

**“School is not just about academics, we need to educate the whole child”**

**At W.A. Day all of our programs have been designed and implemented with this belief in mind.**

**The Young Painted Horse program is one of our initiatives designed around teaching the whole child. Young Painted Horse members are offered the opportunity to have experiences outside of the classroom that they might never experience otherwise. Every child has the potential to grow up to be a leader, therefore if we can foster well rounded students by providing opportunities and experiences that spark interest and or supplement their passion: then self-confidence and increased potential will foster leadership abilities.**

**Membership in the YPH program is an earned privilege as are the activities we do. The students have to apply for the opportunity, and once they are accepted and put into groups, they must meet academic and behavioural expectations, as well as maintain a 95% attendance. If a student doesn't follow through with assignments or doesn't make an effort to keep up with school work then he/she will not be allowed to participate in the next activity. This does not mean that they are out of the program but it does give them a little time to reconsider their commitment to it.**

**The Leader in Me program gives the students a foundation to help ensure success. Every activity we do, whether it is a service project or a fun field trip have a purpose and is guided by the use of the 7 Habits. If a student is living the 7 Habits they should have no problem meeting their goals. We also use the 7 Traditional Teachings which are Blackfoot traditional values implemented by our school to teach core principles.**

**Once a student is a Young Painted Horse they are always a Young Painted Horse. They are expected to be a role model for other students, conduct themselves in a manner that is a positive reflection of the W.A. Day school.**