



**Superintendent's Report
October 15, 2024**

- One final reminder about our Divisional Professional Development Day on October 18th. We are in the final stages of planning, and we are confident we are ready to offer a high-quality day of learning and connecting to all our Divisional staff.
- There were several Divisional professional development opportunities and meetings for Sunrise School Division staff held at SEC in the past two weeks.
 - Our school-based literacy leaders gathered to continue their learning on evidence-based literacy intervention strategies. As a follow-up our Division Principals will be heading out to schools in early November to observe our literacy intervention programs and teachers in action and see firsthand how our new literacy interventions strategies are working.
 - Our new teachers gathered for a full day of learning organized and led by our Program Leaders and Division Principals. All 13 of our teachers who are both new to Sunrise and new to the profession were in attendance. Feedback was collected from the new teachers, and it was very positive.
 - The Divisional Crisis Team met to review protocols and practices. The crisis team is in place to support schools who are impacted by a tragic or traumatic event that occurs within the school community. Our team is very experienced and is recognized as providing excellent support to schools when called upon.
- Friday, October 25th is the Manitoba Teachers' Society Professional Development Day (MTS PD Day). Schools will not be open on this day as our educators connect with others from all over Manitoba to collectively learn in their specialty areas and grade levels. It is a day that allows teachers to choose a learning topic of their choice, as 33 subject area or specialty groups offer teachers the opportunity to select from hundreds of session choices. More information on the day and the learning opportunities for teachers can be found here:
<https://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2024/09/03/mts-pd-day-2024-oct-25-2024/>
- A reminder of our Divisional Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting is being hosted on October 24th at 6:00 pm here at SEC. The DPAC meeting is an opportunity for our Trustees to hear from parents and an opportunity for school PACs to hear and learn from each other. Parent Councils are a great way to connect with and contribute to the school in meaningful ways. If parents would like more information on their school's PAC they are invited to reach out the school principal.
- Sunrise School Division's Connect and Learn early childhood readiness initiative is underway for the 2024-25 school year. The Connect and Learn program is an opportunity for future kindergarten families to have their child assessed in areas identified as important for school readiness. Led by a divisional Speech and Language Pathologist, the program aims to identify potential areas for families to engage with their children through play and help them become better prepared for the start of school. Last year the program was able to connect with and offer the assessment and programming to 253 of 283 future kindergarten students.
- Many of our extra-curricular athletics programs are well underway. Students have been actively participating in golf, football, soccer, volleyball, cross-country, hockey, cheer as well as intramural and other athletic opportunities. Thank you to our dedicated coaches and supervisors who spend hours and hours working to positively engage students and improve their skills in a chosen athletic activity.