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Administrator's Message...

Last month I described a project I am undertaking, which is finding out what our last ten years of alumni are doing in terms of education and the work force, and celebrating their many accomplishments in the newsletter and on the school bulletin board (see the 'Where are They Now?' locations in each). I also had hoped to have data from all ten years in terms of post-secondary participation, but as I get further back, the contact information is sometimes harder to come by and it is taking longer than I had anticipated. The data I will report below is from the past **seven** years, which includes 45 graduates.

University	College/Polytech (including apprenticeship program)	Direct Entry into Workforce
17/45	15/45	13/45
37.8%	33.3%	28.9%

This indicates that over 70% of our graduates of the past seven years have chosen to pursue education at a higher level. I plan to have the full ten year numbers in the May newsletter.

On a separate topic, April 25th is our annual meeting of the school community council as well as the election of officers. While we have two individuals up for re-election, we would celebrate the opportunity to once again amend our constitution to include more members than our current five elected bodies. We meet once a month and play a vital role in the realization of school goals and other initiatives. If you would like more information on what being on the SCC means, or wish to pick up a nomination form, please contact the school. Everyone is welcome at this annual meeting, even if there is no interest in joining the group.

I would like to thank our parent community once again for the tremendous support and engagement at our second set of student-led conferences. Great things happen when home and school work together to support student learning!

~ Mrs. Jackie Goby

School Community Council Annual General Meeting and Elections

A general meeting for the purpose of presenting an annual report and to hold elections for the SCC of Rouleau School will be held on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 pm at the school.

Please contact Shirley Standidge at 306.776.2332 or standidge.shirley@prairiesouth.ca for more details.

Important Dates

April 15—Grade 9
to 12 Report Cards
/ Jump Rope for
Heart Kickoff 3:00

April 18—Early dis-
missal @ 2:30

April 20—Rebel
Day

April 25—SCC
Elections/Meeting
@ 7:00 pm

May 11—Jump
Rope for Heart,
12:45—2:20

May 13—Talent
Show, 2:00-3:30

May 16 to 31—
Swimming Lessons

May 16—Early dis-
missal @ 2:30

May 19—Track &
Field—Moose Jaw

May 20 & 23—No
Classes

May 25—Rebel
Day/Track & Field

May 28—Grad 2016

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten students were busy during the month of March. They enjoyed preparing portfolios which were shared with their parents at the student led conferences on March 15. The parents also had the opportunity to watch a short video highlighting their child's strengths and goals. Other activities in March included going on a town walk as a reward for earning 100 points on their good choices chart, skating with their classmates at the rink, and completing a number scavenger hunt at the school.

In English Language Arts, the students have been predicting, making connections to background knowledge, and sequencing events when listening to a variety of stories and poems about bears. In Math, they have been using balance scales to compare the mass of objects. The Kindergarten students have also been copying and creating patterns by using actions, sounds, blocks, beads and other objects. Staying healthy by using good habits has been the focus in Health. Areas covered included proper handwashing, eating nutritious foods, exercising regularly, getting plenty of sleep, and covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing. In Science, the students experimented with magnets and amazed their parents by showing how the force of the magnet was able to move a paperclip through several books. The Kindergarten class has been learning about decision making in Social Studies. They have brainstormed ideas, discussed the options, and then voted to make decisions on various topics.

Living things in the environment will be the focus in the Kindergarten classroom during the next few months. Students will learn about the characteristics of living things and they will also explore how plants and animals grow and change. It will be exciting for the students to observe the stages of a butterfly's life cycle in our classroom and then to have the opportunity to release the Painted Lady butterflies on our playground.



~ Mrs. Chernick

Bus Safety

Things to remember about safety in the school zone:

- Do NOT park in the bus zone, including across the street, during the hours of 8-9 am and 3-4 pm. It makes it dangerous for children trying to cross the street to get to/from school.
 - The speed limit is 30 km/h.
 - **Do NOT park across the crosswalk at any time!** You may pull in to the "bus area" if you are dropping off a lunch, etc. If you are parked across the crosswalk, it makes it difficult for the patrollers to do their job and for the students who are crossing to do so safely.
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SCC

The following is an excerpt from the “Orientation Guide for School Community Councils”:

SCC Responsibilities

An SCC is accountable to its community. The responsibilities of the Council include:

- Understanding their community;
- Supporting parent and community involvement in the school;
- Advising the Board and school as outlined in the Board of Education School Community Council Policy;
- Working with the School to develop, support and provide advice to support Learning Improvement Plans;
- Helping parents find ways to support their child’s learning;
- Reviewing extra-curricular school activities approved by the principal;
- Providing advice regarding fundraising activities in the school; and
- Reviewing student fees to ensure alignment with Board of Education directions.

Our next meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting on April 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Please feel free to talk to any one of our members to get a feel for what we do. ~ Marla Gellvear, Chairperson

Badminton

The Rebels are excited and looking forward to the last half of the badminton season. Our team consists of 22 players in both Senior and Bantam. The Senior team includes: Tiernan, Hunter, Andrew, Jade, Brant and Tyler. The Bantam players involved are: Cole, Kennedy, Sydney, Rylan, Nelliah, Ethan, Jireh, Brady, Will, Carson, Tyrell, Avery, Madison, Kendra, Danielle and Raea. Later this month both teams will travel to Caronport to compete in Section playoffs and then to Districts for those who advance. Good luck, Rebels! ~ Mrs. Armstrong & Ms. Welms



We All Belong! - Student Presentation/Parent Night

On April 18th, four members of our Division’s Learning Support Team will be facilitating an afternoon presentation to our grade 5 – 12 students. Students will work, in groups, through five stations, all targeting a separate aspect of recognizing and respecting diversity. Sessions titles are: *Belonging, Diversity, Teamwork, Impact, and Respecting Each Other.*

That same evening, at 6:30 p.m., parents are invited to participate in the same sessions. While the activities are targeted at grade 5 – 12 students, we encourage parents of all ages to attend. This will provide the opportunity for open dialogue both inside and outside of school about respecting individual differences. Please mark the date on your calendars; there will be another reminder with more detailed information as the date gets closer.

Where Are They Now?

Steven Chernick, Rouleau School, Class of 2013

Since graduation I took the Wind Turbine course in Lethbridge. It was the wind turbine course in Lethbridge. After I took that course I could challenge the first year electrical test and I passed it. I have worked on the University of Regina residence and now am currently working at the stadium. I am now a level 2 electrician.

Justine Hall, Rouleau School, Class of 2013

I am in my third year of the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science Nursing program. Throughout my three years, I have completed rotations at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, an Orthopedic/Surgery Unit, an Inpatient Medicine Unit, the Mother Baby Unit, and two community placements for my mental health and pediatric rotations. During my mental health rotation, we worked on implementing an exercise program for the residents. My most recent rotation was in a community school where I worked with medically fragile children and gave presentations on health-related topics. My final rotation of third year is on the Oncology Unit, which I am really looking forward to. In my first year I was on the Dean's List for an average above 85%. As a full time student, I have continued to maintain an average above 80%, as well as working part time as a sales associate at Urban Barn.

Maple Baxter, Rouleau School, Class of 2012

The first year after graduation I moved to Regina and lived near the University, studying International Development. I have continued working at Coda Clothing and Shoes and in my second year I took the winter semester off of work and school and went to New Zealand and Australia for a month and a half. I returned to the University in the fall and enrolled in the Economics and Business program in the Arts Department. I do yoga at Bodhi Tree and I spin at Wheelhouse Cycle Club. I still work at Coda twice a week, and now I am in charge of training staff on the many brands that we carry, as well as my usual sales duties. Last semester I did some volunteering at Carmichael Outreach, and recently participated in the *5 Days For The Homeless* fundraiser for them, as well. I'm hoping to do a semester abroad in the winter of 2017 and then graduate from university that fall!

Joel Gellvear, Rouleau School, Class of 2013

I have had a good three years since leaving high school. I have been playing hockey in Wichita, Kansas for the Wichita Junior Thunder the last two seasons and this year I am Captain. I am currently taking one online psychology class to get a start on my prerequisites for eventually getting into the dental hygiene program. Next year I hope to either go play pro hockey in Europe or Asia or work or attend school in BC.

Lee Farrer, Rouleau School, Class of 2014

I am currently in my second year of Business Administration at the University of Saskatchewan. Last fall I had the opportunity of being VP Logistics for the World Mining Competition, a four-day multidisciplinary case competition that brings together teams from across the world to solve a mining strategy case. I met people from all across Canada and the world and it was an amazing experience! I was also a homeless participant for *5 Days for the Homeless Saskatoon*, a campaign that ran from March 13 – 18 to raise awareness about youth homelessness and fundraise for EGADZ, a youth support center in Saskatoon. Academically, I am on the Dean's Honour Roll and have chosen Accounting as my major. I have been accepted into the co-op program and will be working for an eight month term next year.
