

SEPT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS 2021

TO LEARN. TO GROW.
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.

PRESENTATION

Coulee Collegiate School

Coulee Collegiate was established in the 2020-2021 school year through a partnership between Medicine Hat Public School Division, Prairie Rose School Division, and Medicine Hat College (MHC). Offering a blend of a high school and college type environment, the programs are geared towards students who are looking to upgrade, complete a missing course, graduate or attend school in a non traditional classroom.



Students can take high school classes in two different ways, through distance learning and timetabled classes with instructors. Coulee Collegiate courses are unique because students are not required to take diploma exams for grade 12 courses.

In the first year of operations, amidst the many challenges of COVID-19, the team focused on building relationships. They made it a priority to create connections with students and support their academics, all while nurturing the relationship with MHC to give strength to the long term partnership. Coulee Collegiate respects diversity, values people and remains committed to equality, enabling students to take ownership of their learning, while displaying integrity, honesty, and accountability. Every individual comes with unique needs and abilities. Coulee Collegiate removes barriers and builds the school around the student, giving every student a chance.



CORRESPONDENCE

1. Response from Education Minister

(May 19) The Board sent a letter to Minister LaGrange petitioning her to reconsider the new k-6 draft curriculum and request that the current curriculum remain in effect until a new curriculum is developed. The following response was received:

• **July 26, 2021 - Minister LaGrange: Draft k-6 Curriculum**

2. Response from Health Minister

(April 28) The Board sent a letter to Premier Kenney and Minister Shandro requesting that all school staff be placed on a priority list to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. The following response was received:

• **July 14, 2021 - Minister Shandro: Prioritize School Staff for COVID-19 Vaccinations**

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT 11 Thanksgiving Day **no school for students**

OCT 18 Professional development day **no school for students**

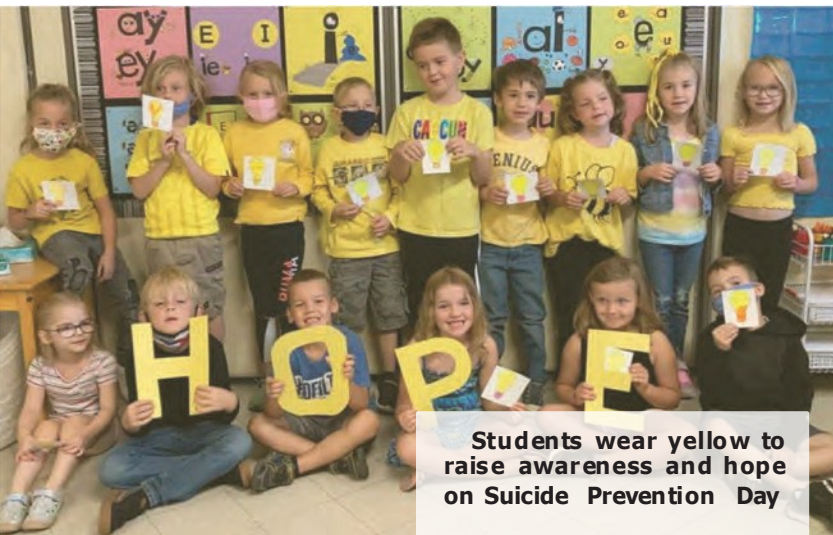
RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Long Service Awards

Congratulations to Catherine Wilson and Carolyn Freeman for being awarded the Public-School Boards' Association of Alberta's Long Service Award. Both are honoured with eight years of service as a Public School Trustee.

Youth in Philanthropy

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta sent a letter of recognition for teachers Heather McCaig with Crescent Heights High School and Sue Withers with Medicine Hat High School for their leadership and guidance to students who were involved in the Youth in Philanthropy program. Congratulations to Heather and Sue!



Students wear yellow to raise awareness and hope on Suicide Prevention Day



Proud to honour the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada

TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

FIVE UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. Provide **optimal learning environments** to all learners
2. Approach all people with an **inclusive mindset**
3. Foster a **culture of wellness**
4. Develop **leadership skills** among all members of the school community
5. Determined **focus on First Nations, Métis and Inuit student success**

MHPSD, WHERE KIDS COUNT!

NEXT BOARD MEETING OCT 26, 2021

5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held virtually until further notice.
Contact joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca for a meeting link.

