

# THE DIVISION DISPATCH

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## FIRST YEAR >

## Division names its Edwin Parr Award nominee for 2021/2022

Lethbridge School Division has its nominee for the annual Edwin Parr Award.

The Lethbridge School Division nominee for the 2022 award is Ashley Zrim, a Grade 1 teacher

at Senator Buchanan Elementary School.

For more information on this year's nominee, please visit the Lethbridge School Division website: [EDWIN PARR](#). ■

## I'M AWAKE! >

## LCI Arts Academy Dance production AWAKENING wows audiences

On March 13-14, LCI Arts Academy Dance took over The Yates Memorial Theatre to present AWAKENING.

The show brought together the transformative power of dance, and signified the joy of coming back to live theatre and young adults doing what they love together again.

Dancers performed ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, modern, tap, house and breaking.

Photos and video can be found here: [LCI](#). ■



## YOUTHFUL >

## Indigenous Youth Rising conference held at Chinook High School

Last month, Chinook High School hosted the Indigenous Youth Rising conference.

The event was planned and attended by the high schools across the Division. Amelle Weasel Fat (Victoria Park Grad Coach), Juliet Toledo (Winston Churchill Grad Coach) and Marley Heavyshield (Chinook Grad Coach) planned the event individually at first but thought it would be a great idea to bring students together in one location.

Learn more here: [IYR CONFERENCE](#). ■

## CAPITAL PLAN >

## Capital Plan drafted for Division

The Three-Year Capital Plan for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025 is an analysis of future school capital needs for Lethbridge School Division to address future enrolment growth and modernizing learning spaces to provide the best spaces for teaching and learning.

To view the plan, please click on this link: [CAPITAL](#). ■

## HONOURED >

## Medal moments at Senator Fairbairn

Back on June 19, 2019, the Senator Joyce Fairbairn Medals of Honour were handed out for the very first time ever.

What was intended to become an annual tradition was postponed by a global pandemic.

But last Friday, the school community was finally able to gather again, as 11 people were recognized with Fairbairn's highest honour.

Visit our website for more details: [FAIRBAIRN](#). ■



## LOOPED IN >

## MHCB Wellness Team newsletter

A link to the April version of The Loop, a newsletter published by the Mental Health Capacity Building Wellness Team, is located here: [THE LOOP](#). ■

## SUPT. MESSAGE >

## Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore

It is hard to believe that we are into the final quarter of the school year!

March was a long month. A long stretch can be challenging, but this year March was punctuated with some excitement and re-imagining of schools with increased opportunities for engagement.

I was fortunate to attend some school performances and events this month and left each time with a warm heart, heightened spirit and smile that stayed with me for hours. It is astonishing how much energy is transferred to spectators when children and youth are fully invested in some activities they have not been able to enjoy for a very long time. Our youth and children are truly fortunate to have the commitment and talent of staff supporting them in their preparation for amazing events.

Our students are navigating a social context that they have not been part of for a while. Our little ones are just learning



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how to interact with others beyond their cohorts, and our older students are redefining mixing with one another in person. There are challenges that lie ahead with supporting our students in developing social skills that contribute to positive, inclusive climates, and strong communities.

It will take some time, but the combination of staff wisdom and student eagerness to be part of something bigger and whole will provide a solid foundation. It is really not about getting back to "normal."

We have the incredible opportunity to harness the energy and guide socialization in new ways. This group of students have been through an experience that is unique, and we can tap into their assets of resilience and desire to share.

There are a few weeks until a much-deserved spring break. Enjoy the warmer weather, opportunity to be outside, and embrace the critical role you play in supporting the healthy development of children and youth. ■

## GATOR GROOVE >



## G.S. Lakie's Unite Performing Arts Showcase hits the stage

G.S. Lakie Middle School's Unite Performing Arts Showcase hit the stage at The Yates last month.

Students performed morning and early-afternoon shows before performances later that evening at 6 and 8 p.m.

Visit our website for photos and a video from the performance: [UNITE](#). ■

## BY THE NUMBERS >

## Building Fact Fluency

The Division has recently received and is working to distribute a Division-wide order of the Building Fact Fluency companion resource, a Toolkit for Multiplication and Division!

The toolkit supports the development of number sense through a variety of tasks that focus on fluency, reasoning and problem solving. This resource is laid out in an accessible way for teachers to teach basic facts through conceptual understanding and mathematical relationships.

It also connects multiplication and division facts to contextual problems, drawing connections between math manipulatives and the real world. This provides entry points for all of the Division's diverse learners.

Thank you to our Numeracy Steering Committees and piloting teachers for their work and resulting recommendations of this additional instructional resource. Another thank you to the Board of Trustees and Executive Council for providing funds to ensure all schools have access to this resource. ■