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Interested in being a school Trustee?

Alberta school boards help shape the future of local communities by governing the education of young people. The provincial government grants school boards the authority to make decisions regarding the direction and quality of local public education. Accountability to the public is entrenched through the election of local school board trustees every four years.

School Trustee elections will be held on October 21, 2013 for school boards across the province.

If you are interested in running for a Trustee position or want more information on the upcoming election, visit our District website.

Join us on June 13 at our Community Conversation!

Join us for a conversation on Thursday, June 13 to help shape instruction and support all of our students.

We invite all of those interested in sharing their perspectives. Your input will assist our district in formalizing plans to address this important topic:

What should learning look like in our jurisdiction three years from now?

Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

St. Albert Catholic High School

R.S.V.P. to pgerhardt@gsacrd.ab.ca to reserve your spot today.



This year Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is celebrating 150 years of Catholic education in the region. The Grey Nuns arrived in March of 1863. *Photo courtesy of the Provincial Archives*

Celebrating 150 years of Catholic education

This year commemorates the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Grey Nuns in St. Albert as well as the beginning of education in the St. Albert region. Three Nuns invited by Father Albert Lacombe to help him with his work at the St. Albert mission arrived from Lac Ste. Anne on March 23, 1863, bringing with them seven orphaned First Nations girls.

At first, the Sisters taught school in

their own residence – a small log cabin - until September 19, 1864 when a new two-storey convent was built. The building also served as the school and orphanage, making it St. Albert's first school building. On March 21, students and staff district-wide paused to recognize the beginnings of Catholic education in the St. Albert area.

Good News

- Students at Vincent J. Maloney Junior High held their second annual Cyclebetes event and raised \$42,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. More than 50 teams took part in the 10-hour spin-a-thon
- Legal School is pleased to announce that beginning this fall the school will be offering a 4H extra-curricular

option for students. The school will be joining Alberta 4H and become an organized 4H club.

- 32 grade 10 to 12 students from ESSMY travelled to New Orleans in March to fix three homes and meet those whose lives were turned upside down after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the city in 2005.



And the winner is...



Congratulations to **Jennifer Giordano**, who won a brand new iPad mini by signing up for our Trustee newsletter! Thank you to everyone who registered for our quarterly newsletter and participated in the contest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 14 - GSACRD Foundation Board meeting
- Tuesday, May 21 - Grand opening of Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School
- June 3 and 4 - Alberta School Board Association annual meeting
- July 4 to 6 - Canadian School Board Association Congress

New GSACRD programs for 2013/2014

This spring the district signed a partnership with Grant McEwan University to offer an International School of Business program to high school students at our three district high schools.

This will allow participants in grade 12 to take university courses for credit towards their high school diploma as well as their post-secondary studies. This project is unique in Alberta and will support students as they transition from high school to college or university.

In addition to the International School of Business, GSACRD is also pleased to announce the addition of a new Sports Academy program - Gymnastics, Cheer and Dance for grades 4 to 9. This program will give students an opportunity to experience all three disciplines and build artistic athletics skills. We are pleased to report that our first year of the Gymnastics, Cheer and Dance program has already filled. To put your child's name on the waitlist, contact the Sports Academy at 780-459-4478.

