

Grayson School - Tameem Eshawesh

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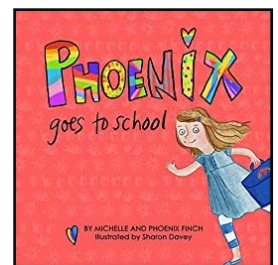
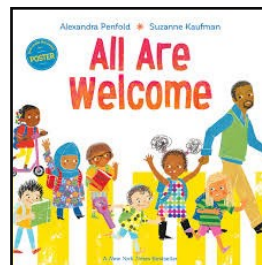
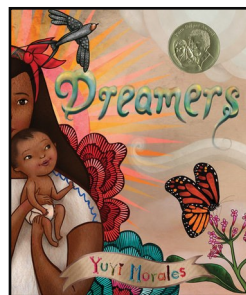
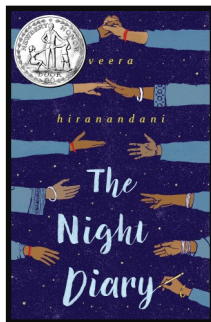
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Tameem Eshawesh is a grade 7 student at Grayson School who has demonstrated the power that youth have to make positive change in their environment. Last year, Tameem noticed that Grayson School's library collection did not reflect the diversity that the division, province, and country celebrates.

Tameem decided to write an essay with the hope of receiving funding that he could use to purchase books for the school library that portray a variety of different cultures, religions, celebrations, languages, ages, and abilities. His well thought out and carefully researched essay was successful, and he received a \$400 grant from the Painted Hand Casino. Tameem carefully selected texts that would appeal to all students in Kindergarten to Grade 9 and was able to add 23 new books to the school collection.

Tameem demonstrates all of the values that GSSD honours on a regular basis, but his perseverance to see this passion project become a reality highlighted just how strong of a leader he is.



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Norquay Student - Alexa Olson

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Who knew one of the finest young clarinet players was in a little town called Norquay?

Alexa Olson has demonstrated her musicianship throughout her various musical activities during this school year. Her dedication in band has been acknowledged, not only at the local level, but now provincially.

Alexa was one of 117 students in Saskatchewan who auditioned to participate in the Saskatchewan Provincial Honour Band. At the beginning of June, she was notified that she was one out of 62 students selected! She will travel to Regina for three days to participate in the event, and it will finish with a public concert, which will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, at 4:30 PM, at Living Hope Alliance Church in Regina. Tickets are \$10.00 which will be available at the door.

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Invermay Student - Azalijah Segui

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After studying various Indigenous and Norse myths and legends, **Azalijah Segui** and her classmates were asked to create a short myth or legend of their own. Liah's story is imaginative and fun to read. It is descriptive while still being concise. Azalijah demonstrates her writing ability through her inspired use of creativity. Azalijah went above and beyond for this assignment. She had also turned in a retelling of an Indigenous legend, complete with water colour illustrations. Azalijah goes beyond what is asked of her for every assignment you assign. She turns in wonderful works of art during poster assignments and creative stories with description and creativity you would not expect to find in a grade 9 student.

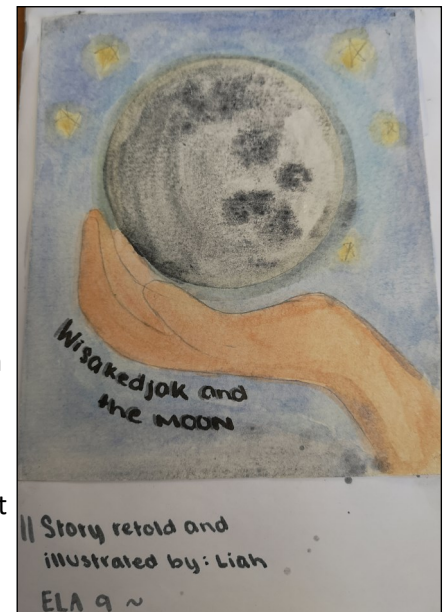
Liah is a well-rounded student that is very involved in her extra-curriculars, such as Red Cross, Yearbook, Volleyball, and Badminton. She spends many hours after school helping to design yearbook pages, preparing for various fundraising events, or dedicating her time towards a mastering a sport.

Below is Azalijah's story: Luna's Pearls

A long time ago, the god of creation created the Sun to provide people on earth with light. There was no moon or stars. At night, the Sun just turned off. In a small village, there lived a beautiful but shy girl named Luna. She was a mysterious beauty that captivated the attention of all the men in the village. Luna would only go out at night to avoid the men that sought her attention. She was incredibly shy and didn't want her village to have such chaos as men fighting for her attention.

Each night, Luna would wander along the beach to find oysters. She used the pearls inside to make jewelry during the day, a hobby that did not require leaving the house during the day. She had a number of bracelets, necklaces, and accessories as she had spent such a long time perfecting her craft. Because she was so shy, her collection of jewelry sat on her shelf. She was unable to speak to anyone to sell her goods.

One day, the god of creation noticed his oysters had gone missing. He was proud of his oysters because of their pearls and he was annoyed to find them missing. After a quick search through the village, he found his oysters with Luna. As punishment for hoarding his beautiful pearls away, he turned her into a beautiful, shining moon. He placed this new moon high in the sky for the entire earth to see, as he knew how Luna hated the attention. As for the pearls she kept, the god put these into the night sky with Luna to let the others know of her wrongdoings. These pearls became the stars that only appear at night while Luna is in the sky.



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Langenburg School Student - Drew Kirk

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Drew Kirk, a grade twelve student at **Langenburg Central School (LCS)**, has been very busy working towards some lofty goals the past three years. He is a highly competitive, humble, student athlete who has had many successful and amazing experiences competing in volleyball and track and field at the high school, provincial, and national levels over the past couple years.

Drew is a seven-time Saskatchewan high school provincial medalist in track and field achieving medals in men's long jump, the 200 m, and the 4 x 100 m relay. He is the reigning Saskatchewan youth male provincial outdoor gold medalist in long jump and is currently ranked 9th in Canada, by Athletics Canada, in U18 men's wind assisted long jump.

Drew was captain and a leader on his LCS volleyball team that qualified for 3A provincial competition this season. He preceded this high school volleyball season playing club volleyball on the Regina Volleyball Club (RVC) Men's 16U Green team. This highly competitive club team won the provincial title in April and went on to capture a bronze medal at the prestigious "Best of the West" tournament in Calgary where Drew was

named a tournament "All Star." Another outstanding accomplishment occurred in May when his RVC team finished fourth in Canada at Volleyball Canada Club Nationals in Edmonton.

Drew was also one of twelve players selected to represent the 17U Team Sask men's provincial combine team at the Canada Cup this past July in Richmond, BC. He was a starting right side player on this team who captured a silver medal at this prestigious elite tournament.

Drew's commitment and dedication to elite sports has resulted in several athletic scholarship offers in both Canada and the US, at various universities and colleges, in both volleyball and track and field. He has accepted an athletic scholarship, at the University of Manitoba, for men's volleyball, where he will be studying criminology in the fall.

Drew has volunteered his time on the junior PAC and as a mentor in the LCS Big Brother program. He continues to explore his leadership skills, out of sport, by volunteering as a Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference student spirit leader this past fall and serving on his school Student Representative Council this year. He credits his growth in confidence, through competitive sport, to feeling more secure in exploring student leadership within his school. He also maintains a high academic average.

Drew is an avid hockey player within his community, enjoys spending time with friends, and gaming. His level of commitment to achieving both personal and team goals will serve him well as he continues his life journey.

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Yorkdale Central School Students - Colton Hubic, Jeff Stewart, Will Exner

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Left to Right: Jeffery Stewart, Will Exner, Colton Hubic

During the week of January 28 - February 1, a trio of Royal students were involved in a campaign to draw awareness to mental health and to reduce the stigma about the hesitancy to discuss it. This began as a passion project in their classroom, but it grew to involve the entire school. Group leader **Colton Hubic** approached **Yorkdale Central School (YCS)** Principal, Shaune Beatty, who shared that Colton's preliminary thoughts meshed well with his intentions. Before long, Colton and his peer colleagues, **Jeff Stewart** and **Will Exner**, had negotiated that they wanted to head up all the school's actions. The boys ended up having discussions with a couple of community businesses to gather sponsorship and materials to assist with school activities.

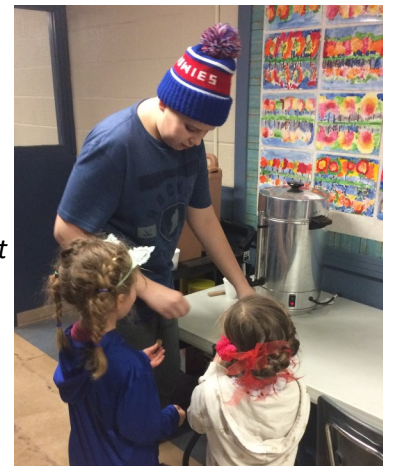
A positive message board exploded with supportive

commentary by other Yorkdale Central students. Though a couple of frigid days interfered with a planned presentation by the local mental health association, a Hat Day and a Hot Chocolate Sale kept the awareness going and assisted in collecting funds for the initiative. The trio also tie-dyed t-shirts for others to add to the awareness. Colton, Jeff, and Will's donations were forwarded to *Bell Let's Talk*, which raised over \$7 million and had over 145 million interactions during its 2019 campaign.

When asked about his campaign, Colton shared, *"I did this for people I know and I wanted to just help them with their day. Maybe this helps those people who have it (anxiety) to know that it is okay to go talk to someone. I hope that other students get motivated to help out with similar projects too."*



One of Yorkdale Central School's school improvement goals is related to student anxiety. It also has a "Living the Code" norm related to "Bringing credit to YCS." Mr. Beatty proudly shared, *"Our school community and I are very proud of these boys. Mental health awareness and dealing with anxiety in a positive manner are national, provincial and local campaigns. Children and teens expect to hear certain messages from teachers and adults in the community, but when the message comes from their peers, the message takes on a different context. I hope there is a real ripple effect that lasts beyond this week."*



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