



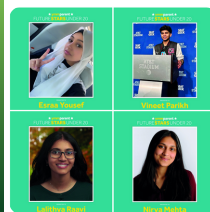
On August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, FMPSD announced that Nishka Rai, a Grade 12 student from Westwood Community High School, had been selected to join the esteemed 2023/25 Minister's Youth Council.

With 183 applications from junior and senior high school students across Alberta, the competition was undoubtedly wide; still, Nishka's impressive application shone through and successfully landed her a spot in this exclusive council. As a council member, Nishka was integral to making a difference in the education system and providing valuable student feedback to the Minister of Education.



Kreev Shah, Shreyoshi Bairagi, Faiza Mehmood, and Ali Ahmied have demonstrated exceptional talent by securing victories in their respective grade categories at the prestigious Aloha Math Competition.

Held in Madrid, Spain, this international championship brought together young math prodigies from across the globe, challenging them in advanced mathematical problem-solving. Each of these students stood out in their grade-level challenges, showcasing remarkable intellect and perseverance under intense competition.



We are proud to announce that five talented students from FMPSD have been named to YMMParent's 2024 Future Stars Under 20 list. This prestigious recognition celebrates young individuals who have made outstanding contributions in fields such as academics, athletics, innovation, and community leadership.

The event, held in Fort McMurray, gathered some of the brightest and most driven young minds in the region, highlighting the incredible achievements and potential of these future leaders. Congratulations to our exceptional students for this well-deserved honour!

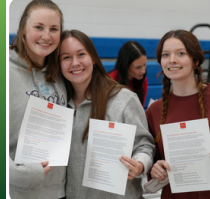


Christina Gordon Public School has achieved a groundbreaking milestone by becoming the first Language Friendly School in Alberta, joining a prestigious global initiative led by the Rutu Foundation. This recognition highlights the school's unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive, supportive environment for students from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

By implementing the Language Friendly School principles, Christina Gordon aims to ensure that all students feel valued, respected, and empowered to thrive academically and socially.



On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the Syncrude Sports & Wellness Centre hosted the VEX Provincial Robotics Championship, bringing together 62 teams, including 11 from FMPSD, for an intense weekend of competition. Westwood Community High School led the charge with 10 teams, six of which advanced to the playoffs, culminating in Team Rocket (221X) battling its sister team, 221S, in the semifinals before securing a spot in the championship finals. Paired with 3388S, Team Rocket faced off against Calgary's top teams in a nail-biting best-of-three final, claiming victory with a score of 32-29 and earning their place in the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas.



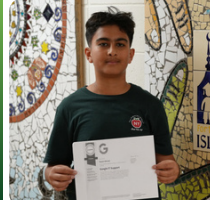
FMPSD hosted its second annual Career Fair, which saw the attendance of over 900 junior high and high school students. With 35 different careers and 40 exhibitors present, the event was a resounding success, eliciting positive feedback from the exhibitors and students who took part.

The FMPSD Career Fair was organized with meticulous attention to detail; it provided an ideal opportunity for students to interact with different professionals, learn about diverse career options, and explore their potential in numerous fields. The extensive range of companies and careers at the event was impressive and eye-opening, exposing the students to a world of possibilities.



The Art Council of Wood Buffalo's 2024 Buffy Awards, which recognize outstanding achievement in the arts, took place on October 19, 2024 and highlighted local artists and contributors, including student award nominees. The Buffy Awards, which have been running since 2008, celebrate excellence in various artistic fields, including visual arts, performing arts, music, and literature.

Congratulations to Composite High School student Daniel Deranger for receiving the Indigenous Artist Award and Ecole McTavish Public High School student Cadence Kucy-Loke for receiving the Youth Leader in the Arts Award.



FMPSD proudly celebrates the remarkable achievement of Rayan Ahmad, a Grade 9 student at Fort McMurray Islamic School, who has successfully completed the Google IT Support Professional Certificate course. This prestigious program, designed by Google and recognized globally, equips individuals with in-demand skills in IT support, including troubleshooting, system administration, networking, and security. Rayan's accomplishment makes him the youngest student in FMPSD history to earn this certification, showcasing both his exceptional dedication and the school division's commitment to fostering academic excellence and professional development opportunities for its students.



On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Composite High School hosted a heartwarming "Recognition Celebration for Partnering Local Agencies and Participating Students." This inaugural celebration was designed to honour the local agencies and students who have significantly contributed to the success of the English Language Acquisition (EAL) Program.

The event brought together Composite EAL students, staff, school district officials, trustees, personnel from various agencies, and the agencies themselves, all of whom have dedicated their time and resources to support the students at Composite High School.



On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fort McMurray Public Schools recognized and celebrated First Nations, Metis and Inuit graduates at the 28th annual Traditional Celebration of Achievement (TCOA). The TCOA is an annual event celebrating the graduating accomplishments of grade 12 First Nations, Metis and Inuit students in the Wood Buffalo Region.

The graduates from Fort McMurray Public School Division, Fort McMurray Catholic School Division, Northlands School Division, Parkland School Division, FM First Nation and Fort Chipewyan are all honoured at this celebration; this year's TCOA recognized 39 graduating FMPSD students.



Walter & Gladys Hill School proudly celebrated its 10th anniversary with a series of memorable events that paid homage to a decade of growth, learning, and community. The celebration featured a walkthrough gallery showcasing photos from the past ten years, allowing attendees to reflect on the school's rich history. A newly unveiled WGH Raven mural, located at the back of the school, added a vibrant symbol of pride and identity. Students participated in engaging activities designed to foster excitement and camaraderie, while past school administrators delivered heartfelt speeches, highlighting milestones and the enduring spirit of the WGH community.



On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, FMPSD held its highly anticipated 14th Annual Robotics Tournament. This year, the tournament saw an impressive turnout, with 44 teams and 300 students from our 10 elementary schools and two junior high schools participating.

The audience, estimated at over 300 people, was treated to a day filled with excitement, innovation, and intense competition.

Congratulations to Grand Tournament Champions Walter & Gladys Hill School and Fort McMurray Islamic School!



FMPSD students dominated the 24th annual Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair (WBRFSF), securing a stunning 27 out of the 33 medals awarded during the event. Their achievement did not stop there; they also clinched 19 of the 27 Special Awards.

However, perhaps the most prestigious accolade came with the announcement of the grand prize winners, Westwood Community High School's TAanya Patel, Priyal Patel, Nishka Rai, and Riley Saha Halder who all would attend the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) and would go on to receive national medals, special awards and scholarships.



On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Dr. K.A. Clark School had the distinct honour of hosting Canadian Paralympic running champion Nate Tucker for an inspirational keynote address and interactive Q&A session. This extraordinary event was facilitated by Classroom Champions, a nonprofit organization dedicated to equipping students with the social, emotional, and academic tools needed to thrive by connecting them with elite athletes mentors.

Over the past year, students had the privilege of engaging with Tucker virtually as their dedicated mentor, learning valuable lessons in resilience and perseverance.



Fort McMurray Islamic School and Dave McNeill Public School have proudly achieved the prestigious Leader in Me Lighthouse School status, a distinction held by only five schools in Alberta. This significant accomplishment reflects the unwavering dedication, excellence, and collaborative efforts of students, staff, and the broader community.

The Lighthouse Certification, awarded by Franklin Covey, recognizes schools that exemplify outstanding implementation of the Leader in Me framework, showcasing exemplary practices and making a profound impact on their stakeholders.



On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Ecole McTavish High School proudly hosted their Fine Arts Night, celebrating the remarkable talents of students across various programs.

A standout moment of the evening was the unveiling of a breathtaking art piece, collaboratively created by McTavish Arts students and renowned local artist Gary Berleig. The artwork, resulting from a month-long artist residency where Berleig mentored the students, now proudly hangs in the High School's learning commons area as a lasting tribute to creativity and collaboration.



On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the Christian School hosted its inaugural Celebration of Learning event, a remarkable opportunity for new and existing FMCS families to witness the achievements and spiritual growth of students throughout the year. Guests were guided through classroom tours where students proudly presented their work, shared insights into their spiritual formation, and reflected on their learning journeys within the context of God's story.

The event also included a book fair and meaningful connections as families engaged with students, celebrating their dedication and accomplishments.



On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, FMPSD hosted a successful Family Oriented Programming event at the Division Office.

Over 40 ECDP and Kindergarten parents participated in an impressive 103 workshops and sessions.

The event featured engaging and insightful workshops led by our Supervisor of Inclusive Education, Occupational Therapists, and Speech-Language Pathologists. Their expertise provided valuable guidance and support, making it an enriching experience for all attendees.