

News

Tansi,

Welcome to March, our Literacy month. Along with Dr Seuss' birthday and St Patrick's Day we have a wonderful assortment of activities coming up. Our Literacy committee, made up of student volunteers and Ms. Adams has been busy planning for our school and hopefully some guests to join us.

Archery and Basketball clubs will wrap before Spring Break and our grade 4-6 students begin hand games. **Parent Teacher Interviews and Dinner on March 11th will be by sign up again. We will have our Book Fair open, gym games and we will be serving dinner at 5pm.** Following Spring Break, we will host our **mamawinitowin luncheon on March 25th**. We would love to have ideas for fundraising, community events and activities. Please join us for lunch and great conversation.

Kindergarten Registration is on Tuesday March 24th. If you have a Future Laker please come tour the school and get signed up for Kindergarten next year. To qualify for Kindergarten students need to be born before December 2021. We are looking forward to another busy month of learning and growing here at Jousard School.

Thank you all for your continued support.
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Melissa Isaac

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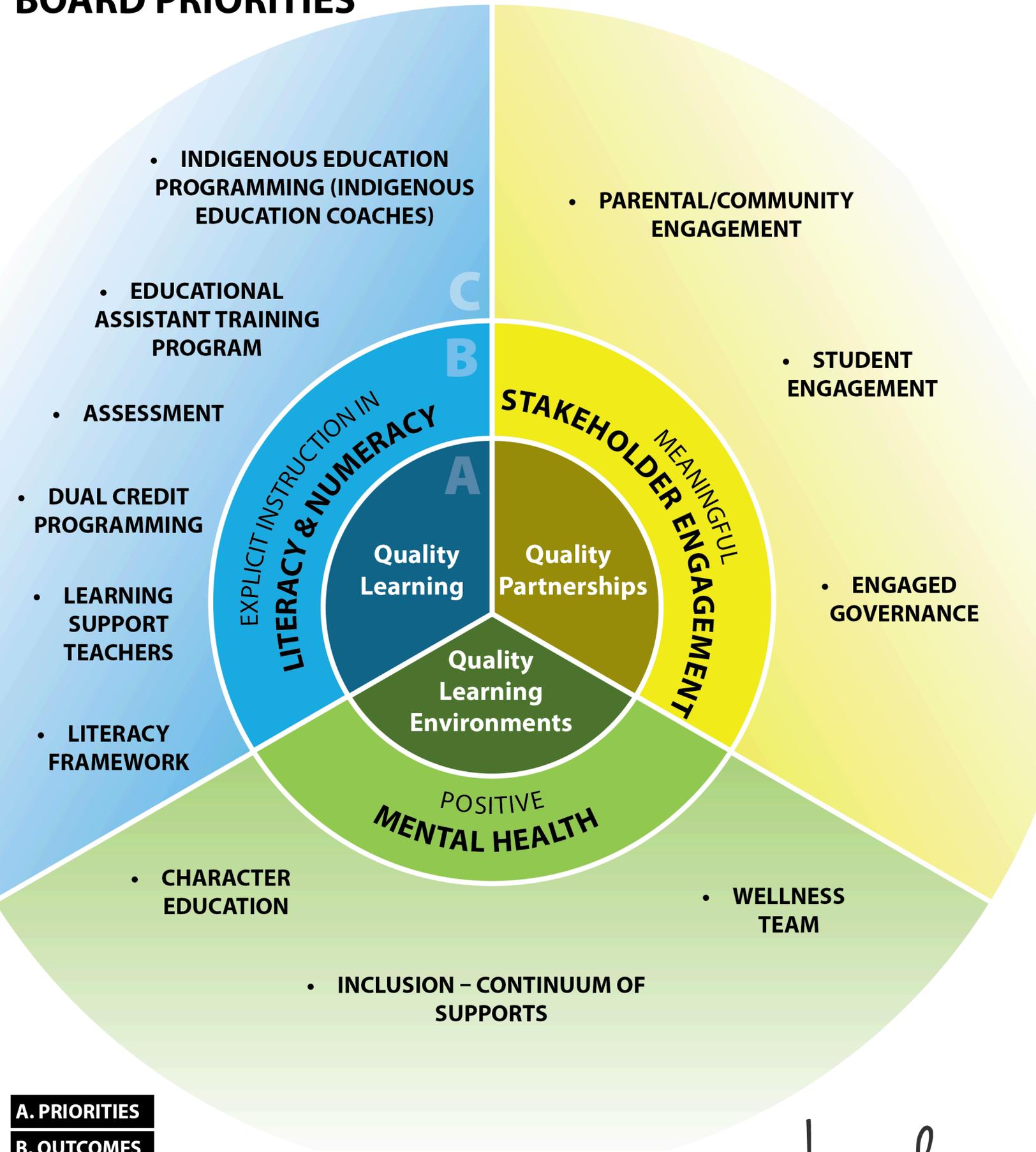
Upcoming Events and School Information

Month and Year

- **MARCH EVENTS**

- March 3rd - Read my Shirt Day - Archery Team Tournament
- March 4th - Kindergarten and Grade 1 Go to High Prairie Library and Fire Department
- March 5th - Bring your favourite book to school
- March 6th - Report Cards and Individual Student Plans Go Home
- March 9th - 12th Book Fair is open. Comic book Club at 1st recess
- March 10th - Basketball Tournament at EW Pratt
- March 11th - Parent Teacher Interviews with Dinner. Book Fair open 4:30-6:30.
- March 13th - Star Stories grade 5/6 go to HPE
- **March 16-20th - School Closed for Spring Break**
- March 23rd - Comic book Club at 1st recess
- March 24th - Character Dress up day. Kindergarten Registration 3:30 - 5pm
- March 25th - mamawinitowin luncheon. Myra Loonskin will be sharing rattle teachings
- March 27th - Guest Reader Day - We would love to have you!
- March 30th - Breakfast, Blankets and Books Day. Comic book club at 1st recess. Assembly 2:30 pm hosted by Kindergarten

HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD PRIORITIES



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Quality Learning

Attendance

1: DID YOU KNOW

JOUSSARD SCHOOL AVERAGES ABOUT 55% ATTENDANCE RATE. ON ANY GIVEN DAY ONLY HALF OUR STUDENTS ARE HERE.

2: THE EDUCATION ACT

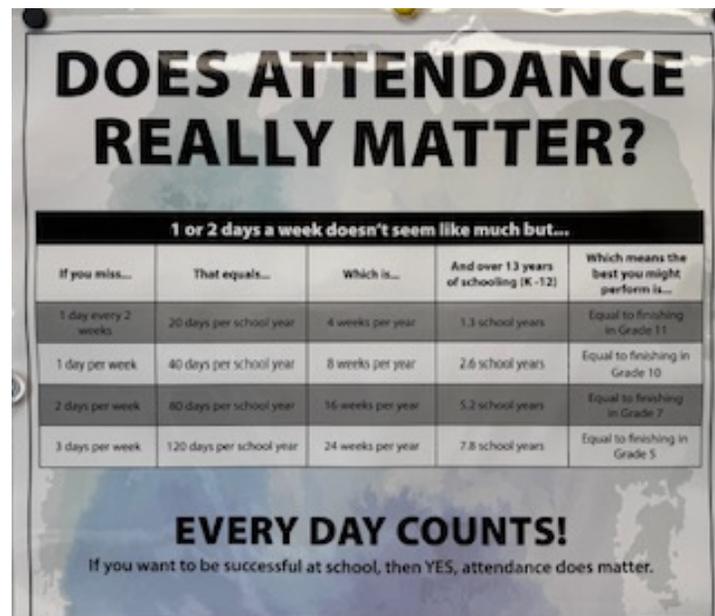
ACCORDING TO THE ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT (SECTION 7) EVERY PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF ALBERTA AND HAS A PARENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF CANADA, FROM AGES 6- 16 YEARS OF AGE, SHALL ATTEND SCHOOL.

3: REASONS FOR ABENCES

ACCORDING TO THE ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT (SECTION 7), ONLY THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED EXCUSED ABSENCES

- SICKNESS
- UNAVOIDABLE CAUSE
- THE DAY IS RECOGNIZED AS A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY BY THE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION TO WHICH THE STUDENT BELONGS

We sent letters, made phone calls and emails. When students are here we can help prepare them academically and socially for their future. Daily life comes with challenges, conflicts and successes. Our job is to help our kids handle all of these with grace.



Quality Learning Environments

- RESTORATIVE PRACTICES



The restorative practices has it's roots in the restorative justice concepts. Which is looking at justice as a way to repair the harm done to people and relationships rather than focusing on punishing the offenders.

Daily Classroom Circles: Build Relationships. Get a sense of social/emotional mind set of students. Sets the tone for instructional learning. Could be an opportunity for goal setting in the future when students are ready.

Teacher - Student Meetings: Accountability for the action, how it affected the teacher, how to repair the relationship.

Peer Mediation: Trained student mediators meet with assailant and victim. Accountability: how it affected those involved, how to repair the relationship.

Formal Restorative Justice Meeting: Involves assailant and 2 supporter, victim and two supporters, mediator, and school representative. Accountability, the effects of the transgression, how to repair the relationship.

Quality Partnerships

- PARENTAL/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
- ENGAGED GOVERNANCE

Parent Teacher Interviews / Family Fun Night 4:30-6:30 pm: Please come and join us for some family fun. We will share a wonderful meal prepared by Miss Paulette, play games in the gym, shop at the book fair and meet with teachers (Pre-book only).

Assembly March 30th at 2:30 pm: Please join us in Celebrating our Student of the Month, Attendance Awards and the “Gotcha” Award. We will also welcome an Elder to open our school year with a prayer and offer a smudge to those who want it.

mamawinitowin (coming together): March 25th, 2026 12:00: This lunch happens monthly. It is a coming together of Community members. We learn so much about the goals, priorities and concerns our parents/guardians have at these get togethers. Please come and help us keep our school culture growing a positive way. Contact the school to secure your seat for lunch.

