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Thank You River Street Promotions

Homestand 22 was held September 10 at Ross Wells Park in Moose Jaw and it was another huge success. River Street Promotions brought in world-class Canadian musicians JJ Voss, Nice Horse, Chilliwack and Matt Mays. The proceeds from the event goes directly to support youth mental health initiatives across our Division. Thank you to everybody who supported this successful event!



Spotlight on MANKOTA SCHOOL

Mankota School, home of the Mavericks, is located on Treaty Four territory in the southwest part of Prairie South School Division. We are a small school with roughly 40+ students. Our vision, mission and values play a large role in how we approach each day of the school year. We envision a welcoming and respectful school where students and staff are happy and engaged in learning. Our purpose is to teach our students effectively by being prepared, available, encouraging, positive and supportive in the school and community. We believe all members in our school can learn with commitment and hard work. Our school values honesty, humour, and integrity. We believe in being a caring and respectful school with high academic expectations and support for all.





The best part of Mankota School is our Maverick family. We love to do big/little people activities and compete in our house groups. We want our students to be community and global minded citizens, so we participate and raise money for various organizations/events and even for global tragedies. We have been long time supporters of the Terry Fox Foundation, Drive Away Hunger and our local legion for Remembrance Day. Our students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities such as volleyball, curling, badminton, archery, and track and field. We also love to take our students swimming, camping, skiing, and exploring in our part of the province. Another unique part of our school is our Magnet Program which draws students from Kincaid and Glentworth to participate in Practical and Applied Arts courses. Mankota School is a great place to "Grow To Be The Best You Can Be".



Prairie South Teachers Association (PSTA)

The Prairie South Teachers' Association looks forward to serving their members, students, families and communities in the 2022-23 school year.

President: Patty Mergel Cell phone: 306-640-9888

Past President: Suzanne Vance Vice President: Kent Clegg Secretary: Wadena Lasko Treasurer: Judy Samoleski LINC Chair: Jeff Feeley (306-642-5981) Communications Coordinator: Suzanne Vance

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Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 school year.

Our hopes are that your summer vacation was wonderful and that you all are rejuvenated to start with a new school year.

Your current CUPE Local #5512 Executive Team consists of:

Bill Johnston – President Don Chesney – Vice-President (Moose Jaw) Jackie Dayman – Vice-President (South) Sheldon Denet – Vice-President (Moose Jaw) Kam Gehlen – Vice-President (North) Dianne Rasmussen – Recording Secretary Kayla VanDenBosch – Secretary-Treasurer

THANK YOU to all of the PSS Education Support Workers. The work you do is greatly appreciated by the students, parents, staff, and the local Executive.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Get to Know Our Staff



at Lindale School, a job which she has happily held for the last 14 years and hopefully many more! Nicole was born in Weyburn and lived in many different Saskatchewan villages and small towns before moving to Moose Jaw when she was 8 years old. She started her schooling in Climax, then to Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Assiniboia and back to Moose Jaw where she attended St. Mary's and Vanier. Her post-secondary schooling sent her to Saskatoon, Regina and SIAST in Moose Jaw. Her parents were small town hoteliers and her first job was in the laundry department at the Harwood Hotel, which later became Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, with her mom as the boss! Nicole and her husband Bret have been married for 25 years and have two teenage children, Emma, who is a senior at Peacock and Morgan, who is in grade 10 at Central. Both children attended Lindale where Nicole (mostly) enjoyed being at the same school as them! Bret is the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Supervisor for the City of Moose Jaw. After Library school in Saskatoon, Nicole worked as a Reference Tech at the Moose Jaw Public Library and as the Client Services Tech at the Legislative Library in Regina. Following that, she decided to pursue her interest in coding and earned a Programmer Analyst Diploma in Regina, working for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority in Regina while living in Moose Jaw. Nicole enjoys reading, scrapbooking, puzzles, baking and yoga. Her favourite vacation spot is Kimberley, BC, where her husband grew up. She and her husband took the trip of a lifetime to Scotland for an entire month 19 years ago and she hopes to get back there soon with her kids!

Jason Roney is presently the Physical Education Teacher at Sunningdale School. Jason was born in Moose Jaw and grew up in Briercrest, where he went to school. He went on to the University of Saskatchewan and began his first teaching job in Ogema, Saskatchewan in 1996. In 1999 Jason began working with the legacy Thunder Creek SD where he had numerous roles, including being an administrator for 5 years. Jason and his wife Tracy have been married for 22 years. Tracy works as a Financial Planner with RBC in Moose Jaw. Together they have 3 daughters: Alyssa, who is in her 3rd year of the combined Education/Kinesiology program at the U of S; Brooklyn, who is in her first year of Biomedical Science at the



U of S; and Hailey who is in grade 8 at Sunningdale. Jason has always been involved in sports whether it's as a participant, coach or cheerleader for his daughters, who are involved in volleyball, track, dance and figure skating. Alyssa and Brooklyn are now both on the U of S track team! They love to travel together as a family and this past summer they went to the World Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon. They've also attended four World Junior Hockey Championships and 2 World Track and Field Championships over the years. One of their favourite vacation spots is in Haines City Florida where you may find Jason enjoy some ribs at Manny's!



Evan Hanson is presently the Principal at Chaplin School. Evan was born and raised in Regina and lived in the same house until he moved out for his first teaching job at the age of 22. He did all his schooling in the neighbourhood he grew up in and attended high school at Sheldon Williams Collegiate. After high school he attended the University of Regina in Middle Years Education.

Evan's first job was a "petroleum transfer engineer" at the local Turbo gas station a few blocks from his home. He started working for Prairie South 8 years ago at Chaplin School as a teacher for 2 years before becoming principal. Evan is a certified international barbeque judge and a bit of a rib connoisseur! Evan, his partner, and her son enjoy fishing up in Waskesiu every summer and quadding in the mountains. Evan is a bit of an expert on vintage Saskatchewan License plates and enjoys old cars as a hobby - he loves rebuilding, restoring, and driving them all over! He's attended a few larger car runs and shows in the United States. When he's not driving all over the country, you'll find him entertaining all year-round while enjoying a Rodo's pizza. He loves to see people smiling and he's a bit of a perfectionist – always wanting to do better and learn more!

September Fun!



