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## Agenda Item: 10

### Division News

The St. Albert Gazette featured a story on Kindergarten Expos and featured the Nature Kindergarten program at **École Sacré Coeur**. The story can be [found here](#).

**Tree House Playschool**, our partner for 13 years, is expanding its program to even more of our schools starting in September. Currently offering programming at Neil M. Ross, and École Sacré Coeur, Tree House will also spread its magic to Albert Lacombe Elementary and Sports Academy, J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School, and Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School (Morinville) in September.

Julie Bedi, a science and math teacher at **St. Gabriel Education Centre**, was awarded the St. Albert Rotary Teacher of the Month. Julie has worked at St. Gabes for many years and is known for her patience, her willingness to give students second (and 3rd and 4th) chances, her differentiation, and her mentoring of other teachers. She's a wonderful asset to St. Gabes and GSACRD.

**The St. Albert Kindergarten Expo** took place on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> and in Morinville on the 25<sup>th</sup> with record attendance! The first few days of registration being open also showed double the number of new registrants compared to this time last year!

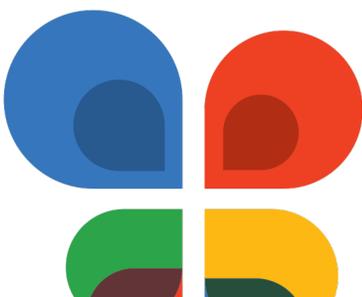
We are so excited to announce that next year **Neil M. Ross** will be offering Nature Kindergarten for the 2024/25 school year!

### School News

Way to go **St. Gabriel Education Centre** graduate Maggie Slessor who recently qualified for Canada's Paralympic Team in para-wheelchair events!

Congratulations to Mason Clayton from **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** who was drafted to X-Men Football with STFX Athletics!

The FAJA Cup at **École Sacré Coeur** is in full swing! Week 2 began today with more WHL (K-Grade 2) games during little recess and our NHL (Grade 3-4) during lunch recess. It has been so fun to see how involved the students are getting! The gym has been filled with deafening cheers! Best of all, our PANTHERS are learning how to win with humility & and lose with grace. Best of luck to all teams this week!



Congratulations to both senior basketball teams from **Vincent J. Maloney** for bringing home gold at the SAPEC tournament last weekend!

Congratulations to the **Richard S. Fowler Junior Girls** basketball team for placing third at the Woodhaven Junior Gems Tournament. Congratulations to two grade 7 students from **Richard S. Fowler**, who competed in their first wrestling tournament, both bringing home medals!

**Richard S. Fowler** School was thrilled to receive \$1300 towards the purchase of a new 3D printer. This allows the school to provide innovative programming and to teach students technical skills that will help prepare them well for high school and their future careers.

After listening to the Christmas band concert performance, a grandmother of a **Fowler Falcon** donated to the program which allowed us to purchase three new euphoniums and an alto saxophone. This makes a huge difference for the program and we are very blessed to have Ryan Herbold as our school band teacher, promoting a passion for music.

Slapshot adventure! Grade 4 and 5 students from **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy** traded textbooks for hockey pucks in an unforgettable field trip to the John Reid Memorial Tournament!

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the ASAA Unified Virtual Bean Bag Toss Challenge. Overall, there were 9 Schools, 59 teams, and 7 zones with an overall point total of 1,861. The total points scored for **Morinville Community High School** was 277 points. We would like to thank all of the athletes and partners for doing such a great job! Thank you to Mrs. Bulger and Ms. Wiley for helping us make this event a success!

Junior High Titans from **Legal School** who played hockey this week, went to watch the 'AAA' hockey at the John Reid Tournament at Servus Place today what a great outing for our students!

**St. Gabriel Education Centre** was awarded a GSACS grant of \$2500.00. The money will be used in our new site to create a student wellness hub for our students. We want to create a warm, inviting environment where students can socialize, have a snack, and take a break. We've also applied for a grant from the United Way who provide free period products for schools. We are set for many years to come!

**St. Gabriel Education Centre** also joined with St. Albert Parish's CWL to collect warm clothing for the people that Sacred Heart Church of the First People's serves in downtown Edmonton. Together we collected and sorted 103 scarves, 229 toques, 92 mittens/gloves, 9 head warmers, 42 underwear, 6 sweaters/hoodies, 6 coats, 4 blankets and 390 pairs of socks!

## **CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS**

The following Consent and Action items were approved:

- Policy 11: Delegation of Authority
- Policy 19: Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities Within Division Events
- Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Revision
- Division Services Centre Exterior Windows and Doors
- Policy 7: Board Operations

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Status of School Results Review
- Inclusive Education Programming Report
- 2023-2024 Fee Waiver Report
- Transportation Services Report
- Infrastructure/Capital Maintenance & Renewal (IMR/CMR)
- Plant Operations & Maintenance (PO&M)
- Quarter 1 Financial Statement
- Partnership with Tree House Playschool

## **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Board Organization meeting is scheduled to take place on February 26, 2024, at 2:00 pm