



Principal's Message

I want to take a moment to brag about our students. We are blessed at Hines Creek Composite with fantastic students - truly wonderful human beings. I was in awe during our awards ceremony at the hard work our students put into their academics, as well as citizenship. The gym was filled with students in every grade there to be celebrated and to also celebrate each other. Of course, school is about learning and doing your best academically, but there is so much more to it. Our acronym T.I.G.E.R.S really says it all. Teamwork, Integrity, Giving, Excellence, Respect, and Success! HCC students display these character traits on the daily, and I am grateful to be a part of the team that is helping to shape our future leaders. Keep working hard, students of HCC, we are proud of all of you.



Message from Superintendent Adam Murray – The Power of Local Assessments



Have you ever heard these terms from your child(ren)'s school – RCAT, WAT, MIPI NCAT, and F & P BAS? These are all acronyms for local assessments that are used in all of Peace River School Division's (PRSD) schools to support students' learning needs and achievement. Teachers use these powerful

tools to determine how students learn and to develop personalized instructional activities. Strategic use of local assessments also helps to improve student performance on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams.

Assessment Legend:

RCAT = Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool

WAT = Writing Assessment Tool

MIPI = Math Intervention/Programming Instrument

NCAT = Numeracy Common Assessment Tool

F & P BAS = Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 and 2

To help enhance your understanding about why local assessments are powerful tools in supporting your child(ren)'s learning, I would like to share some details about why we use them and what benefits our students receive from their use.

The local assessments listed above help teachers to determine their students' level of knowledge and skills in the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments will tell a teacher if there are any learning gaps with key concepts in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to provide targeted lessons and useful accommodations to help the student learn important skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are done at the beginning of the year and then again later in the year to assess progress. The frequency that these assessments are

administered allows Teachers and Educational Assistants to give targeted interventions and accommodations immediately after the assessment is completed.

All schools within PRSD have school teams made up of Teachers, Educational Assistants, I-Coaches, and Principals. These teams make up our School Division's Collaborative Response to meeting your child(ren)'s needs. These school teams receive support from Divisional I-Coaches, Program Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Teaching and Learning and Learning Supports, and even me!

Local assessments are powerful tools in contributing to our mission to ensure every child is literate and numerate, not most students, but every student!

To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to go to our website and read [PRSD's Three-Year](#)

[Education Plan for](#)

[2021-2024](#). We look

forward to continuing to

collaborate with all

parents in achieving our

collective goal of

success for all students.



Awards Ceremony

On October 21, 2021, we hosted our annual awards ceremony. You can find the videos on our Facebook page as well as pictures of award winners. Here's a quick overview:

Elementary Award winners:

Grade 4

Highest Academic: Samantha Kuntz
Honourable Mention: Everley Basnett
Best Effort: Bree Schischikowsky

Grade 5

Highest Academic: Kloee Kobbert
Honourable Mention: Trishkenn Adoviso
Best Effort: Marissa Campbell

Grade 6

Highest Academic: Rayna McEwen
Honourable Mention: Sheldon Chaykowski
Best Effort: Jylanne Schmidt

Russell Lehoux Memorial for Fair Play

Samantha Kuntz
David Kuntz

Taher Rampuri Memorial - Grade 6 excellence in Math

Jylanne Schmidt

Victoria Portsmouth Memorial - Grade 6 Highest Average in Language Arts

Rayna McEwen



Jr/Sr Awards



Grade 7

Highest Academic: Darcie Fortier
Honourable Mention: Kasch Kobbert

Grade 8

Highest Academic: Keira McEwen
Honourable Mention: Sawyer Bjornson

Grade 9

Highest Academic: Chloe Berg
Honourable Mention: Cheyenne Buker

Grade 10

Highest Academic: Hanna MacDowall
Honourable Mention: Dane Ostrem

Grade 11

Highest Academic: Mansi Peats
Honourable Mention: Charleigh Thompson

Grade 12

Highest Academic: Jazmin MacDowall
Honourable Mention: Reese King



Honor Roll

Jazmin MacDowall, Mansi Peats, Hanna MacDowall, Chloe Berg, Keira McEwen, Sawyer Bjornson, Darcie Fortier, Kasch Kobbert



**Carol Fedoruk
Memorial - Highest
High School math
mark**

Mansi Peats

Trades Excellence

Grade 7 - Darcie
Fortier

Grade 8 - Zoey
Giesbrecht

Grade 9 - Cheyenne
Buker

Grade 10 - Lachlan
Karrys

**John Holdaway
Memorial for
volunteer(s) of the
year**

Karen Blake

Susan Stephenson

Fine Arts Award

Daylah Ostrem

Shaun Lee Memorial - Best All Around Jr. High Student

Darcie Fortier

Hines Creek Partnership Award

Peace Draft Horse Club for contributions to our nutrition program

Wayne Smith Memorial for Citizenship

Samantha Kuntz and Reed Johnson

Valedictorian:

Jazmin MacDowall

Governor General Award:

Jazmin MacDowall

**C. Curtis Award - writing
excellence:**

Jazmin MacDowall

PRSD Academic Awards:

1st: Jazmin MacDowall

2nd: Shelby Giesbrecht

3rd: Trenyce Giesbrecht

Hines Creek Community Award

Jazmin MacDowall 164 credits

Trenyce Giesbrecht 132 credits

Tyler Mierzewski 130 credits

Morgan Meier 122 credits

Reese King 122 credits

Jorja Dei 117 credits

Clara Florendo 116 credits



Best All Around High School Student

Jazmin MacDowall



Student of the Month

Each month staff nominate students to be put in the draw for Student of the Month. One student from elementary and one from Jr/Sr High are drawn, interviewed and featured in the newsletter.

Grade 7 Student, Calla Blake

Q: How does it feel to be nominated for student of the month?

A: I never thought that I would get nominated! I just try to be helpful and be kind to everyone. It feels very good!



Q: What's your favourite subject, and why?

A: I have many, but I really like gym and I do like math when I understand it. I really like all subjects.

Q: You were nominated for being helpful and supportive of your peers, who else do you think deserves a nomination and why?

A: Darcie and Zoey. Whenever I am not feeling confident about something they always lift my spirits. They tell me helpful things to keep me going!

Q: What was your reaction to getting Student of the Month?

A: Calla was notably surprised - even shocked. When she came into the office she was scared because she thought something was wrong, so to find out she was nominated was a shock, but also a delight.

Q: What extracurricular activities do you do?

A: Volleyball, visiting her animals, singing, playing instruments, and she loves riding horses! Calla also

loves taking pictures!

Q: What is your favourite book, movie, tv-show or song and why?

A: Very difficult question to answer. Calla likes the movie Project MC². It's about figuring out mysteries and she loves that. She has watched it about a million times!

Q: What is your favorite thing about HCC?

A: I like how the teachers are very supportive for both personal and academic things.

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to your peers what would it be?

A: Try harder and don't give up! Calla's calling card saying - You do you!

Grade 4 - Tayen Schischikowsky

Q: How does it feel to be nominated for student of the month?

A: It feels good, really exciting because I have never been nominated before.

Q: What's your favourite subject, and why?

A: Probably, LA, because I am really good at it. It's just been my favourite for a long time.

Q: You were nominated for excellence in Math and LA, who else do you think deserves to be nominated and why?

A: Austynn Duggan, because she is so helpful. She helps me a lot.

Q: What was your reaction to getting Student of the Month?

A: Surprised!

Q: What extracurricular activities do you do?

A: Volleyball, riding horses, I have 11 or 12 horses.

Q: What is your favourite book, movie, tv-show or song and why?

A: My favourite show is Fuller House because I have watched it for so long. Some parts are sad, but it's really fun to watch.

Q: What is your favourite thing about HCC?

A: I like the school work they give us. I like how when we go on to the next grade teachers review the year before so we remember it.

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to your peers what would it be?

A: Just keep being yourself and work hard - and have fun!



Parents Matter Week

Parents and guardians, please drop your student(s) off in the morning of November 17. Students Union members would love to serve you hot chocolate and a donut to show our appreciation for all that you do!



Tiger Awards for October



BR: Nels Johnson, Cheyenne Buker, Charleigh Thompson, Mansi Peats, Walker Duggan, Reed Johnson, Deo Kubbernus

Middle: Darcie Fortier, Sharlene Caballejo, Kloe Kobbert, David Kuntz, Stephanie Grove, Rayna McEwen, Sheldon Chaykowski, Jace Hoffman

FR: Charlee Ossum, Haley Hoffman, Talon Ostrem, Kayden Chalmers, Cormick Peterson



Oops! We missed a few awards at the ceremony. These awesome Tigers get their own feature this month.

Aaliyah Duman, Tayen Shischikowsky, Samantha Kuntz, Austynn Duggan, Tawny Blake, and Everley Basnett

Happy Halloween!!

