

Highlights

Board Focus

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Prairie Spirit held a celebration at the end of September to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Prairie Spirit students, staff and special partners gathered together to celebrate the great work being done in Prairie Spirit schools. This is how we learn together!

The Skyboyz drumming group from Stobart Community School in Duck Lake opened the program in a good way with an honour song and also closed the program with a drumming performance. Kindergarten students from Stobart enthusiastically sang in Michif, while Stobart high school students studying Cree shared their language. Leask students shared their learning about Truth and Reconciliation and reflected on what it means to them personally. The program concluded with bannock, thanks to Stobart Community School's Commercial Cooking class.

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education demonstrates its commitment to this important work through a dedicated Board policy: Indigenous Perspectives, Partnerships and Outcomes. Prairie Spirit's Board of Education is a leader in this area in the province.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation program at Division Office



Michif Early Learners from Stobart Community School



SkyBoyz drumming group from Stobart Community School

Board Celebration



Kale Roberts
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Ministry of Education

Blaine Lake student chosen for Provincial Youth Council

The Board of Education is excited to congratulate Kale Roberts, a Grade 11 student at Blaine Lake Composite School, who was chosen to be a member of the Ministry of Education's Provincial Youth Council for 2024/25. She chose to participate in the youth council so she could speak up for students and Indigenous students. "It's a really big opportunity that I didn't want to pass up," she explains. Kale is proud to be Indigenous and is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band.

Kale wants to learn about what she can do to create change. She is passionate about the involvement of Indigenous people in Saskatchewan, as well as issues that impact Indigenous people in Canada, such as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Kale is one of 12 students from around the province who were chosen to represent the voices of Saskatchewan students on the Provincial Youth Council.

Board Appreciation

Thank you

School Community Councils (SCCs)

The Board of Education celebrates the work of School Community Councils (SCCs) throughout the school division. Thank you to all Prairie Spirit schools and SCCs for a strong start to the 2024/25 school year!

SCCs engage families, the local community and the school to benefit student learning and well-being. The SCC is made up of people from your community - parents, caregivers, students, elders, teachers and your Principal are all part of the team. Go to the Prairie Spirit website for more details!

Board Governance

Board of Education Elections

Board of Education Trustees bring democracy to education by being connected to our communities and inviting different voices and perspectives, which benefits our students.

Board Trustees actively advocate for Prairie Spirit students and champion Prairie Spirit schools.

Board of Education elections across the province will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024** for a four-year term. In Prairie Spirit, there will be elections in six subdivisions, while five other candidates were acclaimed. Advance polls will be held prior to election day. All details are available on the Division's [website](#).

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association has [more information](#) about Board elections in the province.

Please do your part and vote!



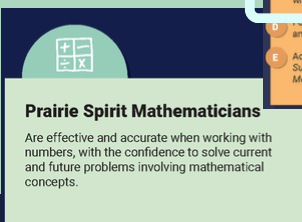
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Prairie Spirit Mathematicians

One of the goals of the Prairie Spirit Board of Education's [strategic plan](#) is "Successful Learners," which includes "strengthening foundational skills in mathematics, reading and writing" (right). The strategic plan also includes a focus on math with an aspirational goal for Prairie Spirit Mathematicians (see below).

The Board wants to ensure that all Prairie Spirit students have the math skills they need to have choice and success in their future plans after high school. As part of the Board's strategic plan, Trustees received a report on the Division's plans and progress in mathematics at the Board meeting in September.

As a support for students, families can access Ministry of Education Grade 1 - 8 math resources on the Ministry [website](#).



Board Connections

Board Trustees in the community



Trustee Kimberly Greyeyes at a flag raising at Blaine Lake Composite School in September



Trustee Kate Kading brought greetings from the Board at the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation celebration



Prairie Spirit Board of Education Trustees and Tracey Young, Director of Education (far left) at a provincial education meeting in June

The Board invites feedback from students, families, stakeholders and the public. Please contact your Trustee or email: contact@spiritsd.ca.