

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Highlights

From March 25 meeting

For Immediate Release

### Mayerthorpe High International Field Trip

• At their regular March 25, 2014 Board meeting the trustees approved in principle, Mayerthorpe Jr. /Sr. High School's international field trip "Explore Science in Hawaii Tour, scheduled from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Students will experience Science in Hawaii. They will see the history of Pearl Harbor, visit volcanoes, get instruction in astronomy as well as experience the native culture of Hawaii.

### Locally Developed Courses

• The Board authorized the use of the following Locally Developed Courses acquired from Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Abnormal Psychology 35 (3 credits); from Edmonton School District No. 7 from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 15 (5 credits), Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 25 (5 credits), Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 35 (5 credits); and from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Learning Strategies 15 (5 credits), Learning Strategies 25 (5 credits) and Learning Strategies 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the courses are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

### New Teacher Induction Ceremony

• 25 new, and new to Alberta, teachers were inducted into the profession on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Whitecourt as part of the annual joint ATA/NGPS Induction Ceremony. Each year, first year teachers who are new to the province, are officially inducted into the profession by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) amongst their NGPS trustees, colleagues, peers and mentors.

## Space Camp

- In 2013 Lac Ste. Anne County Council established a committee to look at options in developing a unique opportunity for an area youth – that being able to attend a week-long Space Camp at the Cosmodome Centre in Laval, Quebec. Northern Gateway Public Schools continues to support this initiative.

Space Camp launched in 1982 to inspire and motivate young people from around the country to join the ranks of space pioneers who persevere to push the boundaries of human exploration. Space Academy for ages 12-15 is an exciting, five-night adventure that is both educational and exhilarating. The program incorporates real-world applications of science, technology, engineering and math education.

## Edwin Parr Candidate

- Annually, each school jurisdiction in the province is invited to submit the name of one outstanding first year teacher as its nomination for the Edwin Parr Award, which is sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).

This year Northern Gateway Public Schools has nominated Elizabeth Neufeld from the Onoway Junior/Senior High School, Onoway, Alberta. Elizabeth's currently holds the position of Music Directory and Teacher for Music 7, 8, 9; Band 10/20/30 and Honours Band 10/20/30. Congratulations go out to Elizabeth Neufeld.

The next Board meeting will take place Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, commencing at 10:00 a.m. with the regular Board Meeting at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend the regular Board meeting. For more information, please call (780) 778-2800 or toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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