



Roland Michener Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The High Prairie School Division supports the ongoing practice of the Smudging ceremony, which will take place throughout the school year in accordance with Administrative Procedure 164. This ceremony is respectfully led by Elders, invited guests, or the Indigenous Education Coach.

All necessary safety measures have been carefully considered and implemented in consultation with the High Prairie School Division Safety Officer. These measures include proper ventilation, the use of air purifiers, and fire extinguisher training to ensure a safe environment for all participants.

Participation in the smudging ceremony is entirely voluntary. If you or your child choose not to participate, your decision will be fully respected.

Smudging is a traditional ceremony used by some Indigenous peoples for centuries. It involves creating a cleansing smoke bath to purify the body, aura, energy, ceremonial space, personal items, or any other space.

The ingredients used in smudging may include Sage, Cedar, Diamond Willow Fungus, Sweetgrass, and Tobacco.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Roland Michener Secondary School
High Prairie School Division

