunities for interactions at all levels. Our Knights, Nobles, and Dragons' houses see our K-12 students work together to compete in competitions, encourage each other to participate in spirit days, and push each other to contribute to the Terry Fox Run and food drives. These programs provide mentorship for our students and create a culture of community and care among our students. There's nothing better than seeing an elementary student's admiration of the senior students as they read a book together!

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We take a lot of pride in our physical building and Rebel branding. In recent years, we saw our Library renovated, most of our school repainted, the installation of an outdoor digital sign, a complete rebranding with a new logo to move away from the Rebel Man, most of our gym completely renovated, and a brand-new student lounge renovation. This has been achieved through the Prairie South Community Development Grant, Prairie South Innovative Grant, tremendous support from local sponsors, and a relentless pursuit to improve the building we call home every day. We strive to make our school a place where students want to learn, and teachers want to teach.

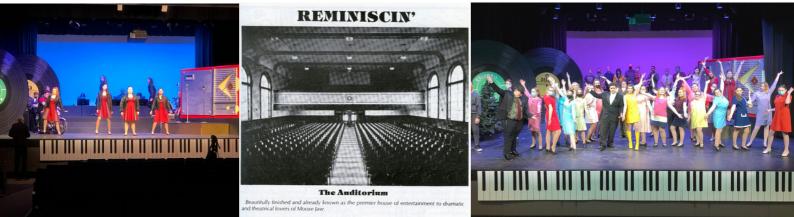
> Outside of the classroom, our staff and students are highly involved in and encouraged to contribute to our extracurricular activities. During the 2022-2023 school year, 100% of our teachers and 84% of our students have already been involved in extra curr programs. Our coaches and athletes set goals together, chart a plan to achieve those goals, and go for them every season. We've developed a culture of excellence which sees new banners raised each year and students continuing to play their sports at the recreational and post-secondary levels each year. In the past decade, almost a dozen former Rouleau School students have received offers, or gone on to play postsecondary volleyball, hockey, baseball, track and field, and tennis. Combined with nearly a 100% graduation rate, Rouleau School is a great place to "Dream and Believe; Learn and Achieve!"

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## Centennial Auditorium

The Centennial Auditorium is located in A.E. Peacock Collegiate. It has a large stage and seats 800 people with a balcony. It was built in 1931 and is one of the largest theatre spaces in the province.



During the last four years, through the support of Moose Jaw and surrounding communities and the Prairie South School Division Trustees, the renovation of the Centennial Auditorium has been completed. This included a replacement of the 60-year seating and upgrading to modern LED stage lighting and rigging. In addition, some sound system upgrades were provided, along with updated stage curtains. These updates will ensure that students and community members have access to a modern performing arts space for decades. The Centennial Auditorium is used each year widely by schools and community groups, ranging from Christmas concerts, graduation exercises, guest speakers, dance festivals, band performances, and more.

Thank you to all the sponsors and supporters of the Centennial Auditorium Renewal campaign! Without your support, this project would not have been possible!

The auditorium is available to rent for free by all schools. To find out more email centennialauditorium@prairiesouth.ca.



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## Get to Know Our Staff

Katie Letnes grew up on a farm near Mossbank and attended grades K-12 at Mossbank School, where she now teaches! After high school, she attended SIAST and took Environmental Engineering Technology. She didn't finish this program but instead enrolled in the U of R where she finished her Education degree and then completed her Certificate of Extended Studies in Inclusive Education. Katie spent summers working at Thomson Lake Golf Course, mostly in the kitchen. She started with a temporary grade 5 and 6 teaching job in Mossbank School in May of 2003. From there she became the Student Support



Cecil Parks is the Shop Foreman at the Assiniboia Transportation Shop. Cecil grew up in Mankota and attended Mankota School. Following that, he attended SIAST in Moose Jaw in the Bricklayer program and then mechanics following that. Cecil's first job was helping his uncle on the farm looking after cows, fixing fences, and birthing calves. His first paying job was working at the market in Mankota. Cecil has worked for 14 years with Prairie South as a journeyman mechanic and shop foreman. Before that he worked for Wayne Bus and First Bus in Lafleche. He's been working on school buses for many years! Cecil's son Robert works alongside Cecil as a mechanic in the Transportation Shop in Assiniboia. His daughter lives in Whitehorse and is getting married in November. Cecil calls himself a "gaming geek" where he enjoys playing video games in his downtime -Call of Duty and first-person shooter games are favourites of his. Cecil enjoys restoring all types of old vehicles. He lives in Lafleche and enjoys helping out around his community by doing odd jobs for people. His favourite vacation spot is Whitehorse and his favourite restaurant is Bobby's Place in Moose Jaw - fish and chips and deep fried mushrooms are his go to!

Teacher in Mossbank, Crane Valley, and Limerick Schools until Limerick and Crane Valley closed and she



went to full time in Mossbank. Katie also had the opportunity to work as a Student Support Consultant in the South, filling in for a leave for a year, which was a great experience! She's been at Mossbank School since then, with a variety of classroom teaching roles, but mostly in the SST role. This is her 20th year of teaching. Katie and her husband Jason got married in 2003 and together they have two sons, Nathan and Carter, who are actively involved in sports such as hockey, hunting and golf which keeps her busy. Jason is the owner of Letnes Construction and has built many houses in the area, including their own which they moved into in 2021. Katie has three sisters and between them, they have nine sons which makes for fairly loud family get togethers! They love being outside and spending time at their cabin at Thomson Lake, golfing, fishing and relaxing. During the summers, Katie loves to explore places she's never been to that are close to home in Saskatchewan. One of her favourite day trips is down to the East Block of Grasslands National Park. There is also a cabin up in the woods by Par Hill Lake she likes to visit with her dad and kids in the spring. They have started planning summer vacations around the Blue Jays schedule as well! She also enjoys all inclusive beach vacations in the winter (or travelling anywhere really)!

Pat Acker is presently the Administrative Assistant at Westmount School in Moose Jaw. Pat grew up in Rosetown, Saskatchewan where she attended Walter Aseltine Elementary School, Junior High and High School. Following grade 12, Pat moved to Saskatoon and attended post secondary school. Her first job saw her working in the office for the Saskatoon Symphony. Following that, she moved back to Rosetown and became a Legal Secretary for about six years before moving to Moose Jaw. Pat has worked for Prairie South and former Moose Jaw Public School Division for 29 years.



Pat's first school division job was working in the basement at the current 9th Avenue Board Office doing speech reports. Then she moved over to Peacock for a few months and then to Palliser Heights for 9 years. She has been in her current job at Westmount since May of 2006! Pat is married to Brian, who works for the City of Moose Jaw. Together they have one son, Cody. Pat enjoys gardening and reading. She also loves going for walks and going on hikes. Their favourite family vacation spot is Cypress Hills where they love to walk and hike the trails.

## October Events



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