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2025

# February NEWS



# Welcome to Semester 2 Phoenix Family!

As we step into the second semester, take a moment to celebrate how far you've come. Reflect on your accomplishments, embrace the lessons learned, and be proud of your progress. Each challenge faced and milestone achieved has added to the strength and spirit of our incredible community.

The second semester is more than just a continuation—it's a new beginning, a chance to set bold goals, deepen your skills, and rise to fresh challenges with renewed energy and focus. Every step forward is an opportunity to grow, to lead, and to inspire those around you.

As a Phoenix family, we have the passion, resilience, and unwavering support for one another to achieve great things. Let's make this semester our strongest yet—filled with purpose, determination, and pride in everything we do.

Here's to reaching new heights and igniting our potential together! Let's soar.

*Dennis Vobeyda*  
Principal



The background of the image shows a stack of several textbooks. On top of the stack are several pens and pencils in various colors (blue, green, orange, silver). In the foreground, an open notebook with lined pages is visible, with a pencil resting on it. The entire scene is set on a brown, textured surface, possibly a desk or a table. The text is overlaid on a dark grey and orange background.

# SEMESTER 1 TEXTBOOKS NOW DUE

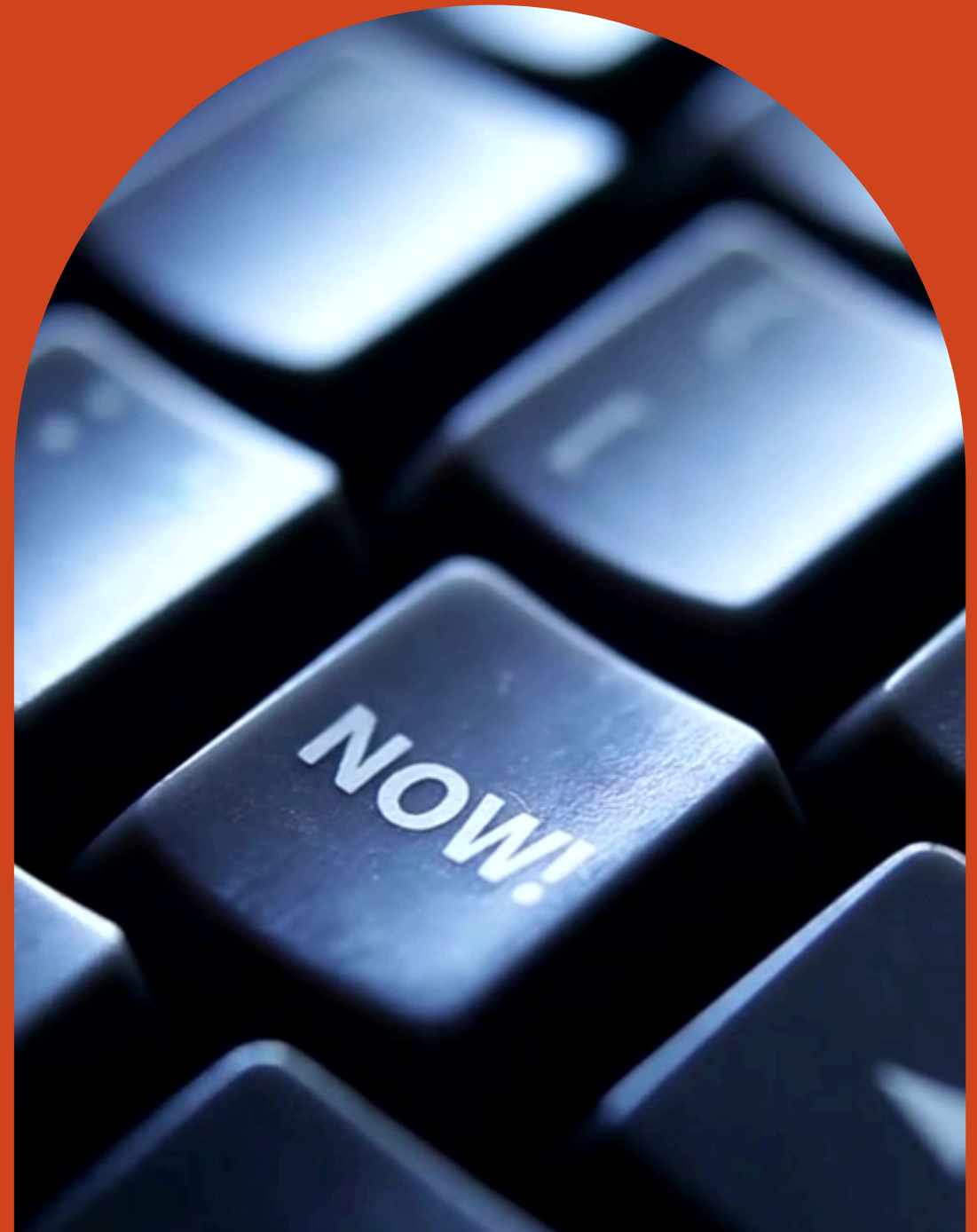
Students will not be able to check out their Semester 2 textbooks and/or novel studies if they have any unreturned or overdue materials from Semester 1

## PLEASE COMPLETE

We still have over 250 parents/guardians who need to complete the 2024/2025 Registration Update Form

- this is an Alberta Education requirement
- we have ongoing Alberta Education audits of these forms
- incomplete forms can impact student funding

[Click Here for Step by Step Instructions](#)





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Monday, February 10

6:30 pm-7:30 pm

# School Council Meeting

Attend in person or virtually

*Link will be posted on our website the day of  
the meeting*

**ALL PARENTS WELCOME**





# Jersey Design Contest

Grande Prairie Storm and Ovintiv's Indigenous Relations Group are inviting students to submit a custom jersey design to the Storm by **Wednesday, February 5**. The winning design will be featured on the jerseys during the Indigenous Celebration Night on Friday, March 7, 2025

For more information email: [director@gpstorm.ca](mailto:director@gpstorm.ca)



**Grande Prairie  
Public School  
Division**  
Every Student Succeeds

**GPPSD Indigenous Programming  
Team Hosting**

# **Indigenous Family Circle**

**Thursday, Feb. 6**

**5PM-7PM**

**Avondale School 10226 108 Ave**

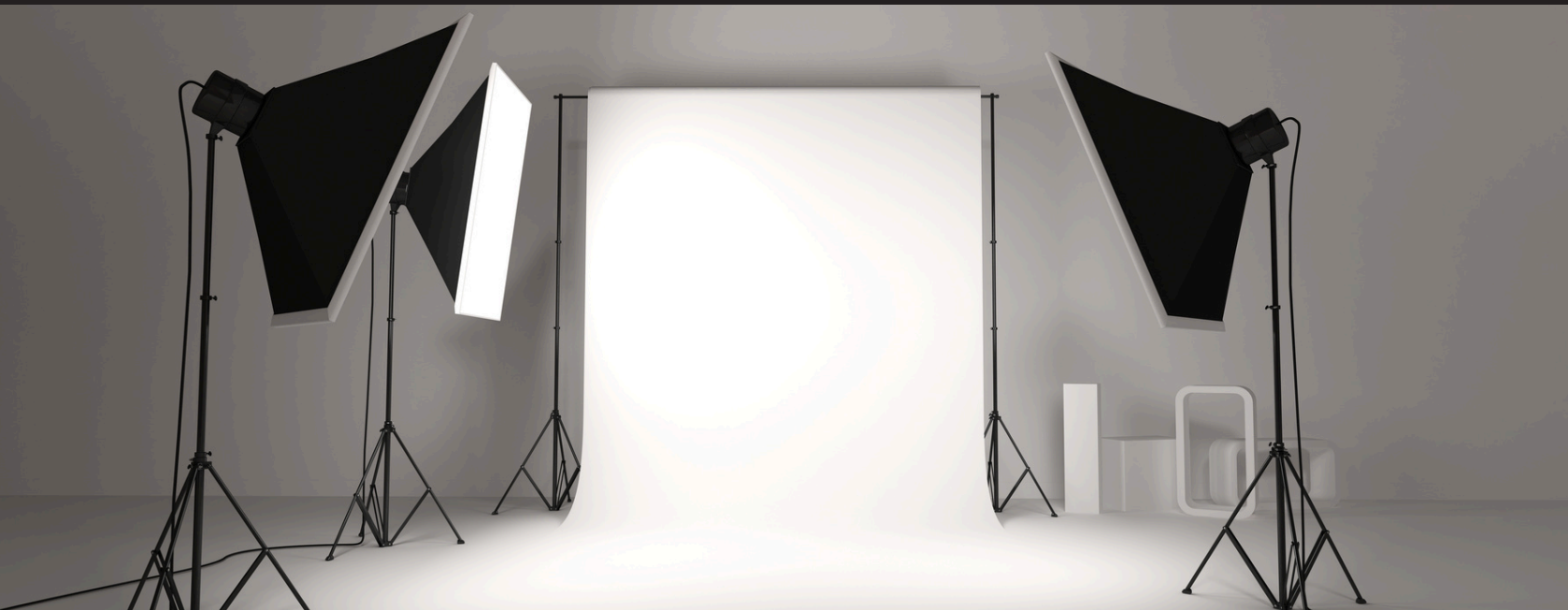
**Questions? Email: [indigenous@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:indigenous@gppsd.ab.ca)**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



# BOOK NOW

## *Grad Photo*



### WATSON'S FOTO SOURCE

Deadline to have Grad portrait in the yearbook is March 31, 2025.

Even if you do not wish to purchase Grad photos, this is the picture that will appear in the 2024/2025 yearbook. If you do not book and show up for these pictures, you will not be included in the yearbook.





UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY

# University of Calgary Indigenous Recruitment Team

**Tuesday, February 11**  
**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**  
**in the Learning Commons**

University of Calgary's Indigenous Recruitment Team will be at our school to meet students and answer all their questions. All students are welcome.

# Northwestern Polytechnic Recruitment Team

Wednesday, February 12  
11:30 am - 12:15 pm  
in the Learning Commons



Get insights into the exciting opportunities  
waiting for you at  
**NWP!**

## Ask Your Questions About:

**New and Innovative Programs**  
**Application Process**  
**Requirements for Admission**  
**And Additional Information!**





**STOP BULLYING**

# Wednesday, Feb. 26

Students will be encouraged to wear pink on this day to promote being kind to each other, to stand up for each other, and to create a supportive environment.

# FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

These posters are displayed around the school to let students know how our community is celebrating Black History Month

# YOU ARE INVITED!



## OPENING CEREMONY

**DATE:** FEB 1 | **LOCATION:** GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY ROTARY ROOM | **TIME:** 1-3PM

FREE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

## ART EXHIBITION + OPENING RECEPTION

**OPENING RECEPTION:** FEB 7 | 7-9PM | **ART EXHIBITION:** JAN 17 - FEB 28 | **LOCATION:** CENTRE FOR CREATIVE ARTS

FREE - REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

## GALA

**DATE:** MAR 1 | **LOCATION:** PARADISE INN | **TIME:** 4:30PM - 11:00PM

UNDER 18 - FREE | ADULTS - \$30 & DANCE - \$10

REGISTER  
FOR ALL EVENTS  
HERE



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ATTENTION  
GRADE 12  
STUDENTS

# Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries

Continuing to Post-Secondary Education?  
Be sure to have a look at the various ways  
you can help with the costs.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)





## HELPING STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC CREDIT RECOVERY

### WHAT IS IT?

Credit recovery is designed to support students who may be struggling with missing key assignments or at risk of falling behind in their coursework.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Intervention teachers work one-on-one with students, offering guidance and assistance in completing assignments, understanding difficult material, and improving their overall academic performance. This proactive approach allows students to address gaps in their learning, receive targeted help, and stay on track for success.

### WHY OFFER THIS?

By providing a structured yet flexible environment for academic recovery, students are empowered to improve their academic performance and achieve better outcomes.

# ICYMI... OUR SENIORS WIN BRONZE!



**Phoenix Invitational**

January 2025



**GO PHOENIX GO!**

# CLASS HIGHLIGHTS



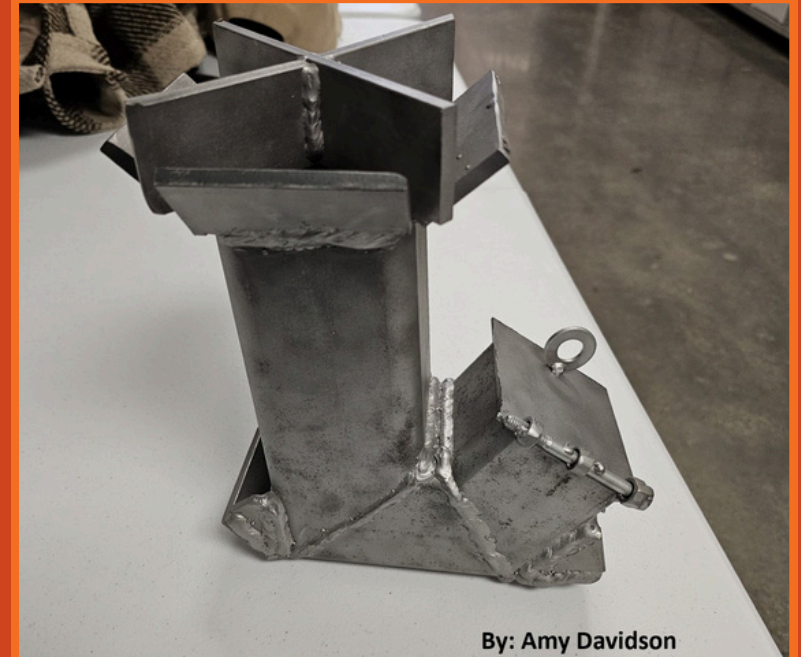
## OPPEDISANO'S SOCIAL STUDIES Grade 9 and 10

Everyday these students start class with 10 minutes learning about current events, global issues, a bit of trivia and always a feel-good story. This creates great classroom conversations and helps educate students about a wide variety of world events. Topics are based only on facts, with no biases.



## PRZYBYLSKI'S CALM 20 CLASS PROJECT

Students explored various career options and learned about the financial implications associated with these choices. This research provided students insights into the required education, job outlook, and potential earnings. This project's goal was to help them make informed decisions about their future.



By: Amy Davidson

## NORDHAGEN'S WELDING CLASS

This "Rocket Stove" project involved cutting 3-inch steel tubing at various lengths and angles to fabricate the stove. It was welded using the process of Gas Metal Arc Welding (MIG). This project required accurate measuring and placement of the metal to make it line up to produce the finished product."



# CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



## BOOK CLUB

The goal of this new, student-led club is to encourage reading beyond the school day. Members have voted to read books, like "Things Fall Apart" and "Fahrenheit 451." Students meet once a week to discuss their thoughts and opinions of their picks.



## PEER TUTORING CLUB

Our Peer Tutor Club has tripled this year and is still growing! We have 21 volunteer peer tutors supporting 30 fellow students in various subjects. Students are spending 1-3 hours per week learning and supporting each other.



## CRAFT CLUB

Students work on various projects including knitting, crocheting, painting, drawing and paper folding. They bring projects from home and also use materials here at the school. Ms. Emond can teach any students interested in learning how to knit or crochet, and students teach each other as well.



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