



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

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!

In June, we said farewell to a very capable group of graduates, and we now begin a brand new relationship with our newest SD6 community members, our Kindergarten students! It is a great source of pride for us that from the moment our youngest ones let go of their parent's hand and join their first class, to the moment when they cross the graduation stage with "dignity, purpose and options" we have a whole community dedicated to supporting them along the way.

A warm welcome to our new staff, students and parents. Please take the time to read/review our District Mission, Vision, Values and Guiding Principles on our website at www.sd6.bc.ca under the "About Us" menu. 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!" I also want to draw your attention to our "District Directions 2018" <http://www.sd6.bc.ca/index.php?25-district-directions>, our "District Plan for Student Success" <http://apps.sd6.bc.ca/achievement/DPS2016/DistrictSuccessPlan2016.pdf> and the Learning Leadership Report <http://www.sd6.bc.ca/index.php?50-learning-leadership-report> which is published monthly and features many events and activities taking place across our District every day of the school year. Looking at these documents is a great way to gather a sense of our Rocky Mountain culture.

We have new staff members in District positions this year. In the Central Office, we welcome Surrena Craig in the role of Health and Safety Officer. We also welcome Joseph Baron as the new Principal at Windermere Elementary, Jill Jensen as the new Principal of Martin Morigeau Elementary and Alyssan Gauthier as the Vice Principal (Jill will retain her duties at JA Laird). We wish these staff members every success in their new positions. We are grateful to Wayne Pelter (Health and Safety), Bendina Miller (WES), Gail Rines (MMES) and Shayla Richards (District Psychologist) who are leaving us, and we wish them all the very best in the future.

Our District continues with improving achievement trends, and a strong focus on supporting every student. We know that if students are succeeding in their literacy and numeracy development, and if they are attending school regularly, they will be on the path to success. We track results and plan interventions across the system to help students needing more assistance. As well, we are focused on increasing the achievement results of our Aboriginal learners, and the Enhancement Agreement, signed with our partners in June 2015, is an important tool to help us get there.

In the Provincial picture, the new K-9 curriculum is now fully implemented, and we have one more year of planning and then we will be implementing the Grade 10-12 program. For more information about upcoming changes to the graduation program, please follow this link, <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>. As well, the redesigned Foundation Skills Assessment for students in Grades 4 and 7 will be administered earlier in the year, from October 2 – November 10. Please see <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment-reporting/new-foundation-skills-assessment> for more information.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Senior Staff of the District, we thank you for everything you do to ensure the success of our students.

Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Amber Byklum.

Amber Byklum
Chairperson, Board of Education

Handwritten signature of Paul Carriere.

Paul Carriere
Superintendent of Schools