



## Newsletter | November 2014

### Principal's Message

I wish to begin my comments by thanking our parent volunteers for organizing and supporting what proved to be an amazingly successful Family Hallow'een dance. This annual 'Fun Raiser' brought families, students and staff together. It exemplifies many of the virtues we work to instil in our children...generosity, caring, cooperation, perseverance and flexibility...I wish to thank, in particular, the chief architects of this evening: Tara D and Kim R.

I am presently working on our School Development Plan which is guided by the following "Theory of Action"...

***"If teachers develop capacity in task design and embedded assessment requiring high levels of student agency, then learners' intellectual engagement will be enhanced leading to improved academic achievement."***

I have communicated to parents at School Council meetings this school-wide focus / direction as teaching staff work through the third year of a three year focus on task design at Sundance School. We continue to be reassured that our efforts are being supported by positive data results gathered; data such as our Provincial Achievement Test improvements, our strong Accountability Pillar Survey results together with the positive results from the Tell Them From Me Survey that all grade 3 to 6 students did in the fall and spring of last year. These latter results will be shared at next School Council meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>. I will be holding my first C and C session this year beginning at 6:30 pm.

Preparations for the November Parent Teacher Interviews are well underway. Teachers have been working collaboratively to ensure common understandings of the new report card stems and tying them to the outcomes found in the Programs of Study; we are well-begun as we were "early adopters" of this new report card (piloted last year at Sundance). The November Parent Teacher (PT) Interviews will provide parents with 'outcomes-based' information regarding student progress and a 'glimpse' to possible grades which may appear on the formal report card in January. The November PT Interviews will also afford parents, teachers and students time to work collaboratively in order to influence marks in a positive manner which will be given in January. Please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or call Mr. Pedron should you require further information for clarification.

I look forward to another engaging month and to our collective efforts (Parents / Teachers / Students) as we continue to 'Learn to Soar / Apprendre à s'élever'.

Sincerely,  
G. Pedron

#### Important Dates:

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Grade 5  
Vaccinations  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance  
Day Assembly  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: Non-Instructional  
Day – No School for  
Students  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance  
Day, No School for All  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: Gymnastics  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup>: Sundog Snack  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher  
Interviews, No School for  
Kindergarten  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup>: Parent Teacher  
Interviews, No School for  
All  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup>: Parent Council  
Meeting, 7:00pm Coffee &  
Conversation 6:30pm



**Bully Awareness Week:** Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**THEME:** Stand Up to Bullying

Parents should be aware that we continue to focus on proactive strategies to address bullying at Sundance School. The Voki announcements (available to you in your child's D2L site) are one visible way that we keep this important topic current and relevant. Teachers also address conflict issues directly before they may turn into 'bullying' issues. We will continue to involve parents in situations that arise from time to time which involve their children. When we work together, we can make a positive difference. The trust that parents place in us to address issues in a timely, caring and sensitive manner are always appreciated. We offer each of you some links to sites which help support parents in conversations with their children.

***Recommended sites for you to explore:***

**Kid Power:** Highlights 8 'kid power' skills students can use right away...

<http://www.kidpower.org/library/article/prevent-bullying/?gclid=CNCN0fnDt7oCFQZyQgodm1cAZQ>

This site has a wonderful video attached ('Be More Than a Bystander') as well as a number of excellent resources worth exploring together with your child(ren).

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/respond/be-more-than-a-bystander>

This Alberta, Human Services site speaks directly about Bully Awareness Week in Alberta.

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/abuse-bullying/14842.html>

Found on this site is a direct link to the following:

<http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>



Our most recent data on bullying (from the "Tell Them From Me" survey done twice last year...once in the fall and again in the spring will be shared at next School Council meeting...the voice from all of our grade 3 to 6 students clearly indicates that students feel safe and cared for at school. Bullying is being addressed and students see that.





## Virtue of the Month: Peacefulness/la paix

### What is Peacefulness?

Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm. It comes especially in quiet moments of reflection or gratitude. It is getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. Peacefulness is a way of approaching conflict with others so that no one is made wrong. It is being fair to others and yourself. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. With peacefulness, everyone wins.

### Why Practice Peacefulness?

Practicing peacefulness helps to create a calm mind free from worry. When you are peaceful, you respect others and their differences. People around you feel calm and safe. Without peace, no one is safe. People get hurt. Fighting doesn't solve problems and no one ever really wins a war. With peacefulness, any problem can be solved. Peace in the world begins with peace in your heart.

### How do you Practice Being Peaceful?

To find inner peace, become very still and think peaceful thoughts. Observe and think about your feelings, like anger, instead of acting with anger. To be a peacemaker, use peaceful language, instead of name-calling, yelling or gossiping. Avoid aggressive or violent actions. Talk things out and listen to the other person too. Then look for a peaceful solution. Peacemakers find there are lots of creative ways to solve problems. Violence never solves anything.

### What would Peacefulness Look Like if...

- Your brother bursts into your room and steps on a model or painting you just finished?
- There are students of another race and religion in your class and some of your classmates are making fun of them?
- You start to worry about a problem and find it is on your mind all the time?
- You feel really angry about someone treating you unfairly?
- Some children start to tease you and asking you to fight?
- You decide to start a daily practice of prayer or reflection?

### Signs of Success:

Congratulations! You are practicing Peacefulness when you...

- Create inner peace with a regular time to pray, meditate or reflect
- Use peaceful language even when you are angry
- Speak gently and respectfully
- Avoid harming anyone
- Appreciate differences
- Find peaceful solutions to every problem

### Affirmation

I am peaceful. I use peaceful language and find peaceful solutions to any problem that arises. I find inner peace and let it carry me gently through the day.

### Reflection Questions:

- What can people like you and me do to create peace in the world?
- What gives you a sense of peace?
- When do you find yourself feeling most angry?
- How can you handle your anger peacefully?



- Name three things you can do if you see a fight starting?
- How would things change at home for you if you became the peacemaker?
- How can you become peaceful when you are worried?

**Quotable Quotes:**

“Conflict, when it is not resolved with violence, spurs growth and keeps life interesting”  
*Starhawk*

“Have calm thoughts. Picture calm scenes. Recall calm sounds. And guess what you’ll be feeling”

*Paul Wilson*

“Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves”  
*Carl Jung*

**Coffee and Conversation:****WHAT IS THIS?**

A chance to speak with Mr. Pedron, Principal of Sundance, about things that are important to parents, perhaps things that excite you about what we do OR perhaps questions that you may have. The agenda is generated by you, the parents.

WHEN? November 27th: 6:30 to 7:00 pm prior to School Council meeting.

Watch our newsletters as Mr. Pedron plans to alternate these sessions each month; one prior to school council and the next, during the school day.

**Southland Bus Evacuation Drill**

During the morning of Wednesday, October 22, 2015, a Southland Supervisor was on hand at our school to observe a routine bus evacuation drill with all 5 of our buses. This is part of the bus company's on-going safety and emergency procedures. Monty Slim, Acting Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Ralph, Education Assistant, were also present to observe the drill, which was very successful.

Students dismounted the bus from the back exit; older students assisted younger ones to disembark safely and directed them to line up on the grass beside the bus.

A big “thank you” goes to all our students for their assistance and full cooperation while taking this safety drill seriously.

**Our Wonderful Students...congratulations to:**

(Parents; if your child has done something of note and you would like them recognized, send us a note with his/her name and the accomplishment / details. We will publish their first name and what they have achieved in our next newsletter. Here are some examples (not intended to be inclusive): Passed a significant level in their music / dance lessons; received first place / honorable mention / etc at the Kiwanis Festival / any completion; His / Her team won a championship / tournament in...; Her / His church group awarded her/him...; etc...).

**Influenza Clinics – message from the Sundance School Nurse**

Alberta Health Services will be holding **Influenza Clinics** on the 3rd floor of South Calgary Health Centre starting October 20, 2014.

Monday-Friday 11:00 am-6:45 pm and Saturdays 9:30 am-5:15 pm for the first three weeks.  
Closed on Remembrance Day.

The week of November 17th they will be open Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:45 pm and  
Saturdays 9:30 am-5:15 pm.

Please bring your Alberta Health Care cards. No appointments, walk in. Free of charge to  
all Albertans.

Address: 31 Sunpark Plaza S.E.

Many **doctors' offices and pharmacies** are also providing flu shots.



## Grade 5 Vaccinations

Will take place on Thursday, November 6th

## Library News

I am getting a lot of wet, ruined books returned to the library. Please help by using X-Large  
zip lock bag to protect the library books. Or purchase water bottles that don't leak.

Please ensure your child's library books are returned or renewed on a weekly basis. Class  
schedules are listed below:



Monday: RM 10, RM 11, RM 14, RM 7

Tuesday: RM 17AM, RM 15, RM 1, RM 5, RM 9, RM 16A, RM 16B

Wednesday: RM 20, RM 2, RM 4, RM 8, RM 19A, RM 19B

Thursday: RM 18AM, RM 3, RM 13, RM 12, RM 6, RM 18PM

You can check your child's library account on the CBE website under  
Students> CBE Library> E-Library> Username> Password> Login to the e-library OPAC

Thank you for your assistance!

Mrs. Linda Bratberg

Library Assistant



**This publication has now gone paperless. You can  
read online at:**

<http://www.calgaryschild.com/>

## Important Reminder to Parents about Taking Photos of Students

At the beginning of each year, parents receive a "Media Release" form on which they  
indicate to the school whether they have a right to publish and/or post photos of their child  
for a variety of educational purposes (celebrations of learning, etc). The CBE has an



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Administrative Regulation (AR 1064) which speaks to this right and contains further information that parents should know and understand.

For instance, schools cannot prevent people from taking photographs of anyone in a public place and/or who might attend a public event. However, anyone taking photos / recordings while attending a public event can do so as long as “they comply with the direction of the school principal and school rules”. Further, written consent of the student’s parent is needed if the student in a photo or recording can be identified.

What does this mean for us / for parents?

Parents are free to take photos / recordings of their own children while attending public events at school and/or off site as long as the photos/recordings do not include other parent’s children who can be identified. By doing so, parents are “complying with the direction of the school principal”. As we live in a digital age, this is important for each of us to understand. Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Pedron.



### Lost and Found

**Reminder that all unclaimed articles are donated to charity at the end of each month. Please make sure you check for any lost items.**

From the Office

## School Fees

Thank you to those parents that have paid their child(ren)’s school fees. Receipts are being sent home shortly. Please check in backpacks.

We will soon be sending home reminder letters to those parents with fees still outstanding. Payment can still be made in the Office by debit or credit or you may forward a cheque payable to Sundance School. You may reach Joanne or Tracy in the Office on 403 777 8690 if you have any questions.



## Winter Concert

Date for your diaries.....

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Performances at 1:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:00pm

Please read December newsletter for more information

## Conferences

Parent/student/teacher conference times for Kindergarten – Grade 6 are as follows:

Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 8:00PM

(Kindergarten conferences Thursday, during the day, 8:30am 12:00pm, and the evening 3:30-8:00pm)

Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00AM – 1:00PM

**There will be NO school for all students on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**There will also be no school for Kindergarten students on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.**



We will once again be using the “[SUNDANCE SCHOOL CONFERENCE MANAGER](http://sundance.schoolsoft.ca)” online booking system to schedule parent / teacher conferences. Parents will be able to book their appointments online starting on Saturday, November 15th at 9:00AM. If you are new to the school, or if you have not yet registered for this system, please do so at: <http://sundance.schoolsoft.ca> and follow the step by step instructions.

**You will want to be registered BEFORE the conference booking begins on Saturday, November 15th.** If you have any problems using the website, please call the Office and talk to Jo. We also have a link to the conference manager website on our webpage under the “Parents” page: <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b267/parents.htm>



**Lest We Forget.**

## Remembrance Day Assembly

Parents and family members are invited to join the students and staff at Sundance School in the gym on Friday, November 7 at 10:45am. The assembly is to honour those that served or continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Students and parents are encouraged to bring either a non-perishable food item for the Veteran’s Food Drive and/or a cash donation for the Poppies Fund. Poppies will be distributed to students and guests just prior to the assembly. Students who are part of the Boy Scouts or the Girl Guides of Canada are encouraged to wear their uniforms as a sign of respect for the Canadian Armed Forces. Students are asked to wear red and white.

Our assembly will include the laying of poppy wreaths, the playing of Last Post, students singing songs of hope for a peaceful world, and a play performed by students in grades 3-6 in both programs with narration in both of Canada’s official languages with accompanying movement. The play will use child friendly actions and language to explain how intolerance can lead to fighting and the important role peacekeepers perform help warring groups work towards reconciliation. We hope to see you there!



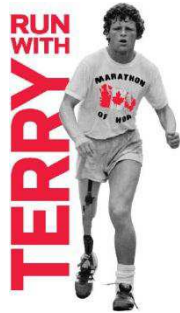
## Grade One French Immersion – Telus Spark

All four grade one French Immersion classes will be headed to the Telus Spark Science Centre on November 6th. This will be an all day trip, so please ensure your child has a lunch if he or she normally walks home during the lunch hour. Students will participate in the program Sensory Wonders, where they will discover the 5 senses and learn how to describe them and the importance of each. This will be an introductory to our unit at school. Students will also have the opportunity to explore the other exhibits in the museum, and have a chance to play on the new Brainasium Park that features a 63 ft. slide!

### Exploring, Creating, Inquiring and Designing at Telus Spark

The grade 1 and 2 students in Rooms 10 and 11 will be travelling to Telus Spark on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Students will become ‘young architects’ and design their own life size structures that they would want to have in their community. This hands-on field trip will be a very engaging experience arousing the curiosity and interest of our young learners.





## Terry Fox Marathon of Hope – Funds Raised in September

The students at Sundance School raised \$700.00 for the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation this year. This is 20% more funds than we collected last year. WAY TO GO SUNDANCE SCHOOL!!!

We would like to thank all the students, family members, and staff that participated and made a donation.

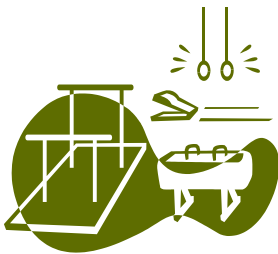


## Coats for Kids Campaign

This year, students are thinking about "Beyond the School". The grade 2 students in Room 3 decided to help organize the winter coat drive to help the less fortunate in Calgary. All classes were invited to bring in winter coats in good condition and we were able to collect 114 items! Well done, Sundance students!

## Gymnastics at Sundance

Begins in November!



We will be beginning our gymnastic unit in our regularly scheduled physical education classes starting on Thurs. November 6<sup>th</sup> and ending Thurs. November 27<sup>th</sup>. To begin this unit, we review safety procedures with each class. Students in elementary school are not expected to change for physical education. When participating in gymnastics we ask students to be dressed and prepared to participate. We ask you to consider the following:

- Clothing that allows freedom of movement (no special uniforms or outfits are required – sweats and a t-shirt work best)
- Loose fitting/baggy clothing may get caught on equipment when climbing
- Tucking shirts in may help to prevent an accident
- All jewellery that could get caught on equipment should be removed (left in classrooms) or left at home (watches, rings, necklaces, etc)
- Students with long hair should have their hair tied back. Tying hair back with elastics (scrunchies) is recommended
- Students may wear shorts under clothing if they wish
- Students continue to wear indoor running shoes (first preference). Students may also participate in bare feet (second choice-not as hygienic) or with dance slippers. Wearing only socks is a slip hazard so once again indoor running shoes are the best bet

Please consult your child's timetable to keep track of when they have in-door physical education. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher. Thank you in advance for your understanding in helping to assist with the safety of our students.



## Sundance Patrol Team

A huge **THANK YOU** and **MERCI** to our wonderful Sundance Patrol Team! It is a massive responsibility to be a Patroller or Lieutenant and it is quite admirable how our students take that responsibility quite seriously!



**News:**

- There are 53 Patroller and Lieutenants this year!
- The little crossing is not being patrolled at lunchtime, only in the mornings and after school
- Recent patroller training on September 16<sup>th</sup>, conducted by CPS (Calgary Police Services)
- All Patrols took the AMA Patroller Test on Monday, October 20, 2014
- All new patrollers and lieutenants shadowed 3 times
- As testing, shadow training, evaluations and Patrol Teams are complete our Teacher Patrol Team will create a new schedule. We anticipate this to be by December.
- All P & L's received a "Patrol Card" from AMA- This card is required for special events

**Looking Ahead:**

Students develop Patrol teams of 4 people based on the following considerations:

- 1 (at least) Lieutenant and 3 Patrollers
- Able to demonstrate responsibility working together
- Common availability for scheduling
- May be part of more than 1 team (Be committed!)

**Patrol Schedule****Morning**

8-8:10	Big Crossing (Sunmills Dr.)	1 lieutenant and 2 patrollers
	Little Crossing (Sunpark)	1 lieutenant and 1 patroller

**Lunch**

11:45- 11:55	Big Crossing (Sunmills Dr.)	1 lieutenant and 2 patrollers
12:30- 12:40	Big Crossing (Sunmills Dr.)	1 lieutenant and 2 patrollers

**After School**

2:55- 3:10	Big Crossing (Sunmills Dr.)	1 lieutenant and 2 patrollers
	Little Crossing (Sunpark)	1 lieutenant and 1 patroller

**Please help to remind students who walk to and from school:**

- \* Always be aware of their surroundings
- \* Be on time when arriving and leaving school
- \* Be respectful to Patrol Team
- \* Follow crossing rules, no running, walk your bike, look all ways while crossing, listen to Patrol commands
- \* Patrol crossing canceled for inclement weather and/or there are not enough patrollers to safely do their duty

Safely yours,

The Student and Teacher Patrol Teams

(Mrs. Warholm-Leman, Ms. Sattin and Mme Lindsey)

## Halloween Dance Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's dance such a success. This event could not have happened without the help of all the parent volunteers - we sincerely thank you.

So many companies within our communities stepped up with donating prizes and food. Thank you to the following: the teachers who donated such fantastic prizes, Walden - Save On Foods, Windsor Rose and Starbucks, A&W - 130th location, Shawnessy Stores - Scholar's Choice, Silver Dollar, Mastermind Toys, Marble Slab, Boston Pizza, Panago Pizza, General Mills, Molson, Oasis Juice, Boulder Brands.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.  
Kim R. and Tara D.

## Sundog Lunch/Snack

Thank you to everyone for a great Sundog Lunch! The students enjoyed the pizza and the great costumes for Costume Day!

Our next event is a SUNDOG snack of **Kernels Popcorn on November 18th**. This snack will be given out at the morning recess time. Afternoon kindergarten will receive theirs at their scheduled snack time. This event is for all students K-6.

Please log onto [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to place an order for your student by November 14th, 2014.

## School Council Update:

November is now here! We have had some busy two months to start the school year!!

We have the following School Council supported events in November:

- **Sundog Snack** (Kernels Popcorn) for Grades K to 6 –**Tuesday, November 18**
- **Bake Sale** – Thursday, **November 20** and Friday, **November 21** (during Parent-Teacher Conferences)

**School Council** would like to invite you to our November meeting on **Thursday, November 27 at 7:00pm** in the **school library**. We want and need your input! We serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water, and fruit during the meeting so come out and meet some parents and the school principal and vice principal!! This year we have our meetings rotating between different days so that more parents may attend. All meetings take place at 7:00pm in the Sundance School Library. Please take a look at our meeting dates and see if you can join us and help us continue to make Sundance School great!!

### 2014/2015 School Council Meeting Dates:

Thursday, November 27, 2014  
 Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
 Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
 Thursday, April 9, 2015  
 Tuesday, May 12, 2015 (Annual General Meeting)  
 Wednesday, June 17, 2015

**2014/2015 School Council Executive and Committee Coordinators:**

Chair: Yvette W. (incoming)  
 Vice Chair: Maeghan K. (returning)  
 Treasurer: Michele H. (incoming)  
 Secretary: Michelle S. (returning)

Volunteer Coordinators: Abra G. and Lea W. (incoming)  
 Sundog Lunch/Snack Coordinators: Jada C. and Michelle S. (returning)  
 Social Coordinator: Alana B. (incoming)  
 Key Communicator: VACANT  
 Calgary Parents for French Rep: Candice R. (returning)  
 Home and School Representatives: VACANT

We need parent volunteers to be our Key Communicator and Home and School Representative. No experience is required. These positions need only a desire to stay connected and support our School! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Yvette W. at 587-223-0822, or [YvetteW@shaw.ca](mailto:YvetteW@shaw.ca), or come out to the November Council Meeting to find out more information about these positions.

**Sundance Volunteer Coordinators Update:**

October has been a very busy month so we would like to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to **all the volunteers** who have helped out in the school and on field trips over the past month. In addition to all of the classroom and field trip volunteers, we would like to thank all of the parents and family members who were kind enough to offer their time helping out with Photo Day, Photo Retakes, Lunch Program recycling, Sundog Lunch, the Grade 6 Haunted House Farewell Fundraiser, and the Halloween Dance. All of your help is greatly appreciated!

Room Parents have received a contact list for all of the registered/cleared volunteers for their class, and each list is being updated on a regular basis. New volunteers are added every week as the new clearances are processed. Room Parents will only receive an updated volunteer list when a new volunteer is added or an active volunteer wishes to add additional areas to volunteer with. **Rooms 2 (Shelley Warholm-Leman), 13 (Lori James), and 20 (Mariah Green) still require a Room Parent.** If you are interested in being a Room Parent for any of these classrooms or have any questions regarding being a Room Parent, please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Police Clearances requested in June continue to arrive weekly. Once a volunteer is registered, cleared and listed on a classroom contact list, they will be on the list in the Volunteer Binder in the school office. This list in the binder is also updated on a weekly basis. We would like to clarify for the volunteers at school that the Volunteer Coordinators and the Room Parents will generally only contact a volunteer to help out with a specific area based on the information that was submitted with an individual's Volunteer Survey – for example, volunteers who are sent information about opportunities to help out in their child's classroom receive the information about the event because they checked off "classroom help" as an area of interest on their Sundance School Volunteer Survey Form. If you are an active volunteer and you would like to add your name to the Classroom Help area contact list for your child's class and you did not checkmark this area on your survey, please contact your Room Parent or the Volunteer Coordinators, and your volunteer contact information will be updated. The same goes for any other area of interest that was on the survey that you may not have check marked but that you are now interested in helping out



with – these areas include: Classroom Help, Library Help, Field Trip Help, Intramural/Club Activities, Calgary Reads Program, Social Committee, Sundog Lunches and Snacks, Picture Day, Grade 4/5/6 Farewells and Staff Appreciation Lunch.

If you have any questions related to your clearance status or related to registering to become a Sundance School volunteer, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at:

[volunteer.sundance@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.sundance@gmail.com)

Merci / Thank you!

Abra G. & Lea W.  
Sundance Volunteer Coordinators  
[volunteer.sundance@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.sundance@gmail.com)

## **Sundance Parents Association (SPA) Update**

As mentioned in the last newsletter the next casino is **January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2015** at Casino Calgary.

We are still looking for many parents to volunteer to help out with the casino. We have created an online sign up mechanism. You can check the website [www.mysignup.com/sundancecasino](http://www.mysignup.com/sundancecasino) to see the descriptions of the volunteer positions and what is available. Please take a look ahead at your January calendar and sign up for a position. There will also be a table set up at the Halloween dance for those of you who would rather sign up in person.

While it may seem far in advance to sign up, it's important that we have all positioned covered by the middle of November to get approval from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

There will be a SPA meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7pm at the Starbucks in Chapters Shawnessy.

Thanks for all your help and support!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jenn B ([curlyjenn@gmail.com](mailto:curlyjenn@gmail.com))





## build | CBE capital project update

This fall the Calgary Board of Education welcomed more than 3,700 new students to bring our total enrolment to a record number of nearly 114,500 students. And we know the growth won't stop there. We are expected to grow by another 15,000 students over the next five years.

As a result, the CBE is facing pressures for more space for students throughout our system. These pressures are highest in newer communities that don't have community schools and at the elementary level where more than 2,700 additional students enrolled in Grades 1 through 8 this year. This pressure will continue to be felt in junior and senior high schools as our students age and move through the system.

Our role as a Board is to continue to work with the Government of Alberta to request new schools, modernization projects and modular classrooms. The Province determines which schools are funded and how they will be built.

Currently, the CBE has 31 capital projects underway, including replacement schools and modernization projects. We are scheduled to open 17 new schools in September 2016.

As well, the Province made two announcements this fall to partner with the CBE to build additional school projects in the communities of: West Springs/Cougar Ridge, Saddle Ridge, Cranston, Aspen Woods, Martindale, Silverado and Springbank Hill/Discovery Ridge.

The government also provided funding for modular classrooms for Westgate School, a new south Calgary high school and major modernization projects at James Fowler and Lord Beaverbrook high schools.

The CBE is grateful to the government for this investment in education.

More information on all of our capital projects can be found on the CBE website – <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/underdev/default.asp>.

### Updated Ranking Criteria for Capital Projects

This spring the CBE carried out a review of the ranking criteria to be used for school capital planning. Each year the CBE submits plans to the Province for three types of capital projects: new schools, modernization of existing schools, and modulars. The CBE ranks the priority of each of these projects and submits the plans to Alberta Education for

funding each year. Alberta Education then decides which projects to fund.

The review of the ranking criteria was carried out to ensure that the criteria were complete and fair. The process included extensive public engagement which resulted in several changes and adjustments. Public participants agreed that the revised criteria incorporated their input and were non-discriminatory in the method for ranking communities and projects.

For new K-9 schools, the ranking criteria used includes all pre-school children, actual distance of the community to the overflow school and five year future community growth. This data is updated annually with the most recent city census numbers.

The review also adjusted the ranking criteria for modernizations and, for the first time, created objective ranking criteria for modulars. These criteria can be viewed on the CBE web site at:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/new/news2014-15/20141020-cbe-board-of-trustees-approves-updated-ranking-criteria-for-school-capital-planning.asp>

The new ranking criteria are now in use by the CBE. A new modular classroom plan was approved at the Oct. 14 Board meeting. The CBE will be requesting 28 modular classrooms for 11 schools across the system. New school and modernization requests will be presented in the Three-Year School Capital Plan in the spring 2015.

## contact | Board of Trustees

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