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Emily Borstad Nominated for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award

We are pleased to announce that St. John Paul II Catholic School/Faculté Jean-Paul II teacher Emily Borstad, has been nominated for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. Each year the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) honours six outstanding first-year teachers across the province with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. School boards may nominate one first-year Kindergarten to Grade 12 teacher who has taught in an Alberta school jurisdiction which is also a member of the ASBA.

Each selected nominee has until April 30, 2018 to submit an unedited 30-minute video of them teaching, alongside other admission criteria and forms.

Emily Borstad was born and raised in Calgary. Three years ago she moved to Grande Prairie to pursue her Bachelor of Education degree at Grande Prairie Regional College. Before returning to school for education, she worked as a Financial Analyst at an oil and gas company in Calgary. During that time, she volunteered as a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as coached with the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary. She loves working with kids, and those experiences encouraged her to shift direction and pursue a career in teaching.

“My teaching philosophy is built on creating an environment where every student can find their own, individual, level of success. My focus is on honouring what every member of the classroom brings to our community, and to use the strengths and knowledge we each possess to help build understanding together,” said Borstad.

When she’s not working, she enjoys playing soccer, running, painting, mountain biking, playing board games with friends and travelling with her husband.



The administration and staff of the GPCSD took notice and had tons of say about Borstad.

“She is an exceptional teacher. The way she teaches really showcases the direction teaching is moving towards. It’s more than engagement, it’s authentic learning and we couldn’t be happier to nominate her for the Edwin Parr,” said St. John Paul II principal Jennifer Thompson.

“She not only demonstrates the ideals of modern day educator, but also brings her own unique flare and teaching style. We are truly blessed to have such amazing teachers within our district,” said Board Chair, Michael Ouellette.

Congratulations to Emily Borstad on her nomination and good luck in the coming months!