

SAFETY FIRST!



Don't learn safety by accident

November 2017

Rainy River District School Board

Safety Talk—Travis Enge

Well we had a much better month in October. We went from 4 Medical Aids (MA) in September to 2. Not perfect, but a much better month. One of the incidents was from a cut finger while using a paper cutter with a guard. This highlights the fact that even with protective devices in place, we can still receive an injury. It is very important to maintain focus with all the tasks we do. On a more positive note, we have not had any Lost Time (LT) injuries so far this school year. By this time last year, we had 2 LT injuries. At the end of October last year, we had 6 recordable (LT+MA) incidents compared to 7 this year. So we are showing a very small improvement. Keep up the good work!

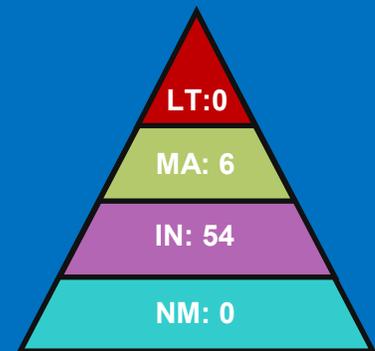
As of the writing of this newsletter, we are injury free for the month of November. Keep it up and as Eddie Floyd would say, "Knock on Wood."

This time of year with the freeze/thaw weather patterns, we are at the greatest risk for slipping on ice outside. Please be aware of walking surfaces and put on appropriate footwear to give you your best chance of staying on your feet.

We also had more Caught Working Safely entries this month—especially from Atikokan. Please keep safety at the forefront and nominate your coworkers when you see them taking safety precautions.

Board statistics

There have been 60 reported incidents this year as of Oct. 31, resulting in:



WALK SAFE THIS WINTER

BE CAREFUL WALKING ON SNOW AND ICE

- Approach walking surfaces with caution.
- Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles.
- Take short steps
- Wear appropriate footwear.
- Walk flat-footed with your feet slightly pointed out.
- Keep your hands free.
- Watch where you are stepping and go slowly.

If you have a story regarding safety within the Board that you would like to share, please let us know. It could be something you learned or noticed, something that could be done better, or recognizing someone who is always a role model when it comes to safety.
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CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

Atikokan High School
and
Mine Centre School

were the top two Rainy River District School Board facilities in the Northwestern Health Unit's 5th Annual Workplace Wellness Challenge in October. Both schools earned over 300 points.

A total of eight RRDSB facilities took part in the Challenge. Sturgeon Creek, Rainy River High, Nestor Falls, and Mine Centre Schools were community winners. All participants should be commended for putting a focus on healthy living!

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
INCIDENT/ACCIDENT SUMMARY



Current Year - September 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017

Severity					Total	Incident Type						
LT	MA	IN	NM	STF		SBA	SBC	MS	CA	VI	OTHER	
-	6	54	-	60	5	-	2	3	47	-	3	
Severity	LT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	MA	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	
	IN	4	-	1	1	45	-	-	-	-	3	
	NM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Last Years Comparison - September 1, 2016 - October 31, 2016

Severity					Total	Incident Type						
LT	MA	IN	NM	STF		SBA	SBC	MS	CA	VI	OTHER	
2	5	20	2	29	10	2	1	4	11	-	1	
Severity	LT	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	MA	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	IN	6	2	-	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	
	NM	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	

LT	Lost Time - Time missed after day of injury.
MA	Medical Aid - Visit to hospital.
IN	Incident - First aid required or physical contact.
NM	Near Miss - No physical contact but close call.

STF	Slip, Trip, Fall
SBA	Struck By, Struck Against
SBC	Shock, Burn, Cut
MS	Musculoskeletal
CA	Child Aggression
VI	Violent Incident
OTHER	Allergic Reaction, Other

Please report any Board employees that you

CAUGHT WORKING



Caught Working Safely in October were:

Ann Anderson (Ed Centre), Nikki Armstrong (Ed Centre), Martha Duquette (NSCS), Dawn Fraser (NSCS), Lee-Anne Hines (SCAP), Pam King (Ed Centre), Melissa Miller (NSCS), Joshua Pawluk (SCAP), Tammy Simard (NSCS), Nancy Taggart (Ed Centre), Wendy Tilbury (Ed Centre), and Sandra Ward (Ed Centre).

Sandra Ward and Tammy Simard were the winners of the draw for a hoodie or duffle bag, while the other nominees and their nominators received a smaller prize.

Congratulations to these staff members for working safely.

To nominate someone you "Caught Working Safely," send an email to Heather Latter providing:

- the name of the person you caught working safely
- what they were doing that prompted you to send in an email
- what you said to them to thank them
- your name

You can send in as many as you like for multiple people. And a person can also receive more than one "Caught You Working Safely."

We will be doing several draws to give away some RRDSB swag based on the entries.

"Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream."

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