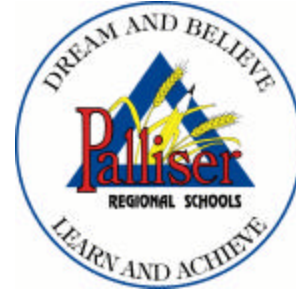


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AISI Satellite Projects Approved

For those who may have missed it, 11 site based or “satellite” projects have been approved for schools and groups in Palliser.

A complete list of the proposals with details of their plans are posted on the AISI website:

<http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/sites/aisi/projects.htm>

PD Steering Committee – February 14, 2007

The Palliser PD Steering Committee has plans to meet on February 14 to examine a proposal for all of the professional development directions for the 2007 – 2008 school year. The intent is to make specific plans and prepare for the increased number of pd days in next year’s calendar.

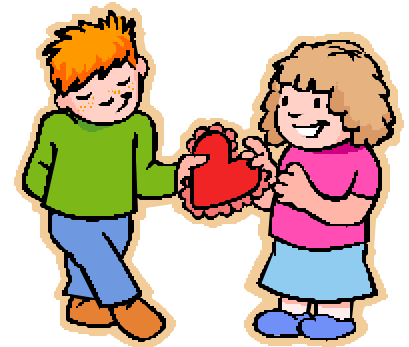
For further details, contact Mr. K. Gietz, Associate Superintendent.

AISI Team Retreat

Your AISI Team has just returned from its first annual retreat to the mountains and splendor of Canmore.

The AISI team has recently returned from a two-day retreat in Canmore. Accomplished at the retreat:

- Looked at Curriculum Mapping usage and alternatives
- Discussed how AISI is going to use the DRA results and be involved in facilitating goal-setting, based on those results (looking towards a training session and sharing of strategies)
- Shared information on assessment presentations
- Discussed the implementation of Literacy Place for the Early Years
- Discussed new curriculum implementation and resource selection
- Did some initial planning for PD for 2007/2008
- Discussed plans for the school year opening (new teacher in-service, mini assessment conference, opening celebration)
- Discussed process for satellite projects proposed in the fall of 2007



Teachers Convention

SWATCA & Palliser District
February 22 & 23, 2007



Recent AISI Activities

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Your Palliser AISI Team

Clarice Gilbert: Assessment for Learning
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Donna Dalby: Assessment for Learning
Jennie Emery Elementary School : 345-2403
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Priority Schools, Technology Integration
Vulcan Prairie View Elementary: 485-1928
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January Activities for Clarice

During the month of January, Clarice had the opportunity to visit classrooms at Vulcan PrairieView Elementary to see the kinds of "assessment for learning" strategies teachers have built into their teaching.

Clarice also attended two meetings of the PASS committee and was privileged to be involved in interesting professional discussions.

On January 23, along with Donna, Clarice attended an SAPDC workshop on "Facilitating".

On January 31 staffs of Arrowwood School and Dorothy Dalgliesh School attended "Assessment for Learning" presentations.

Clarice would like to thank the teachers of VPE for welcoming her into their classrooms and would also like to thank the teachers and administration of Arrowwood and Dorothy Dalgliesh Schools for inviting her to spend time with them on their prep day and for being active participants in the presentation.

Assessment for Learning Reminder – Clarice wants to make sure that all teachers are aware of a great [Assessment for Student Learning](#) workshop offered by **Ken O'Connor** coming up in Lethbridge on April 24 and offered through SAPDC. Click the link below or contact Clarice for further details.

<http://people.uleth.ca/%7Eesapdc/workshops/assessment.html>

January Activities for Donna

- In-service overview of First Steps in Math presented to Student Support Assistants
- Attendance at the SAPDC Facilitators' Training Workshop
- Attendance at the Zone 6 PD Partners' Meeting
- Participation in the AISI planning retreat
- Celebration of Graduation for the Coalhurst Cohort in First Steps in Math! Way to go, Coalhurst!!!

January Activities for Rob

Rob, Gord Smith, & Darren Atwood attended a presentation at SMART Tech in Calgary. We enjoyed a full day of demos and information on smartboards and SMART technology. This company has some great new products coming out and due to our attendance at their session, Palliser was fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of some new devices – contact Gord for further details.

More SMART Technologies Information is available at www.smarttech.com

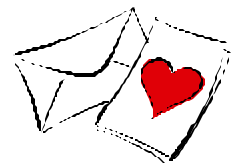
PD Reminders

PD Days for 2006-2007

February 21/06 – District PD Day

February 22, 23 - Convention

March 23/07 - ATA PD Day



Have a great convention!