



November 2021

# Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

## Paul Rowe celebrates student success *Celebrating Achievement in Academics, Athletics & Citizenship*



*Student of the Year Awards are awarded using a formula blending Academics, Athletics and Extracurricular Activities.*

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School recently celebrated the academic, athletic and extracurricular achievements of our students at our Awards Day ceremony for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our school held a virtual assembly via Google Meet with student cohorts joining in from their classrooms. Unfortunately, our school was unable to open the ceremony to families and the public, however a video slideshow of our award recipients was posted to our school Facebook page and website following the ceremony.

We would like to send extra special thanks to our scholarship and award sponsors. Once

again, we would also like to send a huge thank you out to our entire school community for your support and patience.

Thank you to Ms. Tamara Czaban, Mrs. Anita Bak, Mr. Matt Taylor and Mrs. Karla Cove for all of your work organizing the awards.

*Above: Congratulations to Student of the Year junior high winner Elika D. and senior high winner Clare T.*

*More Awards Day highlights can be found on pages 5-6.*

*To view the video with all award winners, please visit our school website or Facebook page.*

### Also in this Issue:

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  - \* Parents Matter Week
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- \* Calahoo Meats Fundraiser
- \* Awards Day Highlights
- \* Event & Classroom Updates!

### Upcoming Events:

#### November

- \* **11-12 No School (Remembrance Day & Operational Day)**
- \* **15 SCOER Calahoo Meats Fundraiser Orders Due**
- \* **16 Free Chili Lunch for Parents & Guardians**
- \* **22 No School for Students (Staff Meeting/PD Day)**
- \* **23 Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- \* **23 School Council Meeting**

#### December

- \* **3 Mail Out**
- \* **7 SCOER Calahoo Meats Fundraiser Expected Delivery Date**

### Parents and Guardians:

#### In Your Family's Mailout:

- \*SCOER Fundraising Letter & Calahoo Meats Order Form
- \*Grade 7 Home Ec. Supply List
- \*Diploma Exam Schedule (Gr. 12)
- \*Solaro & Study Key Information

#### Messages to Parents/Guardians:

\*November 15-19 is Parents Matter Week in PRSD schools. On Tuesday, November 16 from 12-1 PM, Paul Rowe parents & guardians are invited to stop by our "drive through" for a free bowl of chili and a cookie.

**To view our monthly newsletter IN FULL COLOUR visit [www.paulrowehigh.ca](http://www.paulrowehigh.ca)!**

# Superintendent's Message: The Power of Local Assessments

Have you ever heard these terms from your child(ren)'s school - RCAT, WAT, MIPI NCAT, and F & P BAS? These are all acronyms for local assessments that are used in all of Peace River School Division's (PRSD) schools to support students' learning needs and achievement. Teachers use these powerful tools to determine how students learn and to develop personalized instructional activities. Strategic use of local assessments also helps to improve student performance on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams.



## Assessment Legend:

RCAT = Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool

WAT = Writing Assessment Tool

MIPI = Math Intervention/Programming Instrument

NCAT = Numeracy Common Assessment Tool

F & P BAS = Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 and 2

To help enhance your understanding about why local assessments are powerful tools in supporting your child(ren)'s learning, I would like to share some details about why we use them and what benefits our students receive from their use.

The local assessments listed above help teachers to determine their students' level of knowledge and skills in the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments will tell a teacher if there are any learning gaps with key concepts in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to provide targeted lessons and useful accommodations to help the student learn important skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are done at the beginning of the year and then again later in the year to assess progress. The frequency that these assessments are administered allows Teachers and Educational Assistants to give targeted interventions and accommodations immediately after the assessment is completed.

All schools within PRSD have school teams made up of Teachers, Educational Assistants, I-Coaches, and Principals. These teams make up our School Division's Collaborative Response to meeting your child(ren)'s needs. These school teams receive support from Divisional I-Coaches, Program Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Teaching and Learning and Learning Supports, and even me!

Local assessments are powerful tools in contributing to our mission to ensure every child is literate and numerate, not most students, but every student!

To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to go to our website ([www.prsd.ab.ca](http://www.prsd.ab.ca)) and read PRSD's Three-Year Education Plan for 2021-2024. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with all parents in achieving our collective goal of success for all students.

*Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools*

For the latest news and announcements from Peace River School Division visit [www.prsd.ab.ca](http://www.prsd.ab.ca) or follow their page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/prsd10](https://www.facebook.com/prsd10)

# Parents & Guardians: Please Save the Dates



**You Matter to us!**

Celebrating  
parents, guardians  
and caregivers  
for all they do!

Parents Matter Appreciation Week  
**November 15-19**

Peace River School Division  
Learning Together - Success for All

**FREE Chili & Cookie Lunch**  
for parents and guardians of  
Paul Rowe students in honour of  
Parents Matter Week

**Tuesday, November 16  
from 12:00-1:00 PM**

\*Lunch will be served “drive  
thru” style outside the main  
doors.



## SCOER Calahoo Meats Fundraiser Important Info:

SCOER, our students union, has asked  
students to help raise funds which will allow  
them to plan more spirit building activities.

Important Dates:

- Orders due  
Monday, Nov. 15
- Expected delivery date  
Tuesday, Dec. 7



More order forms can be picked up from the  
school office OR can be printed from our school  
website at:

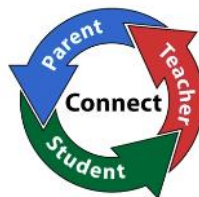
<https://www.paulrowehigh.ca/documents/scoer-fundraisers>

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday, November 23 from  
4:00—7:00 PM  
by appointment**

### OPTIONS:

- 1) In person with Covid  
precautions
- 2) By phone



*Please call our school office at  
(780) 836-3397 to book appointments  
with your child's teachers.*

## Virtual School Council Meeting

**Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 PM**  
(Following Parent/  
Teacher Interviews)

All parents/guardians  
of Paul Rowe students  
are encouraged to at-  
tend.

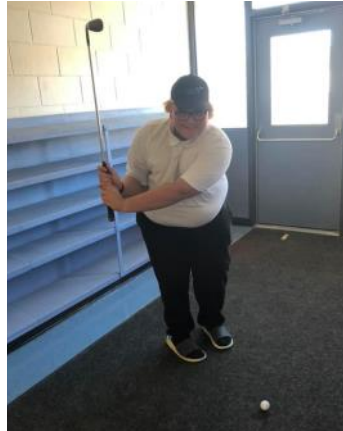


*Please contact the school office at  
(780) 836-3397 between 8:30 AM and 4:00  
PM to request the Google Meet link.*

Please follow our school Facebook page at [facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh](https://facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh) and/  
or check our website at [www.paulrowehigh.ca](http://www.paulrowehigh.ca) for event updates!

# A SCOER Spook-tacular Halloween Celebration

Many students dressed up and took part in our Halloween Spirit Day on October 29th! Students were grouped by class, then rotated through a variety of fun covid-friendly stations. Following these fun activities, which included a costume parade and judging, students were treated to a movie and popcorn. Thank you to our fabulous SCOER student leaders and to staff advisor Mrs. Vikki Presakarchuk for all of your hard work planning and hosting our Halloween event!



## Upcoming SCOER events:

- Nov. 15 Calahoo Meats Orders Due
- Dec. 13-17 Christmas Spirit Week  
More details TBA



Follow SCOER on  
Instagram:  
[paulrowe.scoer](https://www.instagram.com/paulrowe.scoer)

*Information about school spirit activities will be shared via announcements and posters as well.*

## "Rage About the Page"

The Literacy Team at Paul Rowe is excited to announce a new contest! "Rage about the Page" is a chance for our students to read, respond and win! For each book read between now and May students can enter to win one of a number of prizes! Prizes include a Kindle eReader, Indigo gift card, ear buds, book light & stand and a fun word game. Students will also receive a small prize with each entry.

*Note: Students must read at least one fiction and one non fiction book and fill out the google form that was shared with them via email book to be eligible to win.*

Information has been shared with all students via email and all English Language Arts, Social Studies and Literacy teachers can answer any questions students may have about this program.



# 2020-2021 Awards Day Highlights

## Academic Awards



Paul Rowe had a large number of students who earned either academic excellence, academic honours or educational merit awards last year. Awards were also presented to the junior and senior high boy and girl with the highest academic averages. Congratulations to the junior high Manning Royal Purple #79 Award recipients Emma R. and Liam B. and to senior high Paul Rowe Academic Award recipients Kara W. and Ethan C.

## Citizenship & Spirit of Youth Awards



Congratulations to Citizenship award winners Jasper B. and Irish J. This award is sponsored by the Town of Manning and is awarded to a junior and senior high student that demonstrates positive student behaviors and makes a positive contribution to the greater school community.

Congratulations also to Spirit of Youth award recipients Elika D. and Kara W. This award is awarded based on enthusiasm, positive outlook and facilitating a positive school atmosphere.

## Students of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Student of the Year winners Elika D. and Clare T. This award is sponsored by Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School staff and is awarded to one Junior High and one Senior High student annually. The recipient of this award must fulfill the following criteria:

- Academics--honours in the academic route. (50% weighted)
- Athletics--a member of the greatest percentage of school teams. (25% weighted)
- Intra-school Activities--participant in the greatest percentage of school activities or groups. (25%)

*Photo on front page.*

# 2020-2021 Graduate Awards

A number of graduate awards were announced at our 2020-2021 Awards Day ceremony which was held on October 7. These included various academic scholarships and high credit awards.



Scholarship recipients were:

- Peace River School Division Scholarships—Clay C., Kara W., Kelsey C., Laurel R.
- Jim Stanford—Clay C., Kara W.
- Bob Harbourne Memorial Social Studies Scholarship—Clay C., Kelsey C., Kara W.
- Walisser Woman of Excellence—Kara W.
- Governor General Award—Kara W.

High Credit Award recipients were:

- Northtown Esso/Frandra Holdings—Brenden F.
- Stone Insurance Brokers—Kara W.
- Attack Oilfield Services—Skylar G.

Way to go class of 2021!

## Paul Rowe Terry Fox Fundraiser Update



Our school community recently participated in our Terry Fox run walk! We also celebrated surpassing our fundraising goal of \$800, which meant that our Principal, Mr. Taylor, dyed his hair pink! Special thanks goes out to Trics Salon And Day Spa for donating Mr. Taylor's hair dye and cut!!



## Cross Country Running Wraps Up



Early in October, our cross country running team travelled to High Level to compete in the Northwest Alberta Zone Championship race. Congratulations to Chloe-Lee A. for her fourth place finish and Amanda K. for her third place finish! Amanda went on to compete in the Alberta Schools' Athletics Association Provincial Cross Country Championship which was held in Red Deer at the Riverbend Golf course. Way to go Raiders!



Special thanks also go out to:

- Karpiak and Burton Families for the Halloween treats
- Rae McDermott for the face masks
- Jenna Bruun for the hand sanitizer & face masks

## Meanwhile in Class



Senior high art students have been busy creating independent projects (Art 30) and exploring the lines in their world (Art 10).



French 10 students are learning present tense regular verbs.



French 7 students practiced vocabulary for their L'ecole unit by playing La Bataille Navale (Battleship)



English 20-1 students read the classic tale of Frankenstein in their literacy groups.

## Citizenship Class Introduced at Paul Rowe

A new student Citizenship Group has been formed at Paul Rowe. Both junior high and high school students are welcome to join, with high school students having the potential to earn credits towards their high school diploma. The group meets weekly and has been working on planning a number of initiatives at our school. Current initiatives include:



### Operation Christmas Child Collection

Students who are in a position to help are encouraged to fill a shoebox and return it to the school by Wednesday, November 17th. These shoe boxes will be distributed to children in need around the world. Shoeboxes may be picked up from the front entryway of the school.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, or to learn what should be included in a shoebox, visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/pack-a-shoebox/>.

### Manning Community Christmas Hamper Program Collection

The Manning Community Christmas Hamper Program helps local families in need during the Christmas season. There is a donation box by the office where you can bring non-perishable food items and/or cold weather gear such as hats and mittens until the 10th of December.

For more information about the Citizenship Class or these initiatives, please contact Mr. Matt Taylor.



# NOVEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *SCOER Calahoo Fundraiser Begins	2	3	4 *School Photo Retakes 1 PM *Study Café 3:30—4:30 PM	5 *MAIL OUT	6
7	8	9	10 *School Remembrance Day Ceremony	11 *No School (Remembrance Day)	12 *No School (Nonoperational Day)	13
14 PARENTS MATTER WEEK IS NOV. 15-19	15 *SCOER Calahoo Fundraiser Orders Due	16 *FREE CHILI & COOKIE LUNCH FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS 12:00—1:00 PM	17 *Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due	18 *Study Café 3:30—4:30 PM	19 *Term 1 Report Cards Mailed Home	20
21	22 *No School for Students (Staff Meeting/ Professional Development Day)	23 *PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS 4:00—7:00 PM VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM	24	25 *Study Café 3:30—4:30 PM	26	27
28	29	30	DECEMBER: 3 Mail Out 7 SCOER Calahoo Meats Fundraiser Expected Delivery Date 10 Paul Rowe Community Christmas Hamper Collection Ends 17 Last day before Christmas Break			