



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights

May 1st, 2023

Spring Pipe Ceremony Held at Birch Hills School

The Board was pleased to hold the seasonal Pipe Ceremony at Birch Hills School on May 1st. This marks the first time a division Pipe Ceremony has been held in a rural school. Division Pipe Ceremonies are led by members of the Elder's Council, and are held to mark each season, renew the Board and staff commitment to reconciliation, and to move forward in a good way. Staff and students at Birch Hills were offered Pipe Ceremony teachings, and the opportunity to take part in the ceremony held at their school if they so chose. Members of our Elder's Council then spent the afternoon at the school working with students to share stories and teachings. The Board commended the school, and our Indigenous leaders for the work that made the day a success.

Indigenous Partners Gathering

The Board held an Indigenous Partners Gathering on April 24th. The gathering was attended by educational representatives from several First Nations groups in the area as well as Sherry McLennan, Metis Nation Director of Western Region II. The evening was filled with good conversation around the successes and challenges in schools, sharing around land based learning initiatives, and language revitalization programming. The group concluded the meeting acknowledging the relationships being formed and the desire to meet more often during the year. The Board looks forward to the next meeting and the opportunity to listen to our Indigenous neighbors.

Community Events

SRPSD Schools have had the opportunity to participate in some exciting community events recently. The Carlton music program put on their spring concert which can only be described as an event and so much more than a concert. A Night at the Movies included performances by the band, and other musicians as well as a concession. Bravo to Brenda Bernath and the music students at Carlton for this fantastic event! Another recent community event was the Esso Cup, several of our students were able to attend games and our student fans were excited to cheer on teams and see the action up close. A huge thank you to the Esso Cup Committee and all of those involved in ensuring our students had the opportunity to participate in this incredible community event!

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