



# Tri-Annual Report #3

## 2022-2023





# Message from Board & Superintendent

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Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello everyone! We are pleased to present our third and final Triannual Report for the 2022-2023 school year! This report highlights progress we have made with meeting or exceeding the priorities for Northland School Division (NSD):

1. Excellence in Learning
2. Excellence in Leadership
3. Excellence in Relationships

Before you turn the page, check out our new promotional video! Let us show you why Northland is a great place to learn and teach! Visit the website link to view the video <https://tinyurl.com/msh2yr53>.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Administration, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



*Cathy Wanyandie*

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Board Chair



*Shelley Willier*

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Superintendent of Schools/CEO

# Excellence in Learning

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### Priority 1: Excellence in Learning

Students achieve or exceed the standards set by Alberta Education in literacy and numeracy

Outcome: Student success is supported by staff who ensure all students feel supported and have a sense of belonging within their schools.

Outcome: The Division uses consistent literacy and numeracy practices to support the growth of educators and student achievement.

Outcome: The Division offers multiple, flexible pathways to high school completion.

**How is Northland achieving these outcomes?**



**The Class of 2023 at Mistassiniy School in Wabasca-Desmarais!**

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**The Class of 2023 at Bill Woodward School in Anzac!**

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**The Class of 2023 at Career Pathways School in Wabasca-Desmarais!**

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**The Class of 2023 at Paddle Prairie School!**

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### **Third book written by Northland students is now available on Amazon**

A third book written by Northland School Division students is now available on Amazon! The published book was made possible with funding from our friends at Cenovus Energy. The book titled Weaving Hearts Together can be best described as a labour of love and connection.

Elders, Knowledge Keepers and community members opened their hearts to the students by sharing stories. After listening to the Elders, Knowledge Keepers and community members, students wrote and illustrated pictures to bring the stories to life. To purchase a copy of Weaving Hearts Together, visit the Amazon website link <https://tinyurl.com/2dabbfu9>.



### **NSD students earning more high school credits**

As part of the NSD Attendance Recognition and Awards Program, students who earned 20 or more credits in each semester are eligible for a prize draw to celebrate their learning success. In the first semester of 2021-2022, Northland had a total of 47 students earn 20 or more credits, which was an increase from the previous year. In the first semester of 2022-2023, NSD had a total of 88 students earn 20 or more credits! This is an increase of 41 students (+87%)! Almost 25% of all high school students enjoyed this success.



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**CTS Day activities at NSD schools**

NSD hosted Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Days on April 13-14 and May 4-5. As you can see in the photos, grade 12 students from Bill Woodward School earned credits while taking construction and computer programming courses.



**National Indigenous Peoples Day activities**

The following are examples of how Northland recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day:

- Calling Lake School hosted an all-day celebration. Students, staff, and community members participated in a number of activities such as drumming, learning how to prepare and cook fish, and traditional games.
- Northland Online School students and staff collected five items from the outdoors and brought these items to its National Indigenous Peoples Day 'Scavenger Hunt Show & Tell.'
- At Paddle Prairie School, students wore their ribbon shirts and skirts in honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Central office staff participated in a series of activities focused on Truth and Reconciliation.

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### Priority 2: Excellence in Leadership

Through excellent leadership practices, everyone feels welcome and valued.

Outcome: Northland School Division employs a consistent process for reviewing school improvement and assurance.

Outcome: Northland School Division and school leadership models a welcoming learning and working environment that fosters a sense of belonging and pride for First Nations and Métis and non First Nations and Métis learners.

Outcome: Finances are well managed, decisions are supported by facts and stewardship is exemplary.

#### How is Northland achieving these outcomes?



#### NSD hosted gathering at Métis Crossing to support student learning experience

NSD hosted a gathering on June 28th, at Métis Crossing. The coming together in a land-based cultural interpretive centre in Alberta was an important experience for the Métis first-year and veteran kiskinwahamâkêwak (Cree-speaking educators) and education partners. NSD recognizes that each of the six Métis settlements and Métis communities needed to be together to network and share how they are applying historical, social, and cultural connections in their schools and classrooms that contribute to Métis student learning, lifestyle, and well-being. Visit the NSD website to view the entire article <https://www.nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/nsd-hosts-gathering-at-metis-crossing-to-support-student-learning-experience>.

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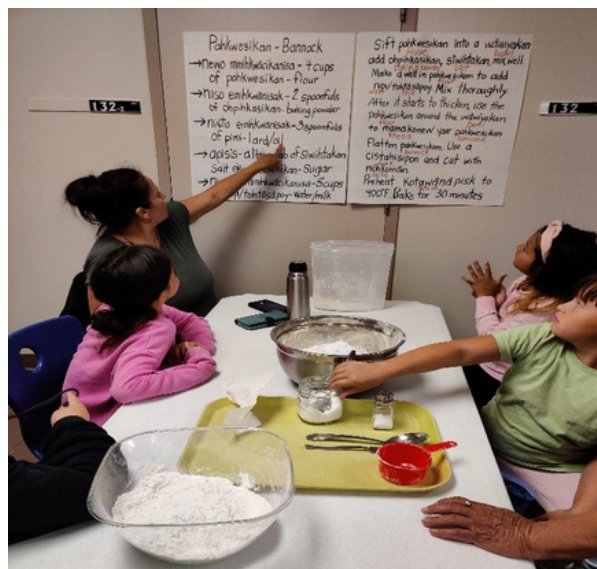
### NSD hosts a language and culture summer camp

Northland School Division (NSD) places great importance on weaving more First Nations and Métis knowledge into the curriculum. In line with this commitment, NSD organized a summer camp in July to assist parents/guardians with helping children learn their language and culture.

Over the span of 10 days, parents and guardians who attended the camp had the opportunity to dig deeper into their own identity, all with the guidance of Elders, knowledge keepers, and cultural advisors. This unique experience not only motivated them but also equipped them with important knowledge.

The wisdom shared by these Elders and cultural advisors goes beyond the individual. It carries the potential to revitalize and preserve language, culture, and the tradition of land-based learning within their families.

By actively participating in this summer camp, parents and guardians have taken a meaningful step toward revitalizing and passing down their Indigenous languages and cultures to the next generation.



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### MORE RECOGNITION FOR NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION!



#### **Curtis Walty selected 2023 IABC Edmonton Inspired Communicator of the Year**

Media Relations Manager Curtis Walty was awarded the 2023 International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Edmonton Inspired Communicator of the Year! IABC is a professional organization for communication professionals. IABC Edmonton is the local chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, which connects more than 15,000 communicators in more than 80 countries.



#### **Bishop Routhier School educator selected as NSD's Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee**

In May, the Board announced that Jay Klair, Bishop Routhier School, has been selected as NSD's 2023 Edwin Parr Teacher Award Nominee. The Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes first-year teachers who demonstrate exemplary dedication and commitment in the field of education.

Mr. Klair was recognized at NSD's Long Service Awards on May 25th. Each year, the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) honours outstanding first-year teachers representing six zones throughout the province.

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### New housing for NSD educators!

NSD continues to prioritize housing improvement for teachers. Earlier this year, NSD purchased a new duplex housing unit for teachers in Wabasca-Desmarais and a new triplex home for teachers in Calling Lake!



### New Mistassiniy School Update

Construction of the new Mistassiniy School is progressing well and we expect substantial completion by mid-fall. Northland School Division will then have access to outfit the facility with furniture, fixtures, and equipment for spaces including CTS shops, an integrated School Food Services, and CTS kitchen, that support new IT and learning technology. The division anticipates opening the new school in early 2024.

Demolition of the old school is expected to take place in summer 2024 followed by landscaping. Access and parking will be temporarily routed until this work is complete.

Northland School Division created a new webpage so you can easily view the latest updates. Visit [www.nsd61.ca/new-mistassiniy-school-information](http://www.nsd61.ca/new-mistassiniy-school-information).

# Excellence in Relationships

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### Priority 3: Excellence in Relationships

Develop and actively promote healthy relationships with students, parents/guardians, staff, community and educational partners.

Outcome: Parents and community members engage in their school community and are involved in their child's education.

Outcome: Parents, guardians, communities and education partners are informed and involved in Northland School Division (NSD) plans, programs and progress through ongoing and effective communication.

Outcome: Northland School Division fosters purposeful and productive working relationships to collaboratively advance division operations to support student learning.

#### How is Northland achieving these outcomes?



#### An innovative partnership provides NSD students an opportunity to explore forestry

NSD celebrated an innovative learning partnership at Calling Lake School on Friday, May 5, 2023. Earlier in 2022-2023, a pilot project was established for NSD students to explore a career in forestry. The project is made possible through a partnership between NSD, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac), and Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF). While participating in the pilot project, NSD students are taking a Career and Technologies Studies (CTS) Forestry option and earning credits for work in the classroom. Visit the NSD website to view the entire article <https://www.nsd61.ca/about-us/division-news/post/an-innovative-partnership-provides-nsd-students-an-opportunity-to-explore-forestry>.





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*“Our students love to come to school in Northland”*