

## **News Release**

## St. Patrick's Community School selected to participate in Indigo Love of Reading 'Adopt a School' fundraiser

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St. Patrick's Community School is excited to announce its selection to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's ADOPT A SCHOOL fundraiser.

From September 13 - October 4, every dollar raised through the program at Indigo Red Deer and at the school will go directly to filling school shelves with new and diverse books.

"Access to literature is a lifeline for students, offering a pathway to knowledge, empathy, and opportunities. Books provide a bridge to diverse perspectives, inspire resilience, and empower these students to dream beyond their circumstances, unlocking a world of possibilities," said Mandy Reed, St. Patrick's Community School Principal. "The Love of Reading is not just an investment in education; it's a catalyst for lifelong success, opening new avenues for our students and ensuring a brighter future for our community."

Tomorrow, St. Patrick's staff and students will be at Indigo Red Deer to kick off the fundraiser with a coffee and lemonade stand outside the store beginning at 11:00 am. Other events include appearances by student guest readers in the store's Kids Section starting at 11:00 am, a Magna-Tiles event from 1:00-2:00 pm, and a book signing by Brettney Thompson, author of "I Knew You Would Be Trouble" from 2:00-5:00 pm.

There will also be a table set up in the school with book recommendations from St. Patrick's Community School staff and students for the duration of the fundraiser.

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If you are unable to attend but would still like to support the fundraiser, please visit <u>https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/st-patricks-community-school</u>. Every person who makes a donation will receive a custom bookmark designed by a St. Patrick's Community School student.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' sole year-round school, St. Patrick's Community School, serves a diverse student body and is located in Red Deer, Alberta. We currently have 626 students (from Kindergarten-Grade 9) representing 11 countries and speaking 13 different languages. Of our student population, 71% are English Language Learners. 100% are awesome.

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