



The Academy

Grande Prairie

Excellence to the End!!!

We have had an excellent conclusion to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year here at The Academy Grande Prairie! All of us here at The Academy are so proud of all of our student-athletes for the effort and commitment they put in during this last term. They pushed through right to the end and showed us all what it takes to be a true student-athlete.

In April, we started up our high school Golf Academy, unfortunately our first day it snowed 11 cm...so that kind of put a delay to our ability to get out on the course. Crazy GP weather!

Our Soccer Academy had the ability to participate in a Mini-Soccer Referee course which has seen many of those new referees already out there in the U9 and U11 games with GP Minor Soccer. We also want to recognize Coach Chris as he ends this school year our in Toronto as he works towards his Canadian Soccer Association National "A" License. It's great to see that even our academy directors are still student-athletes.

The Hockey and Golf Academy had the opportunity do a bit of travelling this spring. We took an enthusiastic group of grade 8-10's hockey players to Boston, MA, where we came second in the New England Spring Fling Tournament and were able to tour a many of the Division 1 NCAA schools in the New England area. Our other trip saw us take our golfers to experience some golf in our beautiful Rocky Mountains. They were able to play at the historic Stanley Thompson designed Jasper Park Lodge and Banff Springs courses and then 36 holes at Stewart Creek Golf Course in Canmore.

Our Dance Academy was pleased to welcome Guest Faculty Keiran Bohay and Teri Willoughby in this third term to share there expertise with out dancers.

And if it looks a bit cleaner down Range Rd 704, you can thank our brave student-athletes as we tackled a 10km stretch of the highway during our County Clean-up, where we raised over \$1,300 for Canadian Tire's JumpStart Program!

And finally, we would like to congratulate the recipients of our year end awards which we present at this year's Academy BBQ. The winner

of the Chris Gonnet Award for truly representing the IDEA behind The Academy (Integrity, Dignity, Excellence, & Academics) went to Justice Walker Dance Gr. 12). We also handed out two scholarships, The Dr. Yu and Family Scholarship for Academic and Athletic Excellence to Sean Whitby (Soccer Gr. 8) and Trista Davis (Dance Gr. 10). Excellent work to all three of our recipients.

So that is another year. We hope everyone has a restful summer and we will see you in the fall!!!



Brett Stephenson

Term 3 Pictures

