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Grand opening of Whispering Ridge Community School

Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWPSD) will celebrate the official grand opening of Whispering Ridge Community School (WRCS) during a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018. School staff, students and their families, community members, representatives from local and provincial governing bodies, and local media are invited to attend this event.

Event details:

Grand Opening: Whispering Ridge Community School
Location: 10320-149 Avenue, Grande Prairie
When: Friday, September 14, 2018
Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting: 11:00 a.m.
Guided Tours: 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Media RSVP: Contact Angela Sears by September 13, 2018: angelasears@pwsd76.ab.ca

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Announced by the Government of Alberta in September 2015, the 6,500-m² facility was built to provide educational services to 650 Kindergarten - Grade 8 students. The school was designed and constructed to LEED Silver standards and features a learning commons located near the front entrance with three two-storey walls of glass, flexible furniture and a fireplace; break-out learning spaces throughout the school to provide teachers and students with quiet spaces to work and study; an expandable music room that opens up to a large flexible space; adjoining Kindergarten classrooms; foods, science and CTS classrooms; a centrally-located gym; and eight modular classrooms. In 2015, the County of Grande Prairie announced funding to support a playschool facility at WRCS. Principal Shawn O’Shea and Assistant Principals Jenny McAusland and Abby Stilwell form the school’s leadership team. Approximately 460 students transferred to WRCS from Harry Balfour School on September 4, 2018, the first day of classes.

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