

Altario School

An aerial photograph of Altario School, a large, modern building with a light tan facade and blue trim. The school is situated in a rural area with green fields and scattered farm buildings. In the background, a prominent white tower stands on a hill. The sky is overcast.

Altario Agriculture Academy

Short Bio

- Husband, Father
- Principal, Altario School
- Director of Innovation
- Volunteer Firefighter
- Agriculture Society
- Lions Club
- Classroom Size and Complexity Cabinet Committee



Plan

- Altario School
- Altario Agriculture Academy
- CTF
- CTS/Dual Credit/Career Pathways
- Data



Symbol of Rural Schools



Numbers Matter

- 2014-2015 – 49 students
- 2019-2020 – 33 students (projected)



Community Vision



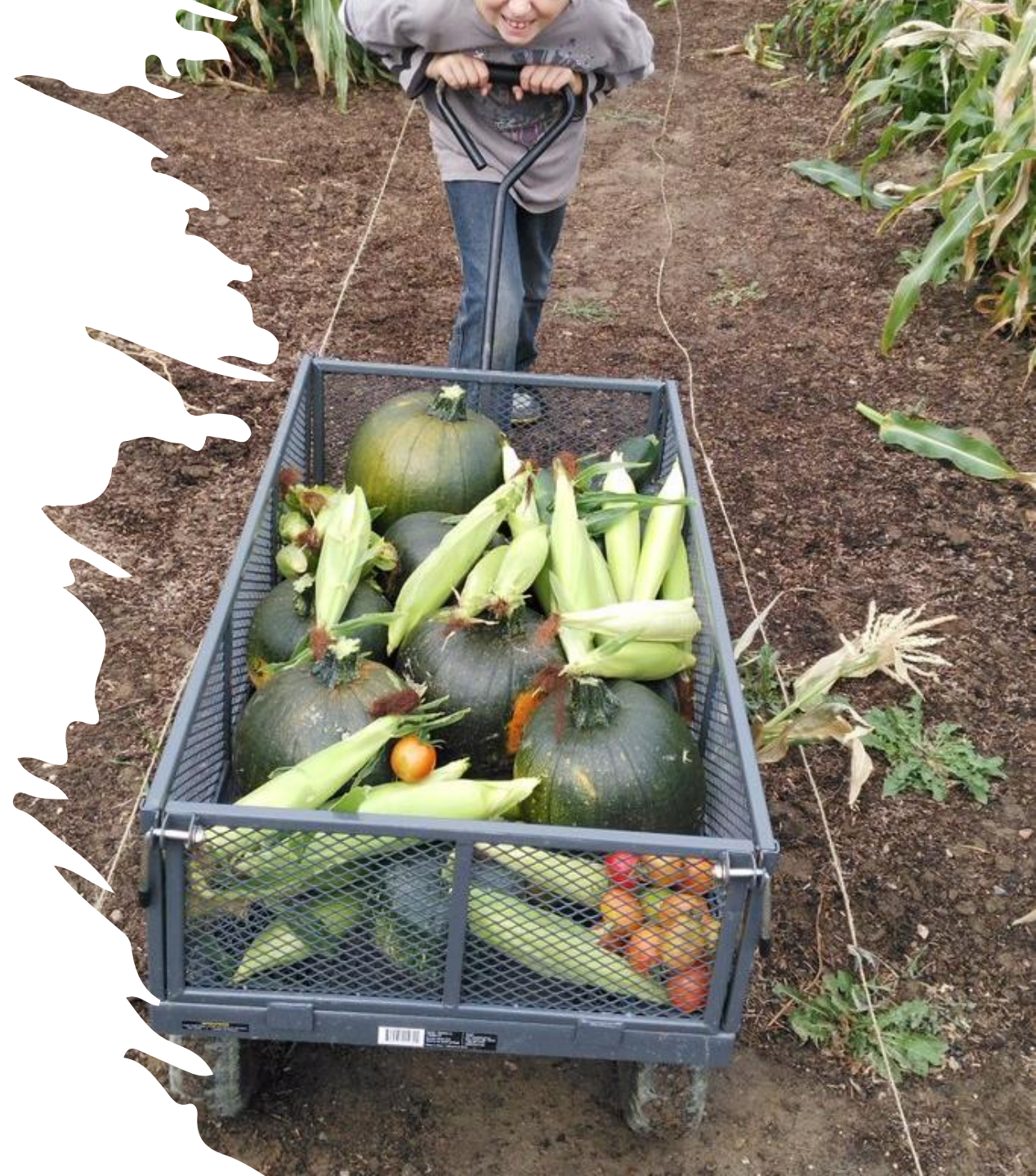
Purpose

- ▶ Altario Agriculture Academy was in 2017 established to sustain a school and revitalize a community.
- ▶ Focus on:
 - ▶ Career Pathways in Agriculture
 - ▶ Food Security
 - ▶ Financial Literacy



A New Symbol

Garden





Steer



Barn

Auction

& CALF AUCTION

You are invited to join us for the
GRAND OPENING
of the
**ALTARIO
AGRICULTURAL
LEARNING CENTRE**

free bbq + barn dance to follow



OPEN HOUSE 4:00 PM | SCHOOL CALF AUCTION 5:30 PM



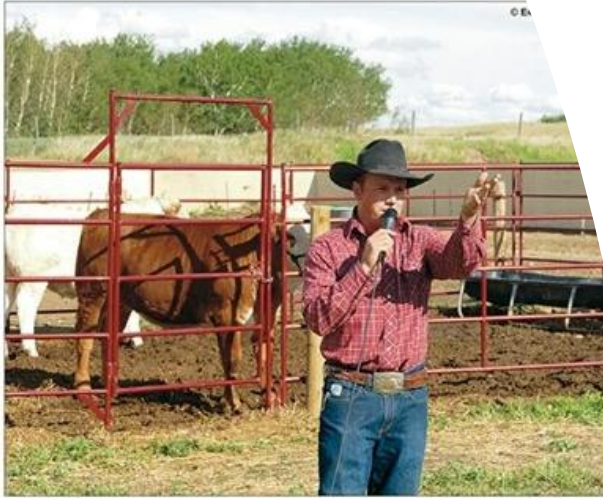
JUNE 21
at 2019
**ALTARIO
SCHOOL**

All proceeds will go towards the expansion of the Altario School's Agriculture Program.



Calf Brings Over \$39,000 at Altario Auc

"SOLD, for \$5,35 to Dryland Agro/Dallas Vert!" auctioneer Casey Lawes cried out as the brown/white faced calf stared at the crowd gathered in Altario at the school's new Agricultural Learning Centre. Vert donated the steer back to be auctioned off again, and the critter (calculated at 1450 lbs. market weight) was sold nine times, bringing in \$39,585 for the expansion of Altario School's Agriculture Program. Generously opening their wallets for the community cause were: Dryland Agro/Dallas Vert \$5,35; Double F Farms/Harvey & Craig Ference \$4,25; Austin and Dana Kosolefski \$3,50; John and Maggie Baier \$2,50; Beier Farms \$2,55; Provost Livestock Exchange/akevold family & Lawes family \$2,55; Jason Evans/Tyler Evans \$2,55; Doug and Leslie Noble \$2,50; Bouma Meats \$1,55.



Casey Lawes, of Provost Livestock Exchange, auctions off the Altario School feeder calf on June 21st. The brown, white faced critter went through the auction nine times, fetching a total of \$39,585.00.

"On top of an amazing amount of money, tonight we received various other financial donations, product donations, and time donations. All together, between the calf sale and miscellaneous donations we collected close to \$50,000 in one evening. I think the community has spoken; they love what we are doing at Altario School!" Principal Kevin Van Lagen enthusiastically remarked following the grand opening event.

The second calf, an all white, somewhat confused looking creature, was spared going on the auction block, but will eventually take part in the "Farm to Fork" program by participating in the school's weekly hot lunch offerings.

What started as an idea tossed around in the staff room three years ago is taking shape and becoming a tangible reality. Teacher Jamie Roworth and Van

Sports Day Celebrated at Consort!



Rain and Shine and Wind and Thunder combined to add variety to a full day of baseball and other families at Consort Sports Day on Sunday, June 23.

\$39,585

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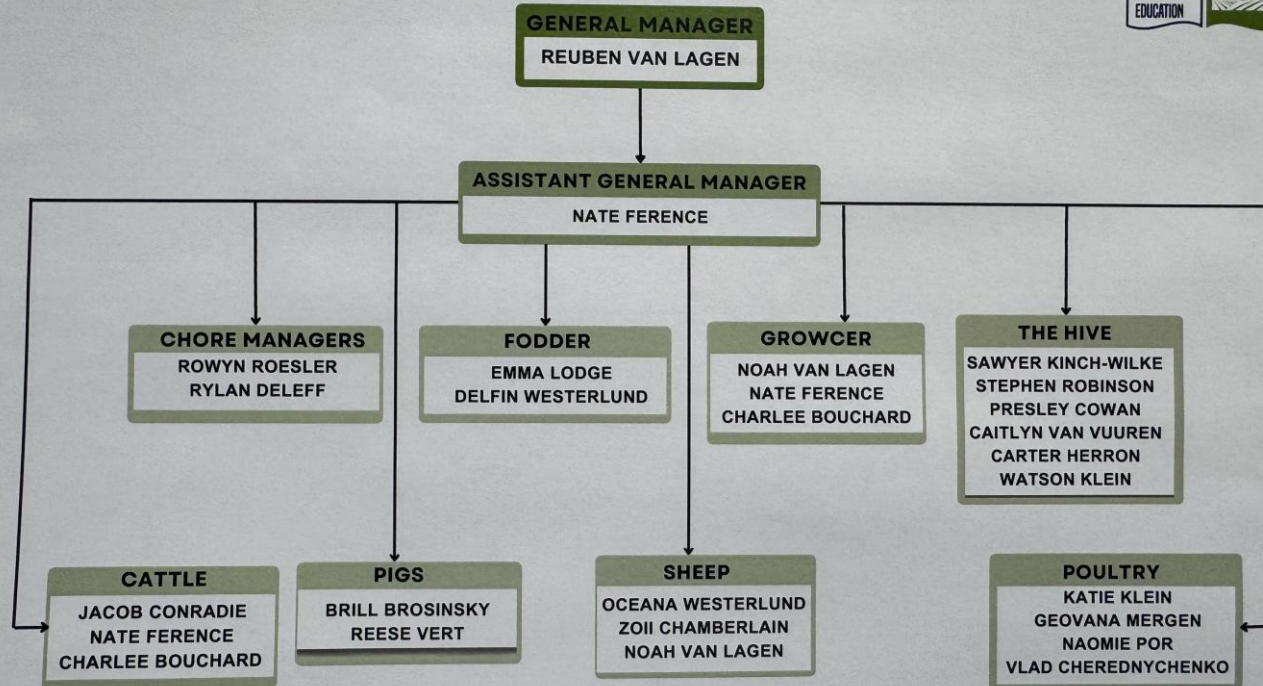
Community Vision 2021

Where Are We Today?

- Back when I was in fifth grade, the Agriculture Program was just a little community garden where my mom and I would help water the crops. Then came the barn. The garden grew into an arena where livestock could be raised and cared for. Then the Growcer was added. Every year, it kept growing. Just like us. There's something quietly poetic about that—about the way this program evolved, and about how we've evolved alongside it.
- It would be a mistake to think that agriculture is only for those planning a future in farming. This program gives you so much more than that. It teaches responsibility, resilience, patience, and hope—qualities that apply to every path in life. - Mark Mazur, Valedictorian 2025



FARM LEADERSHIP TEAM 2025-2026





Cattle



Pigs



Sheep



Dog “Ellie”



Chickens



Bees



Hydroponics

Strawberries!



Fodder



Links

- altarioagriculture.plrd.ab.ca
- careerpathways.plrd.ab.ca



Accomodations





Data

- 70 Students
- 49% of students outside catchment area
- 17% of students are new immigrants
- 100% graduation rate
- 96% post-secondary rate
- \$80,000 in sales
- \$10,000 in scholarships



- Student Learning Engagement – 96%
- Student Citizenship – 99%
- PAT Acceptable 89%
- PAT Excellence 21%
- Diploma Acceptable 93%
- Diploma Excellence 22%
- Education Quality – 96%
- Welcoming, Caring, Respectful – 98%
- Access to Supports and Services – 98%
- Parental Involvement 98%

Data Continued...

Steps for Success



Invested Community



Dedicated Staff



Champions of the Program



Amazing Students



A Culture of Yes

Thank You and Please Stop By
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