

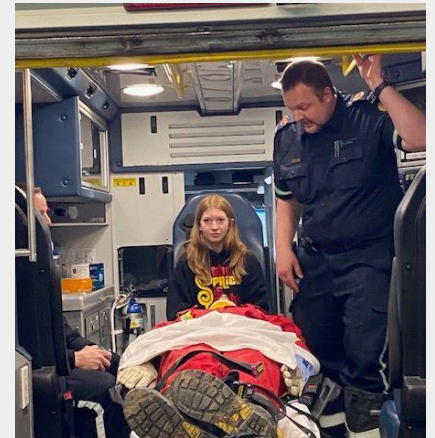
Innisfail High and Sundre High students learn about rural healthcare professions



Innisfail High and Sundre High students recently got a sneak peek into the world of rural healthcare careers. The Alberta Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) put together a special day for each school to help students think about working in health care in rural communities.

A key factor to success was the community support, with a wide range of healthcare workers from each community being willing and available to talk with students about their work. The healthcare workers showed students what they do in their jobs every day and let the students try things out. Activities included practicing stitches to learning about the work of emergency services.

Alicia Fox, Rural Community Consultant, RhPAP, said, "It truly is a whole-community effort to make things like this happen." Fox said success in attracting professionals to rural communities doesn't come from a one-time event. She said, "We need to appreciate today's rural healthcare providers and work to attract tomorrow's so we build stronger communities and a better future for everyone."



Top centre: Innisfail High School students attending healthcare day with community healthcare practitioners and leaders. Middle two photos from Sundre High School. Bottom photo from Innisfail High School.



Photo top left from Sundre High School. Top right (with Principal Adamson strapped to a stretcher) and middle photo of suturing both from Innisfail High School.

Students enjoyed the opportunity. McKenzie Lorimer, a Grade 10 student from Sundre High said, "The skills we got to learn were a great base to figure out what we could do and the amazing things the healthcare profession has to offer. Personally, my favorite stations were the cardio and suturing stations. Being a part of the day made me realize that the healthcare industry is something I would really like to be a part of."

"My favorite part was the firefighter and emergency medical services station - and attaching the principal to the spinal board. Before the event I was thinking about being a paramedic, and the health care day confirmed that for me," said Hailey Grover, Grade 10 student, Innisfail High School.

"This was a good opportunity with good information. It reinforced for me that I want to be a nurse," said Carlee Schneider, Grade 10 student, Innisfail High School.

Chinook's Edge drivers shine at provincial Bus Road-eo

Chinook's Edge School Division demonstrated its commitment to excellence and safety on the roads as three of its drivers advanced to the provincial bus Road-eo event held in Nisku this past Saturday. Competing in a field of 50 big bus contestants, the Chinook's Edge team made an impressive showing, bringing home two trophies.

Driver Melissa Brodeur led the first-time participants with the highest score, earning her the Novice Award. Brodeur also placed seventh overall in the competition. Veteran driver Kelly Frere took second place and Arnold Begeman finished in 11th place. The division is proud of these drivers and are grateful for their commitment to safety.



Top left: Melissa Brodeur

Top right: Kelly Frere

Left - the Chinook's Edge team. Back row: Kelly Frere, Arnold Begeman, and Paula Spiller, Transportation Coordinator.

Front row: Corinne Varga, CESD Director of Transportation, and Melissa Brodeur.