

Area 3 Schools

Athabasca Delta  
Community  
Fort McKay  
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Bill Woodward  
Father R. Perin  
Conklin  
Elizabeth  
JF Dion

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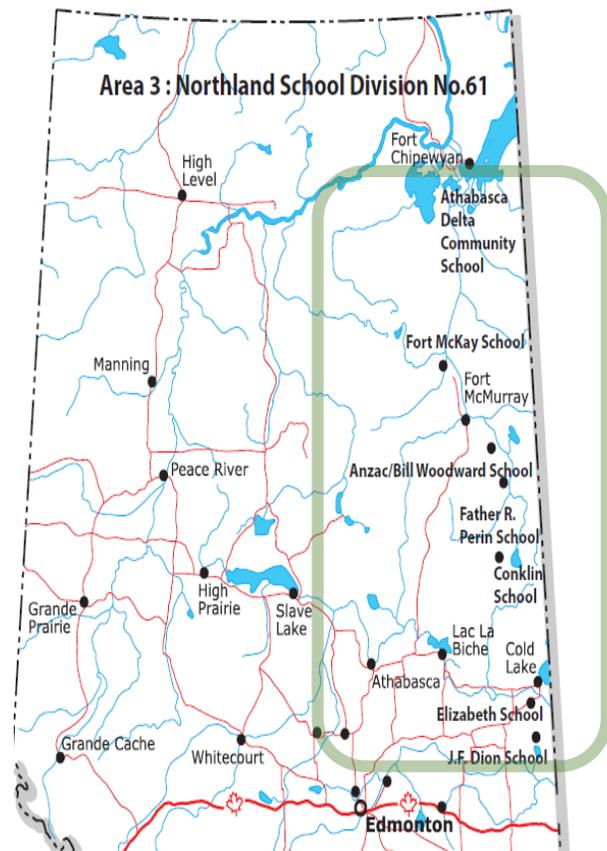


## Area 3 Associate Superintendent's Report to Board



### Priority Initiatives in Area 3

- Professional Learning
- School Updates



## Area 3 Numeracy Professional Learning

Professional Learning involved all Area 3 schools coming together in October. The focus of professional learning was numeracy. It included presentations, working with tools for teaching math, and grade-level collaboration. Five out of six presenters presented their information virtually. The event ended with each school developing a plan for their next steps in the development of numeracy.

Teachers had the opportunity to share and network with colleagues who taught the same grade level(s). In this time they shared ideas, strategies, best practices, and resources. The request to collaborate with other teachers has been a number one request from teachers in Area 3.

### Extending Teacher Collaboration

The collaborative forum is being continued through virtual meetings. The rationale behind this collaborative forum is to let teachers know, there are a number of people and resources available throughout the division for everyone to tap into. The networking is intended for all teachers in Northland School Division. Each Wednesday after school a virtual meeting will be held. The goal for teacher networking is confident, collegial, and happy teachers, who feel a network of support, across the division.

### School Highlights

#### Elizabeth School

Elizabeth School had a great start to the school year.

- The school participated in a fantastic land-based learning day focused on climate change. This event was created by the Elizabeth Settlement and Metis Settlements General Council.
- The school held a pirate-themed carnival as a parent engagement night.
- They have been focusing on improving attendance and creating meaningful learning opportunities. These activities included a grade 2 field trip to share their Metis culture with the Happy House daycare in Cold Lake, followed by an exciting day learning about helicopters.
- The schools WE Club attended WE DAY in Edmonton.
- The school hosted a very memorable Remembrance Day ceremony.



## Anzac and Bill Woodward Schools

Bill Woodward has a record number of teams playing interscholastic sports, one of the highlights was a tournament win for Senior Girls Volleyball Team.



Outdoor cooking is a popular option for BWS students.



November 26th- Community Engagement Dinner and Parent/Teacher interviews.

## JF Dion

- JF Dion hosted a community engagement S'more night. This was their first fire in the new fire pit designed to support the school's land-based learning.
- The school completed an art project honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Also, the school held a community walk in memory of Chanie Wenjack, a student who died running away from a Residential School on his way to his home to be with his parents.
- The school held a Remembrance Day Ceremony that involved Veterans from the Bonnyville Legion, and representatives from the Royal Canadian Air Force.



## Conklin School

- Conklin School participated in HITEK sports camp in October. The camp was for grades 4 - 12.
- Also, the school participated in a Skills Canada Career and Technology Studies day held in Fort McMurray. CAREERS: The Next Generation event assists students with career awareness, exploration and to experience opportunities that are available to them.



## Father R Perin School

- The school provides many opportunities for mentoring initiatives. Big Brothers-Sisters is planning the start of the mentoring program in late November-Early December. Students in grades 7, 8, & 9 will continue to visit their mentors at Conoco Phillips. The focus will be on doing hands-on activities with career focus. Girls Inc. of Northern Alberta successfully started a pilot program with girls in grades 4, 5, & 6.
- Many School events have taken place, including the Orange Shirt Day, Syncrude Evergreen Theatre Musical, Stephen Lee climate change activist presentation and Earth Rangers.



## Athabasca Delta Community School

- ADCS initiated a focus on redesigning the high school program. The goal is to find ways to increase the engagement of students, improve attendance and improve high school completion.
- Remembrance Day was celebrated at the school.
- Coffee tea time with the Principal is starting on Friday, November 22.
- Students have been working hard on increasing their attendance. Some of the award winners are shown below.



## Fort McKay School

Students at Fort McKay have been busy with many things. The year started with a visit from the Minister of Education, Minister of Indigenous Relations, and the Board Chair and Vice-Chair.



There were several presentations, including one on fire safety, Earth Rangers, one lucky student won a ride in a helicopter.

