



January 2021

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

Paul Rowe Accountability Pillar Results *High to excellent standard achieved in eleven report markers*



Keeping students engaged and connected to our school community during the Covid-19 pandemic has been a priority.

Each year, parents, students, and teachers participate in a survey that is used to measure various aspects of our school environment. The results from this survey are then used to set goals for future years and develop strategies that the school will use to achieve these goals and enhance current situations.

We are excited to celebrate and share that the results are in for Paul Rowe and overall they are excellent. As a school we have achieved a high to excellent standard in 11 of the specific markers;

- Safe and Caring Schools
- Program of Studies
- Education Quality
- Drop Out Rate

- High School Completion Rate (3 year)
- Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate
- Transition Rate [to Postsecondary] (6 year)
- Work Preparation
- Citizenship
- Parental Involvement, and
- School Improvement.

These excellent results are attributed to our school community as a whole; parents, students, community groups and individuals, and the staff.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to continued growth and improvement as a school community.

Also in this Issue:

- * **Save the Dates:**
-School Council Meeting
- * **Accountability Pillar Surveys coming soon!**
- * **Event updates!**

Upcoming Events:

January

- * **11 In-person classes resume**
- * **11 Optional diploma exams begin for 30-level courses**
- * **19 School Council Meeting**
- * **21 Last day of regular classes for 20-level and 30-level courses**
- * **22 Last day of regular classes for 10-level courses**
- * **29 No School for Students (PD Day for Staff)**

February:

- * **1 Semester 2 Begins**
- * **5 Semester 1 Report Cards mailed home**
- * **15 No School (Family Day)**
- * **16 No School for Students (PD Day)**

Parents and Guardians:

In Your Family's Mailout:

*Senior High Final Exam Schedule
Note: The Senior High Final Exam Schedule is also available online at <http://paulrowehigh.ca/view.php?action=documents&id=767>

*ADLC Progress Reports

Messages to parents:

*Reminder: students who are considering opting out of Diploma exams for 30-level courses should contact post-secondary institutions to which they are applying to determine if doing so will affect their application.

Prefer to receive your newsletter by E-mail? Visit www.paulrowehigh.ca to subscribe!

www.paulrowehigh.ca

Save the Dates

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM

Paul Rowe Library Learning Commons

OR call the school for details on how to join virtually

Our school administration uses School Council meetings to consult with parents/guardians on a number of important topics that directly affect students' experience within our school.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend and to provide input.

Other 2020-2021 meeting dates are: February 23, March 30, May 4



Superintendent's Message: ***Parents: Have a Voice in Education***



In January and February many parents will receive a survey in their mailbox from Alberta Education. Please take a few moments to complete this survey - your participation is very important to us.

Your response to the survey provides valuable information regarding what is working in schools and what needs improvement. Your answers to the questions in the survey are confidential and are considered during school and divisional planning. Therefore, this survey provides an opportunity for you to impact decision making regarding your child's education and school.

The survey is mailed to parents in grades 4, 7 and 10 (unless the school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12 in which case the survey will be expanded to include all students and parents). To ensure we receive as many responses back from parents as possible, the survey comes with a postage paid return envelope.

Thank you in advance for your time spent in completing the survey. Through working and learning together, your input and involvement makes our schools great places to grow, learn and be.

Paul Bennett, Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division

Did you know...

The results from the survey that arrives in your mailbox from Alberta Education is reviewed by the government, school division management staff and your child's school administration and staff? **YOUR RESPONSES** to the survey questions identify areas of satisfaction and areas to improve. This impacts school and divisional planning which in turn *impacts your child's educational programming and overall school experience* PLUS it provides you with a voice in your child's education.

Thank you in advance for your time in providing your valuable input. Parental input is key in providing students with the best educational experience possible.

Your Voice Matters!

Parents of students in grades 7 and 10 at Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School will be receiving surveys in their mail soon. All recipients are encouraged to complete the survey and return it to Alberta Education using the prepaid return envelope.

Manning Royal Canadian Legion Branch #139 Poster & Literary Contest Winners Announced

Many students from local schools participated in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest this year. Students from Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School, Manning Elementary School, Rosary School, Breaking Point School and Deadwood Mennonite School competed at the local level. Congratulations to our finalists from Paul Rowe:

- Colour Poster Intermediate:
 - 2nd Elika D.
- Colour Poster Senior:
 - 1st Amanda K.
 - 2nd Rejn G.
 - 3rd (tie) Jaimey W. & Vylett G.
- Black & White Poster Intermediate:
 - 2nd Jasper B.
- Black & White Poster Senior:
 - 2nd Candyce N.
 - 3rd Bria G.



- Poem Senior:
 - 1st Rory G.
 - 2nd Emma R.
 - 3rd Leland K.

Congratulations also go out to the following students who placed at the school level competition: Keira J., Mackenzie W., Alexis N. and Shelby R. Thank you to all students who participated!

Non-traditional Christmas Celebration



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our annual Christmas spirit day looked much different than in years past. Instead of a full turkey dinner, in the week leading up to Christmas break, our students were able to stop by the school to pick up a treat bag which included decorated cookies from Designs By The Dozen. On December 18th, students and staff met virtually to view our Christmas showcase videos and to participate in various holiday-themed activities. Thank you to SCOER for organizing the day and to all of the students who participated! Congratulations goes out to participation draw winner Alicea M.!



Thank you to everyone who supported SCOER's food drive for our local community hampers and food bank! Even in the midst of online schooling, we were able to collect and deliver 178 items to the food bank. Way to show your SOLE Raiders! Congratulations to the grade seven class who will receive a special treat of hot chocolate from SCOER when in-person classes resume.

We would also like to send a special thank you to our school bus drivers who made a donation to our local food bank in our name!

“What Lies Beyond” Art Exhibition



The "What Lies Beyond" travelling art exhibition from the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie was on display for students prior to the shift to at-home learning. Unfortunately public access was not possible, however the exhibition guide with images of artwork and artist information is available online at <https://aggp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Ed-and-Exh-packages-what-Lies-Beyond.pdf>. Thank you to Mrs. Vikki Presakarchuk for organizing the exhibition and to program sponsor Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

Staff Participate in Gratitude Challenge



Practicing gratitude is a great way to support our personal wellness, especially in the midst of these unusual times! It is something we work on with our students each day at Paul Rowe.

Recently Peace River School Division Central Operations organized a division wide gratitude challenge for November.

In conjunction with that, we had our own staff challenge! Congratulations to our school based gratitude challenge winner - our Office Manager Mrs. Shirley Bruun!

Paul Rowe staff are grateful for the thoughtfulness of our entire school community! Special thanks go out to the Neufeld family, Collins family, Karpiak family, Walisser family, Manning Elementary School staff & Rosary School staff for the Christmas treats!

Spotlight on Health & Safety: Mental Health and Wellness

Wellness can be defined as an optimum state of health - physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally. Our well-being is about making healthy choices in each of these areas.

In order for us to learn and be our best, we must feel and be well. We have a great opportunity to not only academically educate our students, but to support, guide, and teach them to honour their mental health and wellness and we support this in a number of ways.

We recognize that healthy eating and active living are also important components to positive mental health and wellness. We support this through education and expanding physical education activities in our schools. We also encourage and support our students to be leaders, to get involved in the community and work together as a team – these are attributes that instill confidence, a sense of belonging and create a greater sense of purpose and inner joy.

The Alberta Government has a great resource on Working Together to Support Mental Health in Alberta Schools at: https://education.alberta.ca/media/3576206/working_together_to_support_mental_health.pdf

Whether you are a student, parent or staff member, be sure to reach out to family, friends and access professional help if stress is affecting your life. In all our schools we have Youth Education Support Workers/Success Coaches to help students and facilitate extra assistance they may need. While gaining support from others you can encourage them too, everyone has had it tough at some point in their lives. A kind word may go further than you realize.

Offered to our staff members and their families is an Employee and Family Assistance Program, a proactive health program providing confidential wellness and prevention supports, health and life coaching and counseling. <http://www.homewoodhealth.com/corporate/services/overview> For more resources staff can check out “Apple-a-Day” and “The Sandbox” <https://thewellnesssandbox.ca/>



JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 *School Resumes (At-Home Learning)	5	6 *SCOER Spirit Day: Bring Your Blanket Day	7	8 *MAIL OUT	9
10	11 *In-Person Classes Scheduled to Resume *Optional Diploma Exams for 30-level courses begin	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 *SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM	20	21 *Last day of regular classes for 20-level & 30-level courses	22 *Last day of regular classes for 10-level courses *School-based final exams begin for senior high	23
24	25 *School-based final exams continue for senior high	26	27	28	29 No School for Students (PD Day)	30
FEBRUARY:						
1 Semester 2 begins						
5 Semester 1 Report Cards mailed home						
15 No School (Family Day)						
16 No School for Students (PD Day)						
23 School Council Meeting						