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LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

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A Message from our Superintendent

Another school year has come and gone. It's remarkable how quickly the time goes. At the beginning of September, we try to imagine how we will accomplish all of the things that we have planned. Then June arrives and we wonder where the time has gone while taking time to reflect on what our schools and division have done to improve outcomes for students.

As we bring the 2018-19 school year to a close, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the excellent parents and students in Park West. Our parents continue to support our schools and advocate for their children. Our students continue to develop and grow while showing tremendous enthusiasm for both school and learning.

I will also thank our excellent staff for their dedication and commitment to our schools and students. Thank you for your collective efforts in building a division of which we all may be proud.

In the new school year, you can look forward to several initiatives including:

- A transition to Google and the G-Suite of tools for education
- A technology pilot for Grade 7-8 students
- The introduction of a distributed learning framework for online learning
- Ongoing advocacy for our division as the provincial Education Review continues

As our schools close for the summer, best wishes for a safe and relaxing break.

Sincerely,
Stephen David

Park West Offers Google Tools for Students and Staff



Park West School Division is pleased to announce that we will be making a transition to Google Suite for Education for divisional communication and collaboration tools. In the fall of 2018, all students and staff were given access to their PWSD Google accounts. Schools have been supporting students in using Google accounts for learning.

Google Suite offers a variety of tools including:

- Google Docs for word processing
- Google Slides for presentations
- Google Sheets for spreadsheets
- Google Drive for file storage
- Gmail for email
- Google Classroom for assignments and classroom communication

Having school division accounts allows students and staff to take advantage of these free tools to enhance teaching and learning. Some of the advantages of this online platform include:

- Anytime, anywhere access: Users may access it anywhere they have internet. That means no more emailing files home for homework or transferring files to a USB!
- Capacity for collaboration: The Google tools allow users to share their files with others, so that multiple users can work on the same file at the same time. This is very useful for teamwork!
- Cross-platform functionality: Google tools work on most computers, phones and tablets.

Congratulations on your Retirement!

Genevieve Poyser Mohr
19 Years of Service



Sheri-Lee Baird
20 Years of Service



Gloria Burla
20 Years of Service



Bob Ploshynsky
21 Years of Service



Anne Main
23 Years of Service



A Note from our Assistant Superintendent

Well another year has come and gone. I am excited by some of the great things our staff have been able to do and will continue to do next year. For example, the Division is about to embark on a new initiative in distributed learning. With our small high schools, we must find ways to make them sustainable. I think that this is a small step in that direction. From a curriculum perspective, we have significantly improved the way in which we look at our numeracy and literacy assessments. We now routinely use the data to improve our student's learning. We are also working on new vocational opportunities for students. An example is the Agricultural Technician program that we have accessed via a Saskatchewan Division. Through the help of our partners at Waywayseecappo, we will continue to provide Cosmetology for students next year.

Next year I will be moving to the Superintendent position at Swan Valley School Division. It's therefore appropriate to take some time to reflect on my nine years in Park West. I have been extremely fortunate to work with really great people and that has made my jobs as Principal and Assistant Superintendent very rewarding. This is a great division. I hope that in some small way I have helped to improve the schools in Park West. Thanks to our supportive parents and communities, our fantastic students, and great staff both in the schools and division office. I will miss you and wish you all the best. Take care.

Sincerely,
Jon Zilkey

2019 Staff Recognition

On June 6, Park West School Division recognized several staff members who have reached incredible milestones in their career with Park West. This year we honored thirteen retirees, recognized those for years of service, and we said good-bye to those who are leaving the division to pursue new experiences elsewhere.

You will always be remembered for your accomplishments and contributions to Park West. Thank you for your years of hard work and dedication to our team. Best of luck in whatever comes next.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the evening.

Did you know that our 2019 retirees contributed a total of approximately 400 years of service to Park West? Wow!

We will bring the world to our **students**

to prepare our students for the **world.**



Distributed Learning in Park West School Division

Park West School Division has been examining its high school course offerings and ways to keep course options open for its small high schools. Our goal is to offer sustainable course options to our students despite low course enrollment in our small schools. Currently PWSD has 36 courses offered across our six high schools (for Grades 11 & 12) which have enrollment of 10 or fewer students.

Given the vast geographic nature of our division and our access to high speed internet through Park West Fibre Optics Co-op's network, offering courses through distributed learning will allow us to offer a variety of course options to our students in a cost-efficient and sustainable way.

Distributed learning is an instructional model that allows instructors, students, and content to be located in different, non-centralized locations so that in-

struction and learning can occur independent of time and place. Distributed learning allows for flexibility with respect to where and when students learn.

In 2019-20, students will access Calculus/Advanced Math, Pre-Calculus and Applied Math courses for Grades 11 & 12 through distributed learning. PWSD has chosen these courses because we feel that these students are the most prepared for the different style of learning and because of the low enrollments in these courses. Students and teachers will interact using videoconferencing software. Lessons will be recorded, so students can view or review lessons at a later date.

All five of our small high schools will deliver and receive courses within this distributed learning framework.

Manitoba Education Review

The Provincial Government launched a K-12 education review led by a nine member Commission tasked with proposing a "renewed vision" for K-12 education and making "bold recommendations to ignite change" within the existing systems and programs that will inspire excellence in teaching and learning.

The commission requested comments on a wide range of topics in the Kindergarten to Grade 12 system, including:

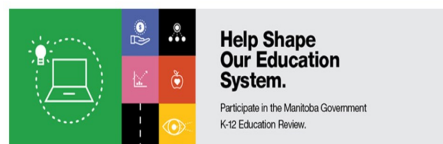
- Long-term vision
- Student learning
- Teaching
- Accountability for student learning
- Governance
- Funding

The information collected through consultations will help the commission develop its recommendations. Those recommendations will be designed to create an education system that achieves better outcomes for students and re-

flects the economic and societal needs of Manitobans, both today and in the future.

The commission invited participation from students, parents, educators, school boards, academics, Indigenous organizations, la Francophonie, municipal councils, professional organizations, the business community and the general public.

To learn more, check out the Ed Review website found at <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/>



Congratulations on your Retirement!

Debbie Routledge
32 Years of Service



Karen Mathison
32 Years of Service



Linda Wotton
33 Years of Service



Garry Clunas
34 Years of Service



Shelley Robidoux
35 Years of Service



Dennis Kaskiw
40 Years of Service



Sheila Gregory
41 Years of Service



Joanne Kyle
44 Years of Service



John Cook
60 Years of Service



Edwin Technology Pilot

Park West School Division will be participating in a technology pilot next year through Nelson Canada. All Grade 7 and 8 students and teachers will receive a Dell 3189 Chromebook as part of this pilot.

These Chromebooks are populated with content including any textbooks and resources developed by Nelson or McGraw-Hill and aligned to the Manitoba curriculum. They also have a variety of educational software that might be useful to students and staff.

One of the biggest aspects of Edwin is equity. It is a 1-to-1 device allocation. Additionally, for the year of the pilot, every student and staff may take their Chromebook home with them. They will have access to the device for school work as well as for personal purposes.

Nelson is interested in Park West for the pilot for a few reasons:

- moved to a Google environment
- strong internet connection thanks to the fibre optics network
- small, rural division

More information about the Edwin pilot may be found at <https://edwin.nelson.com/>

Congratulations
Graduates
 Class of
2019 

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