

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From December 13, 2016 Meeting

For Immediate Release

NGPS Program Trailblazing (NGPS Central Services)

Principals and other staff of the division were present to deliver a presentation on the multitude of programs and projects being done by schools throughout the division. The presentation explained how these programs are improving education and opportunity in the division. Programs include: dual credit programming, indigenous learning supports, literacy enrichment and much more.

CTF Week 1 (Grasmere, Onoway Elementary, Rich Valley, Darwell)

The ingenuity of these four schools at the east end, is an inspiration to all of Northern Gateway Public Schools. The administration and staff of the four schools have taken CTF and launched it into a collaborative community sphere – Trailblazers!

Grade 7 students from the four schools came together in Alberta Beach to participate in Career & Technology (CTF) Week. CTF helps students build their understanding of the world around them as they identify and apply career and life skills.

Students develop communication, collaboration, critical thinking, time management and problem-solving skills through hands-on learning experiences. CTF supports the development of literacy, numeracy and competencies which can be developed through student-focused learning opportunities.

Repeat Boutique Makeover

Repeat Boutique gets an NGPS makeover by Hilltop students, Merit Contractors and the Friends of Whitecourt.

Merit Contractors awarded a \$150,000.00 educational grant to Northern Gateway providing access to learning opportunities in the trades for students. Northern Gateway had submitted a proposal to Merit Contractors identifying a number of opportunities in Whitecourt. This grant will provide students with project-based learning while also contributing to the needs in their communities and fostering an attitude of stewardship.



The makeover for Repeat Boutique will include painting the interior and exterior of the building, maintenance, signage, shelving, organization and displays to improve the functionality of shopping. Marketing and special projects will contribute to the experience.

Students in the Merit project will have the opportunity to explore different career paths with an actual client, while still in high school. Around 40 students in grades 10 through 12 will participate in different areas of the project. Overall, a great experience for students.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday January 10th, 2017** commencing at **10:00 a.m.** at the Division Office in Whitcourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.

