



Raider News

(Prairie River Junior High School)

Principal's Message

The 2025/2026 School Year Draws to a close!

Although this school year had its share of adversity, students and staff still succeeded in making a great deal of progress. For those parents/guardians who trusted us enough to partner with us as issues arose, we made some truly wonderful progress. We strive to acknowledge mistakes that we make, and to correct practices that need to be changed. Working together, parent/guardians and staff are better able to support students to help them become all that they can be.

Staff very much enjoy watching students mature from their often awkward and uncertain beginnings in Grade 7, to their "figuring it out" Grade 8 year, to their "get ready for high school" Grade 9 year. On June 18th we will be hosting our June Assembly and Grade 9 Farewell. This is a bittersweet time for staff, as we have invested three years of our time, effort, and care into the Grade 9 students who are on the verge of becoming high school students. We wish each student the very best, and look forward to celebrating continued growth, achievement and accomplishments in the coming years.

As this year's Grade 9 students begin their high school adventure, we will welcome a new senior class, as well as a new group of Grade 7 students. Grade 7 is the first year that we bring together students from diverse backgrounds: Settlements, Reserves, Town and Farm students - all come together to make Prairie River a diverse and dynamic place to be. Each year we have an amazing group of students who spend the year working on the "Three R's," (Resilience, Responsible, Respectful), while demonstrating inspiring levels of ability in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts. I feel blessed for every year that I get to come back to Prairie River to work with such a special group of students, staff and families - there is simply no other place where I would rather be. May everyone have a wonderful Summer, filled with fun, family, and memorable experiences!

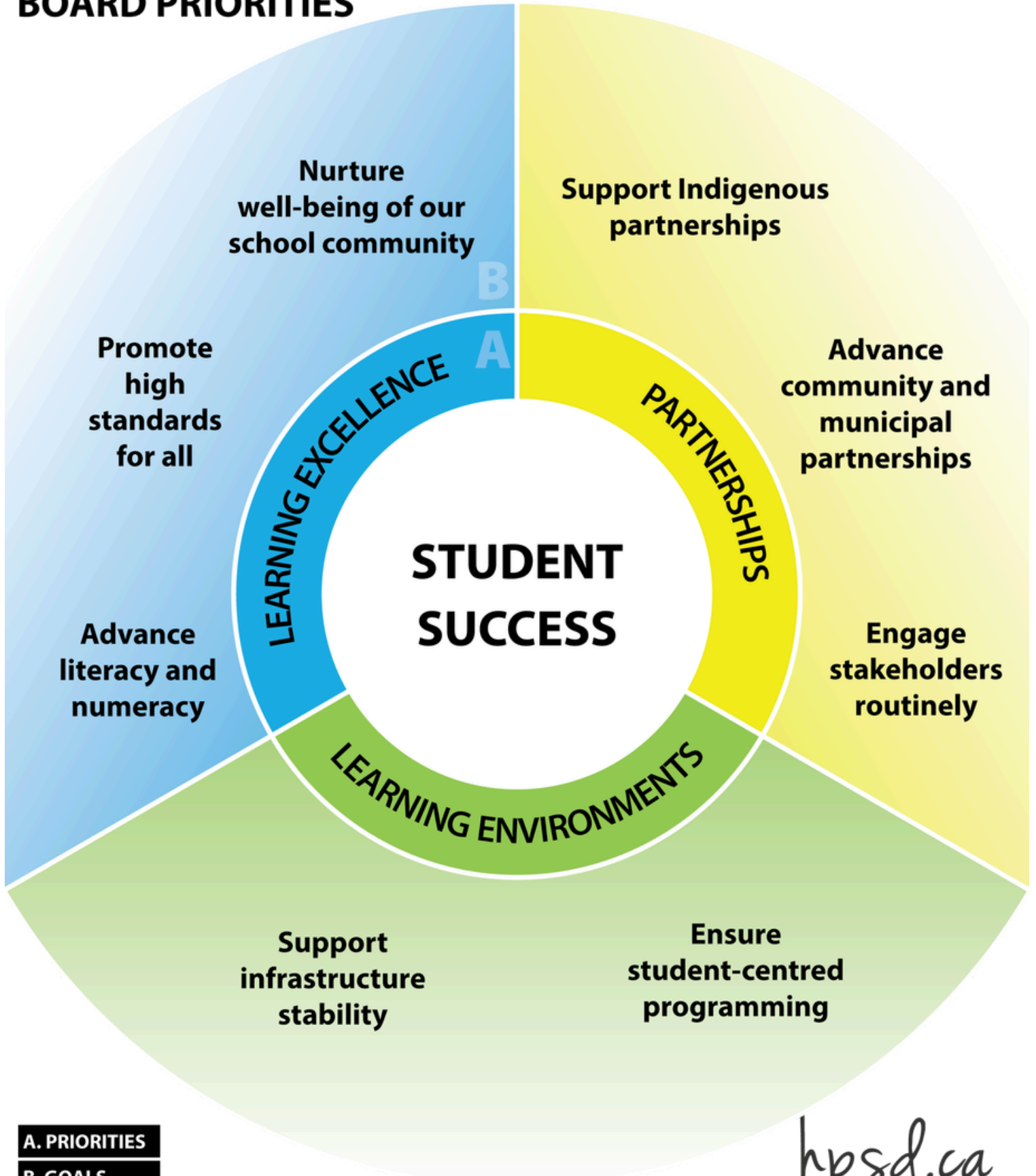
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Skills Canada Provincials Edmonton, May 6th & 7th Grades 7 -9



27 Grade 7 -9 students attended Skills Canada Provincials on May 7th, 2026. Skills Canada Provincials is a massive Trades Showcase, and includes dozens of “Try A Trade Stations” where students experienced hands-on activities related to a wide variety of Trade.

At Prairie River, we are proud to promote an incredible diversity of opportunities for students to consider as they move toward high school and beyond. Experiences like these help students discover new interests, build confidence, and explore exciting possibilities for their futures in the skilled Trades and Technologies.



Grade 9 Vancouver/Vancouver Island Adventure 2026

2026 marks the first year of an annual May adventure for Grade 9 students. In past years the “Skills Canada Provincials” (Edmonton) trip was considered the Grade 9 year end experience. The Skills Canada trip has now become a Gr 7 - 9 experience, and Grade 9 students will have an opportunity of a lifetime to experience the West coast, a very different bit of geography than the one students are accustomed to.



Upcoming Events and School Information



- June 4th: PRS Block Party and Incoming Gr.7 Family Welcome
- June 5th: PRS Wellness Day; PRS Track & Field (PM); Incoming Gr. 7 Student Orientation
- June 12th: Gr. 8 Hilliard's Bay Science Exploration
- June 18th: June Assembly and Gr. 9 Farewell
- June 19th: National Indigenous Peoples Day (observed)
- June 24th: Last day for students!

PAT Dates (Gr. 9 students):

- May 21st (Language Arts, Part A)
- June 9th (Language Arts, Part B)
- June 16th (Math, Part A)
- June 19th (Math, Part B)
- June 22nd (Social Studies)
- June 23rd (Science)

