



Important November Information for Peace River High School!

May Principal Message

Peace High students, parents and guardians:

As we move through our ever changing world of education, we want to make sure to keep you as up to date as possible. This week our government announced that students would not be returning to regular classes this school year. As this was not much of a surprise, most of us were just waiting on this decision.

There have been some small changes in Powerschool as well. Final grades have been disabled. Students will still see all assignment marks and missing work that is currently being completed. This will allow students to keep learning and improving their grades. In the end of the semester, final grades will be enabled again, and the final grade will not be lower than the March 13 grade, but could easily be higher. If you have any questions about your current grade in any course, please just contact that teacher.

It has been great to see the students engaging in Google Meets, phoning in, picking up printed resources and even participating in some online group workouts this week! We would still love to see some pictures if you can send them in for our year end slide show and yearbook of students learning from home! Please remember again that we want to hear from you. It is completely ok to call and ask for help multiple times. We are educators, and we miss you here, so when you call for help and guidance it brightens our day!!

PowerSchool Portal

for students and Parents is up and running!!

Please take advantage of this valuable resource. You can track attendance, see updated markbooks, missing assignments and teacher comments.



We have sent logins and passwords home with students if you did not receive one please email peacehigh@prsd.ab.ca



Miss Julie the Success Coach with Project PEACE has google classrooms for students.

Julie posts material regarding support for Mental Health and Wellness once a week for each grade. There are lessons, fun activities, and links for social emotional learning and support. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, there are Google Meets open to all students from 12 p.m to 1 p.m. (the links are posted in the Google Classrooms for the students to access).

There is also a Facebook page for parent tips and support called Project Peace for Mental Wellness. If you need more information or support please contact Miss Julie at hinzj@prsd.ab.ca or at 780-624-4221.



Superintendent's Message

School Improvement in Peace River

School Division Schools

On behalf of Peace River School Division, I am pleased to share survey data from our students, parents and staff that reveal high levels of satisfaction in our school division in the area of school improvement.

The October 2019 Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Report (APR) data shows that 84.4% of our students, staff and parents feel that our schools have improved.

Specifically, when students were asked if they are proud of their school and if they would recommend their school to a friend, 83.15 percent of students agreed and 84 percent of our parents and staff agree that their school has improved in the past three years. I am also pleased to share that PRSD's score in the area of school improvement exceeds provincial averages and has been given the highest possible rating of "very high" and "excellent".

The APR is provided by Alberta Education and serves as a "report card" for the division. It contains test results, completion and transitional data and results from student, parent and staff surveys.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the definition of school improvement is unique to every person. For some, school improvement means increased academic success, students being provided with a wide variety of options, satisfaction with staffing, technology in the classroom, increased wellness and positive school culture programs, changes to timetables, physical upgrading to schools and athletic equipment.

School improvement encompasses many aspects of a child's educational experience and creates a ripple effect. This ripple effect is clearly noted as PRSD's results are rated "high" or "very high" in the measures of Safe and Caring, Program of Studies, Drop Out Rate, Work Preparation, Citizenship and Parental Involvement. These ratings are given by the Alberta Government and are based on the input of students, parents and staff through surveys distributed in February of each year.

[View the one page summary of PRSD's results here.](#)

We celebrate these great results with you and thank you for your partnership in education. It truly does take a community to raise a child and we appreciate your contributions that are clearly helping with continuous improvement in our schools – thank you.

Paul Bennett
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division No. 10

Spotlight on Health & Safety



Safety Message – Sun Safety

Summer time means sunshine and warm weather! In the midst of enjoying our time outdoors it is important to keep safety at the forefront of our planning. Heat-related illness can happen easily, especially when participating in physical activities during hot weather. The best defense is prevention. Avoid sunburn by covering up, using sunscreen and dressing in lightweight, light-colored clothing. Hydration is important – be sure to drink plenty of water and take frequent rest breaks. Ensure that young children are well supervised and have opportunity to recharge. With our long summer days it is easy to get caught up in outside time!

Please visit

<http://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/heat-related-emergencies--staying-cool-and-hydrated-in-canadian-summer> for more detailed information regarding sun safety.

PRSD Safety Advisory Committee