

# EVERGREEN *Exchange*

## *ATA Induction & Retiree Dinner*

Each year, first year teachers and teachers who are new to the province are officially inducted into the profession by the Alberta Teachers' Association amongst their trustees, colleagues, peers and mentors. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13 new teachers of Grande Yellowhead Public School Division were inducted during the Evergreen Local No. 11 Induction/Retiree Ceremony. This annual dinner is a wonderful opportunity for inductees to be welcomed into the profession, as well honour retirees for their many years of dedicated teaching with the division. Special guests included ATA President Mark Ramsankar, Superintendent of Schools, Cory Gray, District Representative Paul McCann, ARTA's Iona Robertson, and several school trustees—many of whom shared words of wisdom. Along with a wonderful meal and heartfelt speeches, guests enjoyed the music of Madonna Popwell who sang Johnny Reid's "Change the World".

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Our Next CSR Meeting is Monday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in Hinton! Don't forget to sign up!



# Welcoming New Teachers...

My name is Guy Becker and it is a pleasure and a privilege to be joining the Westhaven staff this year. I will be teaching grade 4 in room 119. Let me introduce myself. I was born and raised here in Edson and have called this community my home for my entire life. I completed by my Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History before finishing my Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Lethbridge. I am also involved in community efforts, such as: The Citizens on Patrol of Edson, and Northern Lights Shrine Club. Outside of school, I am an avid



hockey fan, musician, and dog lover. This is my first year as a certified teacher and I know that I will learn a lot. This year I will be teaching grade 4 science, social studies, language arts, math, art, french, and health. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to teach your children this year. It is my sincere goal for them to have a fruitful, fun, and truly inspiring experience in our class.



My Name is Kristin Basaraba. I was born in British Columbia but raised for my school age years in Edson, Alberta. After graduation in 2009, I attended Red Deer College and went on to complete my Bachelors of Education at the University of Alberta in 2013. I spent the next few years raising my daughter and am joining the teaching profession (finally) this

year as a maternity leave coverage at Parkland Composite High School, teaching both English and the Performing Arts. In my downtime, I enjoy playing soccer, road trips across Canada and the United States, organizing our annual Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation fundraiser, as well as spending quality time with my husband, daughter and our dog.

## ...to our School Division!

My name is Brady Brookes and I am a first year teacher at Grande Cache Community High School. I am currently teaching a verity of courses including Science 14, Personal Psychology 20, Recreational Leadership 10, and Yoga 15. I also coached Cross-country Running and am currently coaching the Senior Boys Volleyball team. I look forward to the opportunity to be involved in athletics and coaching multiple sports such as Basketball, Wrestling, Rugby and possibly Track and Field. Next semester will also be an exciting time for we are getting a brand new gymnasium and workout facility at the Community High/ Summitview Elementary School. The facility will complement the Physical Education, health, Rec Leadership, and athletics programs that I will be involved for the winter semester. Growing up and moving from Red Deer, Grande Cache has been a bit of a cultural change for me, however the staff, students and community here have made this transition most enjoyable for me. I am really enjoying my experience so far and look forward to continue my development here in Grande Cache as I start my Teaching Career.



My name is Paul Stenhouse. I grew up in Hinton, and I am currently teaching Science 14 and Physical Education 9 at Harry Collinge High School. My hobbies include anything outdoors- hiking, biking, climbing, skiing, and kayaking being my favourites.



# 2016 Beginning Teachers Conference

The Beginning Teachers Conference took place on September 30 – October 1, 2016 at Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. The conference offered a variety of sessions on topics ranging from culturally diverse classrooms to professional growth plans. These sessions are designed to help prepare new teachers for a successful career. Approximately 500 new teachers attended.

## Robots in the Classroom!

Last year, Grande Yellowhead provided an Innovative Technology grant to Summitview Middle School to create a coding and robotics program for grades 4 and 5 at Every week the grade 5 students in Ms. Golding's class take part in computer coding where they learn all about coding for games and apps. Students love the Hour of Code feature and are very eager to create their own games. The students also spend Fridays with robots. Right now they are work-



ing with Dot and Dash and using the Blockly app through Wonder Workshop to program Dash to move, speak messages the students record, dance, sing, laugh, and a variety of other actions! Students have brought in Legos so they can personalize their Dash. These students have learned SO much in such a short time with this program and can't wait to show off some of their skills! Mrs. Wilson's class will be diving into the programming and robotics around Christmas. Her students are very excited to be able to take part in this program.



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## 2016/17 CSR Meeting Dates:

November 14th in Hinton  
 December 12th in Hinton  
 January 16th in Hinton  
 February 9th in Edmonton (AGM)  
 March 13th in Hinton  
 April 10th in Hinton  
 May 8th in Hinton  
 June 12th in Hinton

Stay Informed! Check out the ATA Website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

## The Evergreen #11 2016/2017 Local Includes...

**President** - Kelly Smith/ Shawn Arseneault

**Vice President** - Jessica Westergard

**Treasurer** - Derek McKinnon

**Secretary** - Jessie Smeall

**Past President** - Elana Fedorak

**LCO** - Jessica Westergard

**TEC** - Melanie Golding

**District Rep** - Paul McCann

**Economic Consultant** - TBD

**ARA** - Brett Watt

**EPC** - TBD

**PEO** - Carmelle McPherson

**PD** - Amelia Bird

**DEHR** - Stephanie McPhail, Stephanie Wieb

**Convention Reps** - Mike Belecky, Melanie Golding, Marina Hagler

**Substitute Teacher Rep** - Alan Stoyles

**Principal Rep** - Robin Hengel

## October Contest!!

Unscramble the  
"Halloween" words!



1. lesenkto
2. rsyac
3. ertocbo
4. uceomst
5. msroten
6. pidres
7. eathudn
8. imearvp

Please submit all answers to  
[jessicawestergard@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicawestergard@hotmail.com)

*(The contest is open to all  
non-CSR members)*