



School District No. 6
(Rocky Mountain)
Quest for Quality

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year!

We are very pleased to welcome you to 2016-17! We look forward to another great year of learning in SD6, and on behalf of the Board of Education and the Senior Staff of the District, we thank you for supporting the success of our students.

We extend a special welcome to our new staff, students and parents. In particular we are mindful of a number of families who relocated to our communities as a result of the wildfire impacting the community of Fort McMurray in May and June. Things are returning to normal but for those of you who need to stay on with us a little longer or who have chosen to relocate to our area, we are pleased to have you with us.

On the District website, a click on the “About Us” tile shows important information about our foundations as a learning community. In particular, the Vision of the District speaks to the value we place on our work to help develop inquisitive, productive people who are lifelong learners and who build mutual respect and appreciation in our communities. The District Motto is “Quest for Quality” and that emphasizes our desire to work together and do our very best for students. Our Guiding Principles are summarized by the phrase “we will care deeply, act wisely and find joy in each day!”

Our District continues on the path to greater success for all learners. Increasing levels of literacy are such an important focus for us because we know how much of an influence this can have on future opportunities for our students. We have a steadily improving trend in reading, and our BC resident 6 year graduation rate shows a 5 year improvement trend, now 7 points above the Provincial average. We are focused on increasing the achievement results of our Aboriginal learners, and we see our Enhancement Agreement, signed with our partners in June 2015, as a tool to help us get there. Our first multi-year “District Plan for Student Success” under the new Provincial “Enhancing Learning Framework” will be published this Fall.

New curriculum K-9 is implemented this year, and you are encouraged to access the documents at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>. There will be an additional non-instructional day in the calendar this year to support teacher learning in this area and also to help us prepare to implement the new Grades 10-12 curriculum in 2017-18 (you can access District calendars on the website on the quick links menu). And speaking of new, this year we have significantly expanded our International Student Program; Rocky Mountain International now involves Revelstoke, Golden, Invermere, Kimberley, Cranbrook and Fernie, and we welcome approximately 200 students from all over the world to learn in this incredible region of the Province. We are so appreciative of all our host families who make this program possible.

We have new staff members in District positions this year. In the District Office we welcome Shayla Richards as our new School Psychologist, replacing Amy Bourbeau who is on Maternity leave. We also welcome Robin Myers as our new Executive Assistant, following the retirement of Donna Waters. We welcome Blaine Broderick, who is the new Principal at Lady Grey Elementary, Scott Sharun, who is a new Vice Principal at Selkirk Secondary, and former Superintendent Bendina Miller who is the new Principal at Windermere Elementary. Jennifer Quigley moves from her position at Selkirk Secondary to Marysville Elementary where she is the new Principal. Bob Wilson moves from Alexander Park to become the new Principal at Nicholson Elementary. We wish these staff members every success in their new positions.

We continue to highlight our “District Directions 2018”. The Learning Leadership Report, published monthly, features many events and activities taking place across our District that bring these Directions to life, every day of the school year. Please find the Learning Leadership Report each month on our website under the “Learning” tile!

In Rocky Mountain School District:

1. Our students and staff feel safe, connected, and valued
2. Our students experience environmental, outdoor, and community-based learning
3. Our learning community is research-based and collaborative
4. Our learning is empowered by technology
5. Our communication results in common understanding

Have a great year!



Amber Byklum, Board Chairperson



Paul Carriere, Superintendent