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Partnerships

“Partners in Education” - this is a term that is often used to describe the relationship between school boards, teachers, and the Ministry of Education. These three entities have the responsibility for educating the students in our province’s schools.

Additionally, there are many other partnerships, some formal and some informal, within the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division. Each of these partnerships enhances the educational and life experiences of our students.

One of our most significant partnerships is with our students’ parents through the existence of School Community Councils (S.C.C.). Each of our schools has a council made up of parent representatives, the principal, and a teacher representative. Our Board supports these S.C.C.’s with funding and by providing the opportunity to attend a workshop with a motivational speaker. Parental support is very important for student success in school and S.C.C.’s give parents the opportunity to get involved in school programmes and fundraising projects.

Our Board has enjoyed a partnership with our First Nations community by having Elders at school assemblies and by providing First Nations cultural experiences for our students. We have a formal partnership with the Muskoday First Nation which affords our Birch Hills students the opportunity to join with students from Muskoday Community School and work jointly on projects. Our Board has partnered with the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative this year to implement an entrepreneurial program for our First Nations students. This program has met with great success in other centres and we eagerly anticipate the commencement of this program in our three Prince Albert High Schools – Carlton, PACI, and Wesmor.

Our School Division has benefitted from partnerships with local service clubs. Our students have been provided with scholarships, school lunches, band trips, and playground equipment.

Our students certainly benefit from these partnerships but they, in turn, have supported our community by raising funds for Telemiracle, the Terry Fox campaigns, and other local charities. They entertain at seniors’ homes and at City Hall Christmas concerts. The (CCAP) Carlton Carpentry Apprenticeship Program students who have been participants in Habitat for Humanity houses since 2010 deserve recognition for their great work.

Our Board is very supportive of anti-bullying program in our schools. We are especially appreciative of the partnership provided by our Prince Albert Police Service in these programs. Constables have presented at school assemblies and have shared valuable information regarding cyber-bullying at S.C.C. parent meetings.

In addition to partnerships with external agencies and community groups, our Board is especially proud of the partnerships within our School Division between schools and by older students playing a leadership role for our younger students. An example of this is the work of Carlton’s Mad Hatter Theatre Company’s presentations to elementary school students delivering an anti-bullying message.

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. Our Board recognizes the various partnerships that we have and how beneficial they are to our students. We are very appreciative of the role our community partners play in the education and character development of our students. There are numerous groups that support our schools and our students but it is not possible to list them all in an article of this length, but we are sincerely appreciative of their generosity.



Sincerely,
Barry Hollick
Board Chair



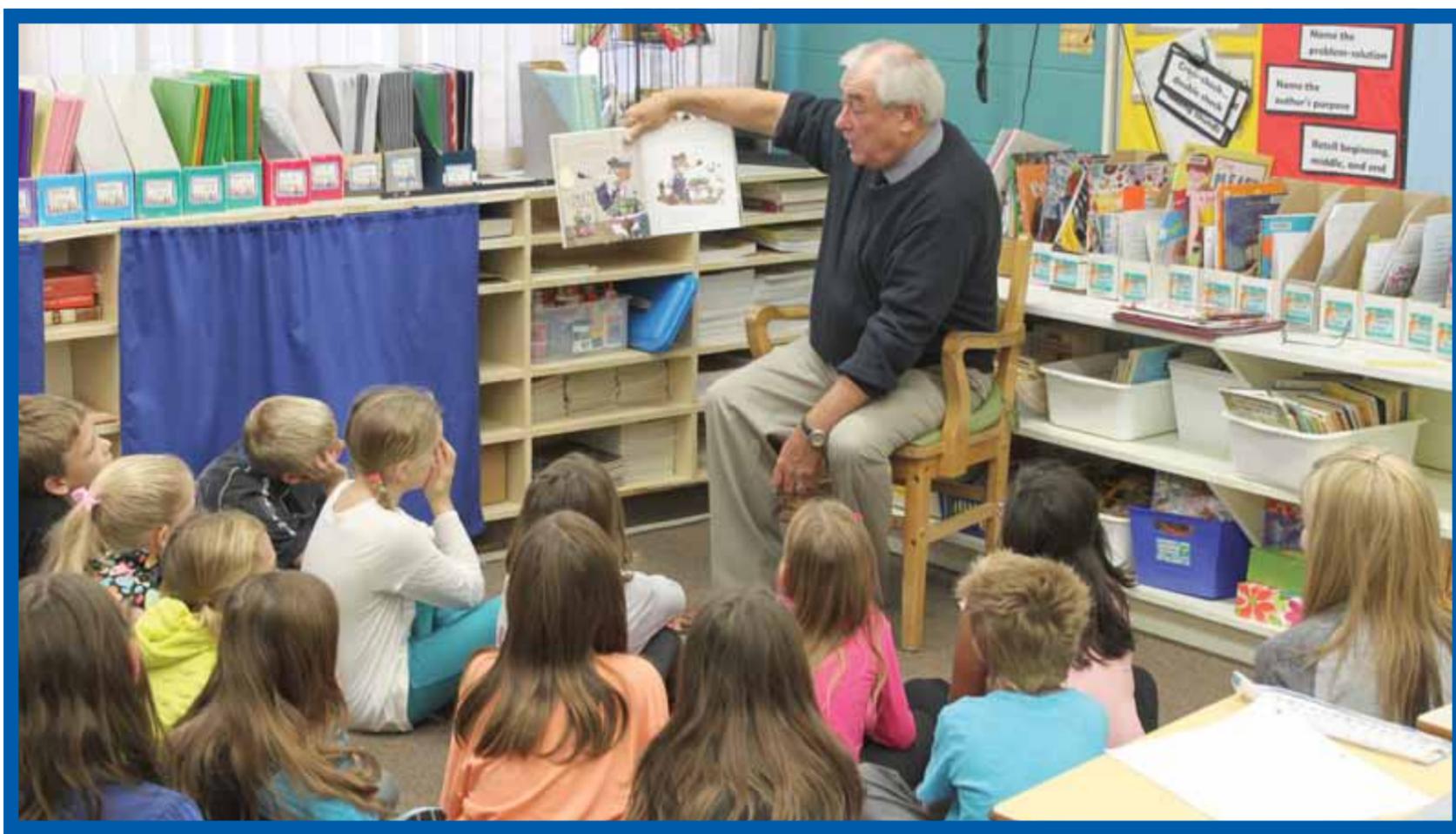
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Red Wing Public School enjoys Education Week



Trustee George McHenry reads to the Grade 3/4 class

Red Wing Public School experienced a very successful Education Week. Along with a muffin morning to bring families to school, displays

were set up from the Prince Albert Literacy Network, Parkland Ambulance, Saskatchewan Parks, and Prince Albert Raiders. Many representatives from the community

came to read to our students including Saskatchewan Rivers Public Board trustee George McHenry reading to *Miss Ward's* grade 3/4 class. Red Wing Public School strives

for excellence having students feel proud of all work they accomplish. Thank you to all that took part in our Education Week festivities.

Fun Filled Night of Numeracy at Princess Margaret Public School

On Thursday November 14th, our school coach, the sticky team along with the staff of Princess Margaret Public School hosted our students and their families for a fun filled night of Numeracy. Families were

able to engage in a variety of games that build numeracy skills. There were hands on centres for Pre-K and K students, a variety of card and dice games for K-8, and a technology centre focused on iPad apps and websites that build numeracy skills.

Families were able to take home dice, cards and many numeracy games. The night served as a wonderful opportunity to build partnerships and support numeracy at home.

Deanna Ledding, School Coach, working with families.



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Family Futures, Inc. and Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools Partner to Support Early Childhood in Prince Albert

Working as strong partners together, Family Futures operates two licensed Child Care Centres within Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools Division. Riverside Community Public School hosts a Child Care Centre serving neighborhood families with children from six weeks to school age and King George Community Public School supports preschool and school age children. Two more Early Childhood Development programs are in operation housed at Queen Mary Community Public School and Westview Community Public School. Both schools are offering neighborhood families access to drop in “Baby Cafes” which include a parent and tot play group program known as 123 Play With Me, delivered by trained Family Futures volunteers. Supporting neighborhood children and their families in this way shows the commitment of both Family Futures, Inc. and Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division to enhance early childhood services in Prince Albert.



Early childhood educator Jenna Strass with future graduates!

Free The Children’s - We Scare Hunger Arthur Pechey Public School



Members of the SLC at Arthur Pechey organized the We Scare Hunger campaign. The school collected over 700 items of food for their local food bank.

This fall, thousands of young people took part in Free The Children’s - We Scare Hunger campaign, collecting non-perishable food items for local food banks instead of candy. One of two local campaigns Free The Children runs on an annual basis, We Scare Hunger gives youth a unique opportunity to help end hunger in their own communities by making a tangible contribution to an important local cause.

This year alone over 2,175 schools participated in this campaign, 112 of these schools were from Saskatchewan. Seven schools from Saskatchewan Rivers Public participated: Arthur Pechey Public School, Carlton Comprehensive Public High School, Christopher Lake Public School, Red Wing Public School, Riverside Community Public School, T.D. Michel Elementary Public School, and W.J. Berezowsky Public School.

Vincent Massey Community Public School in Partnership with Co-operative Health Centre



V.M.P.C.S. Grade 4 Students

In partnership with the Co-operative Health Centre, Vincent Massey Community Public School offers a Kids in the Kitchen after-school program. Students learn kitchen safety, food safety, and hands-on food preparation. This interactive class also includes educational information about the importance of

healthy eating and being physically active. Each week students eat/take home the food they prepare. At the end of the six week program, the students take home a recipe book and nutritional information to share with the whole family. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this program 3-4 times a year for our students from Grade 3 to 6.



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The Prince Albert Regional Intersectoral Committee (RIC) and Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division work towards removing barriers and closing gaps to interagency cooperation and collaboration, and reducing duplication in the delivery of human services. Representation from Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division on the RIC executive committee and the

general membership is appreciated and valued. Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is also the accountable financial partner for the RIC and oversees the contribution agreement. The RIC reviews project-based funds such as Community Initiatives Fund, Student Employment Experience, and Child Nutrition programs. Many community partners are involved including Prince Albert Police Service, Prince

Albert Housing Authority, Ministry of Social Services, Prince Albert Catholic School Division... and more!



Ranch Ehrlo Society helping to provide a soccer program for Queen Mary Community Public School students.

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