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St. Patrick's Community School teacher named as Division nominee for ASBA Edwin Parr Award

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is proud to announce that St. Patrick's Community School grade 8 teacher Kaitlyn McCulloch has been selected by the Board of Trustees as the Division nominee for the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) 2024 Edwin Parr Award (Zone 4).

The Edwin Parr Teacher Award was established in 1964 and named in honour of Edwin Parr, former president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association (now ASBA). It honours six outstanding first-year Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers who have taught in a ASBA member school board.

St. Patrick's Community School Principal Mandy Reed said McCulloch's passion for teaching and commitment to student success have set her apart since she joined the school community in August 2023.

"Kaitlyn's innovative and engaging teaching methods have created a positive and dynamic learning environment in her classroom. She has embraced our school goal of authentic student engagement by bringing in guest speakers, planning dissections, labs, and field trips to make science come alive," said Reed. "Kaitlyn goes beyond traditional teaching methods to understand each student's unique learning style, fostering a sense of inclusivity and support."

"It's a tremendous honour just to be nominated, and it's an opportunity I deeply appreciate. I take great pride in representing our division," said McCulloch. "Merely being considered for the Edwin Parr Award is a noteworthy achievement. At the gala, I look forward to representing Red Deer Catholic and celebrating the successes of all those nominated."

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Board Chair Murray Hollman said the board was extremely proud to select McCulloch as the Division's nominee for the ASBA Edwin Parr Award.

"As a new teacher, her dedication and exceptional skill set are clear indicators of her potential and commitment to excellence in education. We are truly fortunate to have a teacher of Kaitlyn's calibre among us, setting high standards for both her students and peers alike," said Board Chair Hollman.

The 2024 ASBA Edwin Parr Award Zone 4 winner will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held on May 27, 2024 at the Innisfail Golf Club.

For more information on the ASBA Edwin Parr Award, please visit <https://www.asba.ab.ca/about/awards/>.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,650 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 850 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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