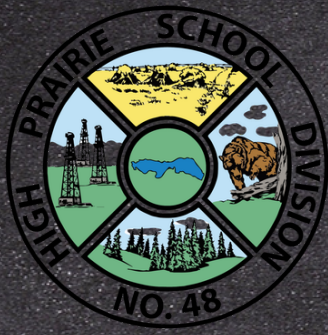




News

Tansi,

Welcome back to a new school year! The beginning of every school year is an exciting time. I have to say a big thank you to Georgie and Gabe Isadore for providing smudge and prayer on our first day to start our year in a good way.

We are proud to welcome Miss Giroux as our new school secretary. Kierra is from the area and is wonderful resource for both our staff and students as she fills this big role in our school. Mr Jamie Chalifoux has already had our grade 1, to 3s out o the land with elders harvesting blueberries. Next week the grade 6's go to harvest the last of the laboom. The grade 4/5s will go the next week to harvest labourdor tea.

I look forward to seeing all those who can make it to our Open House on September 16th. Please come meet the staff, see the school and share a meal with us.

Thank you all for your continued support.
Hiy Hiy,

Melissa Isaac

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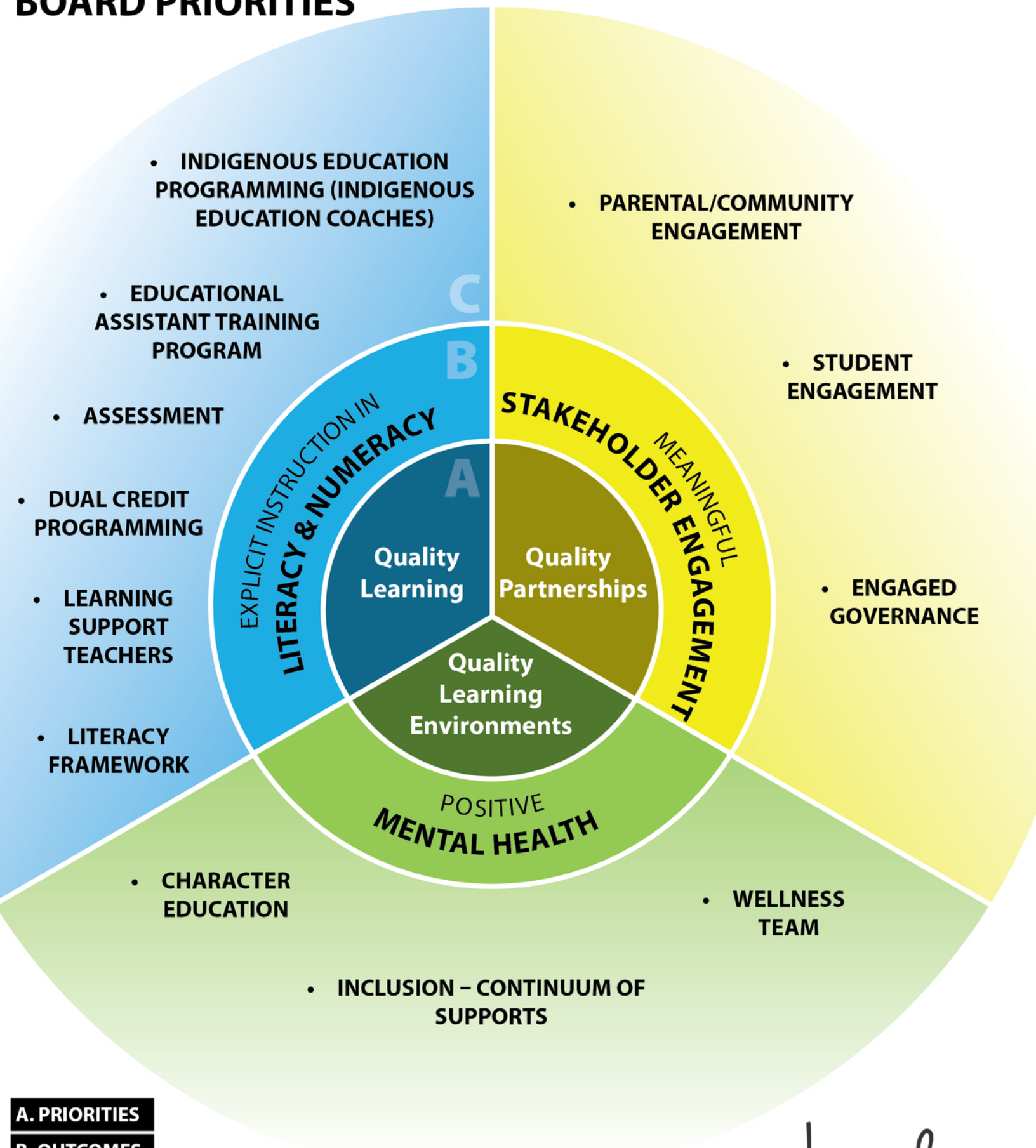
Upcoming Events and School Information

Month and Year

- Monday August 31st - First Day of school
- **Monday September 7th - Labour Day No School**
- Tuesday September 15 - Picture Day
- Wednesday September 16 - Open House 4-6 pm
- Friday September 18th - Terry Fox Walk
- Wednesday September 23rd - mamawihitowin luncheon
- **Friday September 25th - PD Day - No school**
- Monday September 28th - Assembly 2:30 pm
- Tuesday September 29th - Orange Shirt Day
- **Wednesday September 30th - National TRC Day - No School**



HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD PRIORITIES



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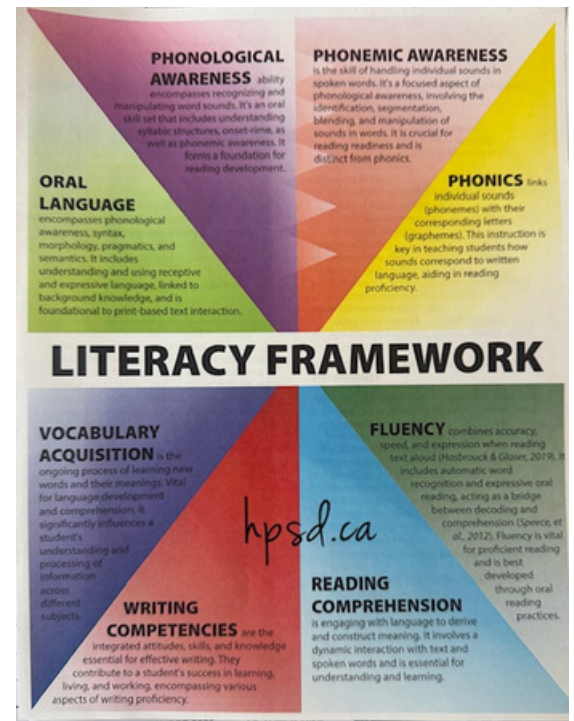
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Quality Learning

- LITERACY FRAMEWORK

Plaid Phonics

PLAID PHONICS IS A PROGRAM WHICH HELPS STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE AT IN THEIR READING JOURNEY. STUDENTS AT JOUSSARD SCHOOL ARE SUPPORTED AT THEIR READING LEVEL IN ORDER FOR THEM TO WORK TOWARDS GRADE LEVEL AND BEYOND. PLAID PHONICS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL TOOL THAT IS USED IN HPSD SCHOOL TO ENSURE THIS SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR ALL STUDENTS FROM GRADE LEVELS AND SCHOOLS.



BEGINNING WITH PHONEMIC AND PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS, PLAID PHONICS BUILDS FOUNDATIONAL PHONETIC SKILLS IN GRADES K-3. IN GRADES 4-6, THE INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS TRANSITIONS FROM PHONICS TO WORD STUDY, INTEGRATING WRITING, SPELLING, READING, AND VOCABULARY PRACTICE.

- **SYSTEMATIC PHONICS INSTRUCTION TO SUPPORT THE SCIENCE OF READING.**
- **MULTISENSORY ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT A DIVERSE RANGE OF LEARNERS.**
- **PHONICS SKILLS INTEGRATED WITH VOCABULARY, COMPREHENSION, WRITING, AND CRITICAL THINKING ACTIVITIES.**
- **SPELLING WORKOUT IS THE RESEARCH-BASED SPELLING INSTRUCTION SOLUTION THAT TAKES A PHONETIC AND STRUCTURAL APPROACH FOR K-8.**

[HTTPS://WWW.RUBICONPUBLISHING.COM/RESOURCES/LITERACY/PLAID-PHONICS-SPELLING-WORKOUT](https://www.rubiconpublishing.com/resources/literacy/plaid-phonics-spelling-workout)

Quality Learning Environments

- CHARACTER EDUCATION
- INCLUSION - CONTINUUM OF SUPPORTS
- WELLNESS TEAM



Seven Grandfather Teachings

Truth: I am trustworthy. I take responsibility for my actions. I know the difference between right and wrong.

Love: I am kind to others. I consider the perspective of others. I add positively to my community.

Respect: I respect myself. I show respect for other people. I show respect for other people's property.

Courage: I am not afraid to make mistakes. I stick up for others. I do what is right even when it is unpopular.

Honesty: I am truthful. I have integrity. I do what is right even when it is hard.

Humility: I consider others' feelings before my own. I praise the successes of others. I don't take advantage of others' weaknesses.

Wisdom: I think before I act. I learn from my mistakes. I reflect on my actions and experiences.

These teaching are the foundation to our monthly awards and daily "gotcha" tickets.

Quality Partnerships

- **PARENTAL/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**
- **ENGAGED GOVERNANCE**

Land Based Learning: Joussard school benefits from being a lakeshore community and surrounded by natural landscapes which are ideal for Land Based Learning opportunities. Mr. Chalifoux often has elders join us for our many excursions for traditional Cree teachings. Grade 1/2 and 3/4 were out with Elder Joyce harvesting blueberries September 9th. Our Grade 6 class will be harvesting Laboom on September 17th. Finally the Grade 4/5 class will be harvesting Labrador Tea on September 23rd.

Open House: September 16th, 2026 4-6pm please come and join us for a meal, games and tour of the school. See what your child has been up to so far in their classrooms and meet their teachers.

Assembly September 28th at 2:30 pm: Please join us in Celebrating our Student of the Month, Attendance Awards and the “Gotcha” Award. We will be honouring students who had the best star to school.

mamawinitowin (coming together): September 23rd, 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.

We're Listening!



We want to hear from you! If you have any questions or thoughts about what's happening at the school, please write them down below and give this page back to the school or email us at news@hpsd.ca. Thank you!

Please include your name and contact information if you would like a response.

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