

Newsletter

E.W. Pratt High School/Prairie View Outreach School



March, 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back from Spring Break. As we move into the final months of the school year, we continue to support student success through strong attendance, wellness initiatives, cultural learning opportunities, and post-secondary planning. This month's newsletter includes important updates from the Minister of Education and Childcare, highlights from our Indigenous Education and Wellness teams, guidance from our Career Coaches, and we are excited to share the release of our school's first edition newspaper.

Message from the Minister of Education and Childcare

The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education and Childcare, shared the following:

"Budget 2026 invests where it counts – in our students and classrooms. With record investments in education funding and a continued focus on safe and affordable childcare, Budget 2026 provides the support and learning environments our children need to thrive. Parents are invited to participate in upcoming telephone town halls to ask questions about education investments and priorities:

- Calgary: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6–7 p.m.
- Edmonton: Monday, April 13, 2026, 6–7 p.m.
- Provincewide: Monday, April 20, 2026, 6–7 p.m.

We encourage all parents to participate and share their voices."

Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for student success, particularly as we approach the final months of the school year and prepare for exams. Being present in class helps students:

- Stay up to date with lessons and assignments
- Participate in discussions and group work
- Receive support from teachers and peers
- Prepare effectively for final assessments

We encourage all students to attend school consistently and on time to make the most of the learning opportunities ahead.

School News – First Edition Newspaper

We are proud to announce the release of our school's first edition newspaper! This publication highlights student voice, creativity, and achievements across our school community. We encourage families to take the time to read and celebrate the excellent work of our students. The Newspaper's final design was led by the Gr. 12 student Lesley Brule with support from Ms. Martens and the school leadership.

Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance (AECA) Survey

We would like to thank all parents who participated in the Grade 10 AECA survey. Your input is invaluable in helping Alberta Education and Childcare ensure that our schools are meeting the needs of students and families.

Grade 12 / Graduation 2026 Updates

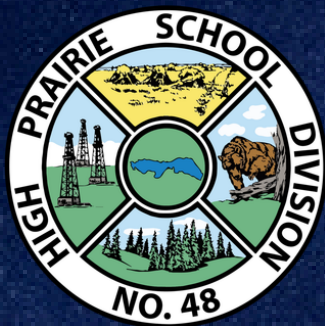
- Ongoing grad sessions continue for students.
- The Parent Decoration Committee has been meeting and planning for the Valediction Ceremony on May 23 at 1 p.m. at the Sport Palace.
- A grad email update has been sent to all Grade 12 students and families.
- Administration has met with Grade 12 students to review grad participation requirements and provide guidance.

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International Trip – Italy, Spring 2027

We are excited to announce that the International Trip to Italy (Spring 2027) has been approved by the Division – Board of Trustees.

For questions or additional information, please contact the school.

Indigenous Education Updates

During the month of March, students participated in Hand Games teachings and practices across all grades, building cultural knowledge and community engagement.

Additionally, Grade 12 students have begun Grad Cap Beading, with interested graduates designing and beading their own caps in preparation for graduation.

Looking ahead to April 2026:

- The EWP Hand Games Team will attend the Divisional Hand Games Tournament on April 9 at HPE.
- Freshwater fish preparation and cooking teachings will take place on April 8 in Foods classes.
- Medicine Wheel teachings connected to mathematics will be shared on April 14 in Math 15/10C and Math 20-3 classes.
- Grad Cap Beading will continue (completion date to be announced).
- The Youth Council for Reconciliation (YCR) will hold its first meeting (date and time to be announced).
- Caribou tufting will take place on April 20 with the Art class.

Additional sessions are being planned and will be shared as they are confirmed.

Wellness Month Reminder

March is Wellness Month. We are entering the last three months of the school year, and it can be a stressful time with final exams approaching. It is important for students to practice self-care to set themselves up for success.

- Ensure proper sleep, daily movement, and healthy eating
- Manage time effectively and focus on priorities
- Take advantage of extended daylight hours to spend time outdoors
- Reach out to the Wellness Coach for support if needed

The Wellness team will also be hosting a Wellness Day at each school to promote healthy living as the year wraps up. We would also like to celebrate all our Chargers who demonstrated the E.W. Pratt character education values for the month: Caring, Hardworking, and Achieving.

Career and Post-Secondary Planning

Our Career Coaches have been actively supporting students through a variety of events and opportunities this month:

March Highlights:

- March 5 – Let's Go Rural event at the High Prairie Health Complex
- March 12 – Canadian Armed Forces classroom presentation
- March 26 & 31 – Grade 9 course selection

We had also planned visits from the University of Alberta Augustana Campus and Rupertsland Institute in March; however, poor weather and road conditions prevented them from joining us. We look forward to rescheduling these opportunities in the future.

April Upcoming Events:

- Senior High course selection
- April 14 – Careers Next Gen classroom presentations at PRS, PVO, and EWP

Students are encouraged to stay up to date with post-secondary applications and connect with Career Coaches for guidance and support as they plan their next steps.

We are proud of our students' hard work and dedication. Consistent attendance, engagement, and self-care are essential to finishing the school year strong. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

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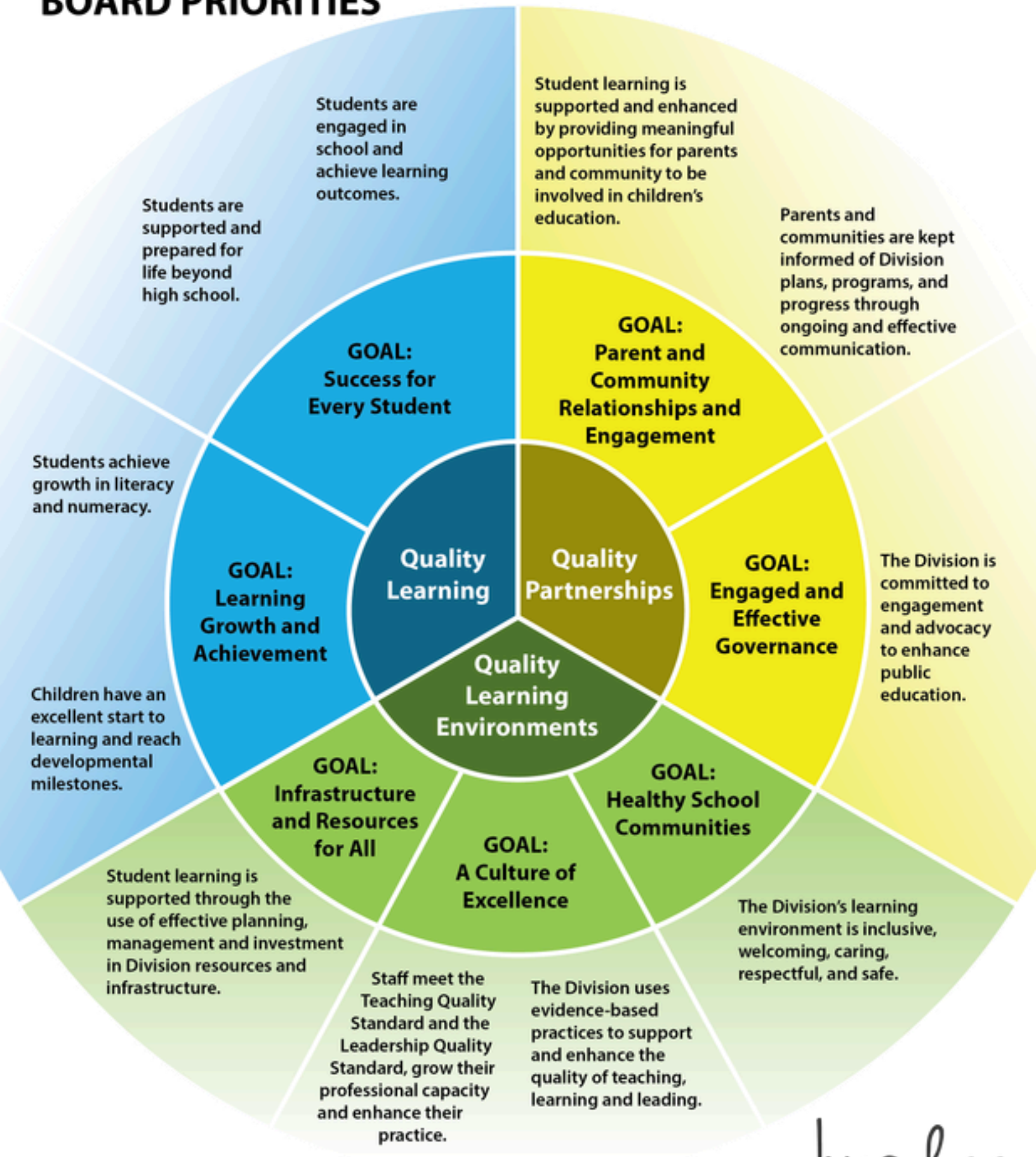
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