

NEWS FROM THE "NEIGH"BOURHOOD

September

~Dates To Remember~

October

October 9 - 10

No Public Lessons

October 10

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

October 11 – 13

No Lessons

October 15

Tack and Bake Sale

November

November 5

DINE & DANCE

November 11

Remembrance Day - Office Closed

December

December 24-31

Christmas Break - Office Closed



Welcome Back to New and Returning Riders!

Registrations are still being taken for all programs

Therapeutic Riding

Cart Driving

Grooming

Youth Leadership

Public Riding Lessons

Information and registration forms can be found
on our website at www.pards.ca



PARDS

Tack & Bake Sale

October 15th , 2016

10am-3pm

PARDS Current Facility,

Range Road 55

If you would like to have a table and sell
your tack please call

780-538-3211 or email

horses@pards.ca

Table rental \$15.00

We will also be accepting donations of
tack to sell or use in our programs



~ Community Engagement ~

Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society

**We would like to thank all community members who purchased tickets
and to our volunteers who sold tickets for making this raffle a success!**

Our lucky winner is

Pat Middleton

With ticket Number 0230



GATOR RAFFLE



Proceeds will go towards a Tractor for PARDS new facility

Tickets \$20

2015 John Deere RSX850i

Value \$17,844.75

Draw Date: September 10th, 2016

8:00 p.m.

Licence # 430309

Odds of winning: 1 in 3500

~ Program Spotlight ~



Therapeutic Riding Program

Therapeutic riding is offered to clients aged 3 and up. Clients who participate in riding lessons must have a clinical diagnosis. Our therapeutic client base encompasses a wide spectrum of disabilities classified under the scope of Physical (includes riders with limited mobility, delayed fine and gross motor skills, low trunk control/core strength, undeveloped balance, etc.), Developmental (includes riders with limited cognitive capacity, autism spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injury, etc.), Sensory (includes riders with visual, auditory or speech impairment) and Nonvisible (includes riders with learning disability, epilepsy/seizure disorder, ADD/ADHD, anxiety, a variety of psychological disorders, etc.).

Cart Driving Program

Not everyone can ride – or wants to – but cart driving is an excellent way to access the benefits of equine assisted therapy. Learning to work with and control a horse as the driver of a cart brings many therapeutic benefits, similar to the ones for therapeutic riding. Cart driving is where a horse or pony is hitched to a wheeled cart and is driven around an arena, an obstacle course, or out on a trail. Driving is a fabulous opportunity to make new friends, gain a sense of independence, further develop fine & gross motor functions, be out in the open air (weather permitting) and have fun!

Cart driving opportunities range from arena activities, outdoor driving on our specially designated cart trail to thrilling Equine Canada Video Competitions.

Youth Leadership Program

This is a program where horses and humans work together to help at-risk youth become confident, centred and conscientious.

Youth Leadership is a ground work experiential learning program focusing on cooperation, relationship-building, self-esteem and more. It's learning without realizing that you're learning. It's all about choices. That's our ultimate goal: participants make the choices and they evaluate those choices in the end. As co-facilitators the horses guide and support.

Public Riding Program

If you love horses and want to learn more about them, PARDS' public riding program might be the solution.

Our Public Riding Lessons are for anyone aged 6+. The lessons are geared toward many skill levels, from riders with little or no experience with horses to more advanced novice riders. Lessons are facilitated by qualified instructors and are designed to help riders become comfortable with riding basics; enabling progress to an intermediate novice riding level. We run five 6-week Public Riding Sessions that mirror the traditional school year. The programs are personalized to each rider's abilities, giving you the choice of participating in any or all of the five, 6-week sessions. Throughout your session, our goal is to help you progress, perfect your techniques and, most importantly, have fun!

All PARDS Fall programs have begun but registrations are still being accepted for all programs.

For registration forms and more information on these and other PARDS' programs; visit our website or contact the PARDS office at 780-538-3211.



Click [here](#) to visit our website

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

Join PARDS in celebration of over 30 years serving the Peace Area community!

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

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



~ Community Champions ~

PARDS equine staff work extremely hard for the benefit of their therapeutic program riding partners and a wholesome diet is extremely important in ensuring their good health and continued well being. An equine's digestive system requires a delicate balance of getting the right proteins, grains, hay, supplements and water intake. This balance effects a horse's weight, behaviour, overall health and even their ability to stay warm through our cold Alberta winters. PARDS hungry herd utilize an average of 5 round bales per week! To ensure our incredible herd of 18 stay healthy, PARDS launched a 'Need for Feed' campaign, in which we sought donations of high quality hay from Peace Area farmers. It took many hands, tremendous amounts of hard work, cooperative weather and lots of generous people to make this campaign a success. We have seen many generous farmers offer their hay, as well as land owners who are unable to hay their land themselves but generously offered their hay to PARDS if we could supply the equipment and manpower to harvest it. This campaign also requires the trucking of our hay, which is both arranged and donated by our campaign partners. All of these generous donors are the backbone to the success of our 'Need for Feed' campaign and we are truly appreciative that they have thought of us.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the following people who have made this campaign as successful as it has been!

Baled Hay Donations

Dean & Sheliah Swanberg, Kenneth & Sherry Drysdale, Larry Betker, Bob & Barb Viravec, Warren Wohlgemuth, Gregg & Joanne Panteluk and Northern Doors

Hay Field Donations

Harold & Darcy Schalin of GP Landscaping Ltd and Bob & Bev Campbell with Dave & Jen Gatto

Haying & Equipment Donation

Vincent Hauber

Hay Transport Donation

Randy Smashnuk of Smash & Sons Contracting

Justin Binks of Teepee Creek Hauling

Joe Francoeur Trucking

The many volunteers who helped to load and stack our square and mini round bales including; Justin Binks, Cortney Antypovich, Kaden Drysdale, Kobe Drysdale, Craig Drysdale, Wayne Benn, Jim Rawlek, Dave Westwell, Eric Douglas, Robert Douglas, Ray Binks and his group of Grande Prairie 4H Achievers, Shauna Wells, Robyn Boudreau, Amanda Udey, Leigh Melligan, Alex McLean, Kerry Kyle, Anna Kittilsen and Patsy Wachter and her volunteers!

Our equine staff thanks you all for their very full bellies!! You truly are Great 'Neigh'bours and we are thankful you are ours!!



~ 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
August is

\$10,089.90

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 ~