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## *Education Week*

The theme for Education Week (May 4-8) this year is, “Achieving Excellence: Moving Forward in Math”.



## RAINY RIVER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Education Week – May 4-8, 2015*

**Education Week** is an annual event celebrated by school boards and schools across the province recognizing student achievement and teaching excellence that occur in our schools every day. The theme for Education Week this year is, ***Achieving Excellence: Moving Forward in Math***. In addition to the focus on mathematics, the Rainy River District School Board schools will also celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week with the events planned at District schools to highlight the importance of mental health awareness for students, their families, and staff. Some activities planned to focus on this important aspect of well-being include:

- use of morning announcements to send messages of positivity;
- classroom readings, focusing on books with themes of resilience, positivity, health, feeling good, and overall well-being;
- school wide activities to demonstrate “bouncing back together” such as at Mine Centre School where students will be building a milk carton fortress and writing positive messages on the cartons, to demonstrate that we are stronger together;
- a mental health and wellness forum at Fort Frances High School with tables setup and staffed by community partners from various organizations;
- other activities across schools such as practicing relaxation techniques, bucket filling, creating a “what I do to feel good” wall.

Several schools will be viewing "Change the View" video contest winner and the top 10 entries which will be released during the week by Children’s Mental Health Ontario. Three entries were submitted by students at Fort Frances High School.

The following are events planned at schools of the Rainy River District School Board to celebrate Education Week:

### **Atikokan High School**

- May 4 – Courage to Care assembly, Yoga with Tammy Stemmler\*
- May 6 – Grade 7 and 8 badminton tournament
- May 7 – Shelter of Hope lunch\*
- May 8 – Grayson Hall gym activities\*

### **Rainy River High School**

- May 4-5 – Wood Flute Workshop
- May 4 and 7 – Dementia walk presentation\*
- Ministry of Natural Resources stewardship presentation
- Support for community cleanup
- May 8 – Mini We Day at Lake of the Woods School in Baudette
- May 9 – Trade show

### **Fort Frances High School**

- May 6 – Mental Health Awareness forum\*
- May 6-9 – Grease musical performance at the Townshend Theatre
- May 6 – Co-op Display Day
- May 8 – Mini We Day with the Grade 11/12 drama class will be performing a play for the visiting Grade 8 students in the morning

- May 8 – Grade 8 Day with students from all feeder schools

### **Crossroads**

- May 5 – School Speech Contest and Jump Rope for Heart
- May 6 – Grade 7/8 Confederation College trip to Thunder Bay
- May 7 – Cultural Activities Day
- May 8 – Early Years Spring Tea

### **Donald Young**

- May 6 – Spring Tea
- May 8 – Jump Rope for Heart

### **J. W. Walker**

- Grades 4-8 “Tell Them from Me” survey completion throughout the week
- May 4 – Strengths/Character Assembly\*, presentation by Mike Ranta, whole-school health and well-being walk/run\*
- May 4 – Mural activity, book fair viewing day, “Peacemaker” performance by Magnus Theatre, Grades 4 to 8 Tell Them From Me survey completion
- May 5 – Pancake breakfast, book fair, Speech contest, Spring Arts Concert featuring Festival Highlights, Grades 7-8 Band Songs, Circus Club acts
- May 6 – Grades 7/8 badminton tournament in Atikokan, bike safety presentation by the OPP
- May 7 & 8 – Confederation College trip (Grade 7)

### **McCrosson-Tovell**

- May 4 – “This is How I Bounce Back” lesson plans\*
- May 5 – school-wide buddy reading
- May 8 – school-wide math games/centers/activities

### **Mine Centre**

- May 4-8 – daily school-wide Mental Health practices (school-wide deep breathing, school-wide high fives, building a wall of resiliency with stress tips, positive chalk messages on the sidewalk)\*
- May 4 – Star Thunderbirds assembly
- May 6 – Leadership Recognition Day, recognizing students who are leaders in the community
- May 7 – all classes will participate in a yoga workshop with Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre\*
- May 7 – Reading Challenge celebration – students have read over 1,500 books since January as part of the Reading Buddy Program
- May 8 - Potato Math Project – Grades 4 and 5 students are preparing and selling baked potatoes with a variety of toppings based on a surveying and data management unit; Grades 7 and 8 students will be having a mini concert to showcase the flutes they are making in the First Nation Métis Inuit Initiative

### **Nestor Falls**

- “Bounce Back” theme throughout the week with student council activities every day\*

### **North Star Community**

- Annual Reading Challenge – students will be reading the week of April 27 to May 3. If they read 5,000 books/chapters during the 7-day challenge, each student will get to throw a water balloon dunked in pudding at the principal on Monday, May 4.
- Students will be completing Métis bead art for a school bulletin board and working on individual art for an upcoming Student Art Auction fundraiser.

### **Riverview**

- May 6 – Town Cleanup, Mental Health Awareness Day
- May 7 – Early Years / Grades 4-5 Buddy Groupings for Lit/Math technology around Harry Potter theme
- May 8 – Jump Rope for Heart at 12:30 p.m.

**Robert Moore**

- May 4 – Jump Rope for Heart
- May 5 – Character Day (Dress like your favorite book or movie character), Magnus Theatre – Peacemaker for Early Years to Grade 6, Speech Contest
- May 6 – Lunch with a Learner
- May 7 – Pancake Breakfast, festival highlights
- May 8 – Grade 8 students visit Fort High

**Sturgeon Creek School**

- “Bounce Back” theme throughout the week with student council activities every day\*
- May 5 – Spring Tea with Shrek musical sneak peek
- Stain glass stepping stone class with Grade 7 and 8 students

**Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program**

- May 6 – Presentation to Secondary Student on Mental Health\*
- May 7 –Speech Contest
- May 8 – Bike Safety (Northwestern Health Unit and Ontario Provincial Police)