



## NEWS FROM THE “NEIGH”BOURHOOD

# October

## ~Dates To Remember~

### November

November 5

**DINE & DANCE**

November 11

Remembrance Day

Office Closed

### December

December 24-31

Christmas Break

Office Closed

### January

January 1-6

No lessons

January 2

Office Closed

*Save the Date...*

**PARDS 19th Annual  
Dine & Dance**

**Hoofprints & Heartbeats**

**Saturday, November 5th**

**Five Mile Hall, Grande Prairie**

**5:30pm Champagne Reception**

**Dinner, auctions & dance to follow**

**Tickets - \$75**

For more information call 780-538-3211

[www.pards.ca](http://www.pards.ca)



*Save the Date...*

## **PARDS 19th Annual Dine & Dance**

### **Hoofprints & Heartbeats**

**Saturday, November 5th**

**Five Mile Hall, Grande Prairie**

**5:30pm Champagne Reception**

**Dinner, auctions & dance to follow**

**Tickets - \$75**

For more information call 780-538-3211

[www.pards.ca](http://www.pards.ca)



Join **PARDS on November 5th**, in celebration of over 30 years serving the Peace Area community!

Festivities begin with a champagne greeting followed by a delicious buffet dinner, auctions, draws, cash bar, music and dancing!

This year's theme is **"Hoofprints & Heartbeats"** and it promises to be a magical evening honouring PARDS' riders and the many stakeholders whose support and commitment have helped to keep this essential service available in our community.

Tickets are \$75.00 each and are available through the PARDS office at:

780-538-3211 or may be ordered online at: [pards.ca](http://pards.ca)

All proceeds raised directly support PARDS programs. We look forward to seeing you there!

13 Bottles of Wine Auction  
Trip for 2, anywhere WestJet flies!  
Sponsored by WestJet



Ring Box Raffle  
Blue Topaz & Diamond Ring  
Sponsored by Janina's Diamonds & Time



Live Auction  
"A Taste of Home" - preserves  
Sponsored by Peace Country Families



# PARDS 19TH ANNUAL DINE & DANCE



## **"Taste of Home"**

Thank you to the generosity of our riders and families who helped to make  
"The Taste of Home" Live Auction item the success it was last year!

We would like to invite you again this year to contribute  
home made canned goods such as  
Jams, pickles, sauces

Please bring your donations to the PARDS office

Thank you!



# ~ Rider Spotlight ~

## Andrew Bienert

Andrew has been riding at PARDS since 2009 and has accomplished a lot during his time in therapeutic lessons. When Andrew began, he started with a leader, learning verbal and non verbal commands and reining, moving through other skills, to riding at a trot independently.



Last year Andrew began working on the P'tit Trot program and received his bronze certificate. To achieve this level, Andrew needed to accomplish particular stable management tasks and riding skills like proper grooming and saddling of his horse and riding independently at the walk and trot.

The P'tit trot has four levels; bronze , silver , gold and platinum and teaches the fundamentals of riding and is the beginning stages of the Equine Canada long term development plan for equestrians.

This session, Andrew is working hard on completing his silver level. In this level he will learn to put on a bridle , learn more parts of the horse and do a posting trot, which he started last year and is progressing really well at.

Andrew has also competed in the Para Equestrian Video competitions; another goal for Andrew in building his confidence and doing his personal best. .... Keep up the great work Andrew !



Written by:

Robyn Boudreau, CTRII

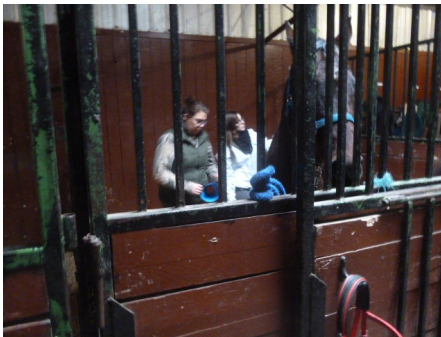
# ~ Volunteer Spotlight ~

Kelsey Maclean and Kaela Renko

PARDS would like to welcome two of our newest volunteers! Kelsey and Kaela began volunteering to obtain hours needed for school. Both are students at GPRC in the Physical Activity and Leisure for Special Populations program.

The program teaches knowledge about important characteristics of people with a disability or special need(s) and the relationship of these characteristics to the development of services in physical activity and leisure. During the practical portion of the program the intent is to expose students to physical activity and leisure resources, programs and services currently provided to persons with disabilities or special needs and we are so fortunate and happy they chose PARDS for this.

They both have proven to be reliable volunteers with a positive presence in the barn and fabulous with our clients. Both girls have expressed an interest to continue volunteering with PARDS for the next session, not because they need the volunteer hours for school, but because they enjoy being with the clients and horses at PARDS. We can't thank them enough for all their help and look forward to having them with us for future lessons!



## **Lesson Volunteer**

You can help our riders to achieve their personal best by supporting them in their lesson. Leaders and Sidewalkers are needed at various times throughout the week. Training is provided at the mandatory Lesson Volunteer Orientation Session. A minimum 10 week commitment is encouraged.

## **Barn Maintenance**

Come out and lend a hand keeping our precious herd happy and healthy. Tack up horses to get them ready for lessons, turn them out at the end of their shift and help us keep the barn and stalls neat and tidy. Training is provided at the mandatory Horse Handler Volunteer Orientation Session.

If you would like to become involved in either of these rewarding opportunities;

Session 2 of Therapeutic Lessons begins December 5th.

We will be holding a Volunteer Orientation on November 8th at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the PARDS office at 780-538-3211.



## ~ Community Champions ~

PARDS first Gator Raffle was a great success! We were delighted to present Pat Middleton with the keys to his brand new John Deere RSX850i Gator! Pat won PARDS Gator Raffle with ticket number 230 on September 10, 2016. Pat's ticket was sold to him by his nephew, Tristin, who is a long time rider at PARDS and who, with the help of his dad, sold 150 tickets for the raffle! Thank you, Tristin, for joining Jenn Ash at Prairie Coast Equipment to present this awesome prize and congratulate your uncle. A HUGE PARDS "Thank you!" to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, all the volunteers and rider families that helped sell tickets and to Prairie Coast Equipment for partnering with us!



On September 24, 2016 the subdivisions of Sunnyside & Brookside held a Community BBQ fundraiser, in which they chose PARDS as the benefiting charity. They held a tasty potluck lunch with a great band entertaining attendees throughout their meal. The subdivisions came together collecting their recyclables to benefit PARDS 'Dime At A Time' campaign. Three children; Katie Pederson, Ellie Pederson & Ricky McCoshen sold their home grown pumpkins with \$1 from every pumpkin sold being donated to PARDS! It was a delightful event, in which all community members got to know one another while raising a total of \$197.20 for PARDS therapeutic programs!

# ~ Community Engagement ~

PARDS "Dime At A Time" is a year long campaign with a goal of raising \$15,000 towards equine staff healthcare through the collection of recyclables. If you would like to contribute toward our goal, you can donate your recyclables by dropping them off at the PARDS office (in the red trailer or the rider lounge) or bring them to Recycle Plus bottle depot with PARDS name & account number on the bag: **1273**. If your office or business would like to become a partner in the campaign, PARDS can arrange to pick up your recyclables on a schedule that works for you; weekly, monthly, or quarterly throughout the year.

## A Dime At A Time...



A huge PARDS thank you to our riders Chris and Mike Helm for bringing in their contribution to the Dime At A Time campaign! Your lesson horse partners sure appreciate your support!

To arrange a pick-up,  
please contact the  
PARDS office

780-538-3211

Thank you for helping us  
reach our goal 'A Dime at  
a Time'!!!

Our total as of  
September is

**\$10,687.75**

Thank you to everyone that has made donations and to the following partners who have made a continuing commitment

~ Better Than Fred's ~

~ Pita Pit ~

~ Game Country Archers ~

~ Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers ~

~ Sawmill Prime Rib & Steakhouse ~

~ Boston Pizza West ~

~ Crown & Anchor ~

~ Great Northern Casino ~

~ Starbucks Mission Heights ~

~ Starbucks Westside ~

~ Starbucks Eastside ~