



# Raider News

(Prairie River Junior High School)

## Principal's Message

Greetings Raider Families

I simply can't wait until the end of June to reflect on the incredible growth and progress that our students, staff and school have made over the course of the year. Having said this, there is still work to be done - May and June are filled with the wrapping up of units and year end assessments. I know that this is a time that anxiety creeps into the minds of many of our students, but I cannot stress enough that all we ask of students is to "do your best." **Students are measured only against their earlier selves, not anyone else.** As teachers, our eyes are firmly set on "growth" as the most important measure of student success.

One of the most powerful "take aways" for me this year has been the spectacular ways that a growing number of Prairie River students are stepping up to lead, as well as the overall willingness of students to try new experiences. "Community Helpers" visited Elders, planned school dances, and unofficially adopted animals from our local Big Lakes County Animal Care Facility. Our PRS Band played a short concert, again for our wonderful Elders.

In April, we had three brave students take part in the Ross Sheppard Totem Torus Math Competition, competing against the top student math minds in the province! Our three boys had a great experience and they learned a lot that they have pledged to put to good use for next year's competition.

Next, we had a huge interest in the Trades as students filled all of the spots in the "Trades Exploration Day" at our own High Prairie Campus of Northern Lakes College. We had three Trades represented this year: Welding, Carpentry, and Culinary Arts. Our students distinguished themselves, as the Tradesmen and Tradeswoman had high praise for the skills demonstrated by our students.

Finally, we had (for the first time ever) two students compete in the Culinary Arts Competition at Skills Canada Alberta Provincials. Accompanying our two Culinary Arts competitors were a number of our girls who attended the GETT Conference (Girls Exploring Trades and Technology) at the same Skills Canada event. Our students took the opportunity to speak with mentor Journeywomen and get some great advice for a possible career in the Trades.

I look forward to a strong finish to the school year for every student. Please come to school everyday and try your best - life works best when you put in a big effort!

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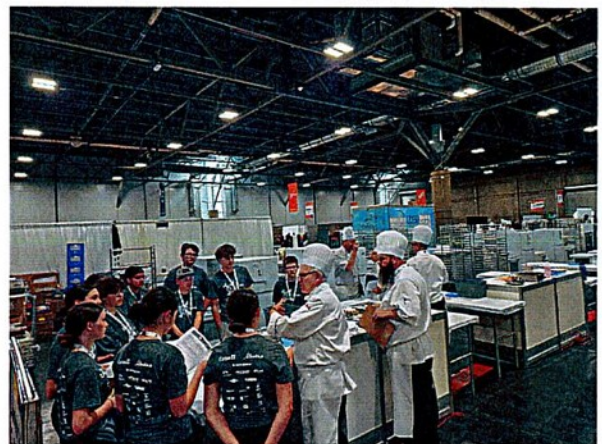
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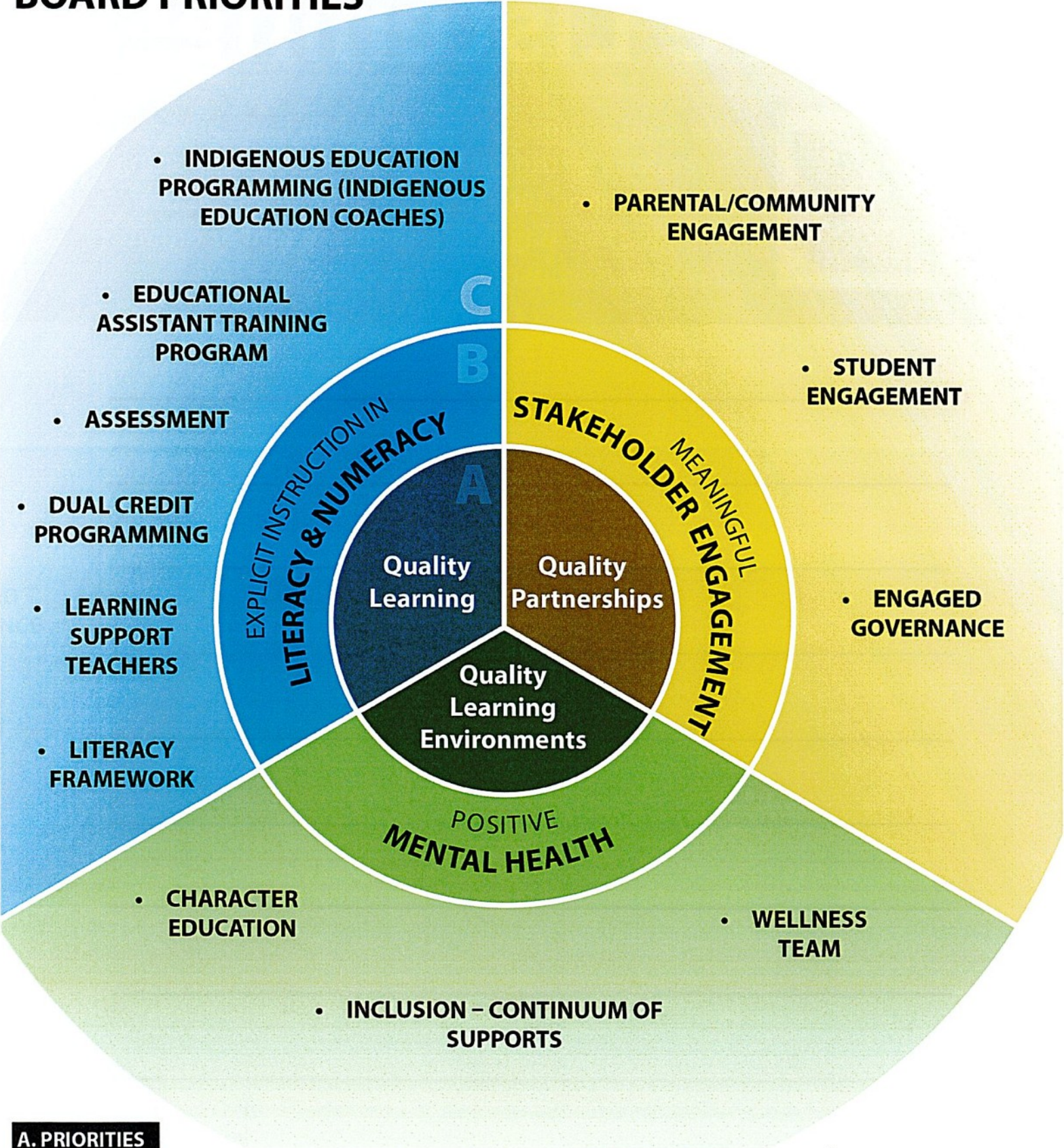
# Upcoming Events and School Information

- May 23rd, 24th & 25th - Camp YOWOCHAS!
- May 27th - Tentative "Grade 6 Hallway Transition" visit
- May 29th - Quad School (PVO/EWP/HPE & PRS) Block Party
- June 6th - Tentative Track and Field (Afternoon)
- June 16th - Lake Day/Feeder School Transition Day
- June 16th - June 20th - Locker Cleanout Week!
- June 20th Indigenous Peoples Day (recognized early due to the actual Saturday, June 21st date)
- June 25th - Last Day For Students/Report Cards Go Home





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# We're Listening!



We want to hear from you! If you have any questions or thoughts about what's happening at the school, please write them down below and give this page back to the school or email us at [news@hpsd.ca](mailto:news@hpsd.ca). Thank you!

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