

Sundre High School & Sundre Learning Centre Spring Newsletter



May Queen 50th Anniversary

This year is the 50th anniversary of May Queen and we hope with the community's support it will be the best one yet. May Queen is our annual spring fundraising festival in which Sundre High School students, parents and staff volunteer to work at odd jobs over several days to raise money for our Students' Union. Although we have raised in excess of \$50,000 in past years, May Queen is more than just a fundraiser. It is a school / community activity that:

- Promotes cooperation and collaboration among students.
- Empowers students to take leadership roles.
- Provides valuable lessons in the areas of community, persistence, initiative and responsibility.
- Brings students, parents, staff and community together.

Monies Raised

The Sundre High School Students' Union, solely governed by students, receives 100% of May Queen proceeds. The Students' Union then allocates these funds to scholarships, extra-curricular activities, graduation, awards night, yearbook, student trips, community projects, charities and other student initiatives. The manner in which these funds are allocated is dictated by the students themselves and is based upon the Students' Union Bylaws.

How can parents help?

A May Queen package have been emailed to parents and include a digital permission form and a driving schedule. Please follow the steps for completing the permission form and take a look at the parent driving schedule. We appreciate the help of parents in getting students to and from the work sites, if you are unable to drive students please try and make arrangements to switch your driving times.

As this is a great volunteer experience for students we appreciate your support in encouraging your child to participate in an event that benefits them and the community.

P.A.R.T.Y. Program

On Thursday, May 16th Sundre High in partnership with the Sundre Emergency Services will present the P.A.R.T.Y. Safety Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) for our grade 10, 11 and 12 students. The P.A.R.T.Y. Safety Program focuses on some of the difficult situations that young adults might face when it comes to being responsible behind the wheel of a vehicle. Some of the topics that covered were driving under the influence, distracted driving and seat belt safety. The fire department, EMS and RCMP conducted a scenario of a car accident adjacent to the school. Although this is a scenario, they try to make it as real as possible and use a wrecked car, drama students for the occupants of the car, and all equipment and techniques used are performed as close to "real life" as possible. The goal of this program is to educate your children on the consequences of poor decisions. After the scenario all three organizations debrief about what the students saw, and speak about some of their experiences around this issue.

Graduation Application

All grade 12's should have now completed their Application to Graduation on the Sundre High webpage. The sooner the applications are completed the sooner our Careers team can connect with them in regards to supports they may need as they transition out of high school to post-secondary education or the workforce.

****Any grade 12's that have not completed this are asked to speak with Lisa Wilson or Greg Coleman, who will assist in the application process.***

Upcoming Dates:

May 1 - May Queen Kick-off

May 8-11 - May Queen

May 16 - P.A.R.T.Y. Program

May 16 - May Queen Dance (7:30-11:00PM, crowning at 10:00PM)

May 21 - Parent Council

May 29-30 - Showcase 2019