

Principal's Corner



... working with youth can be an exhilarating experience! Feeling their energy, hearing their stories, and listening to their laughter do the heart and soul some good! We are very proud of the community we have created here at TA Norris and want you all to feel connected to us. If you would like to experience this for yourself and have some spare time, we welcome you onto our team! We always look for caring adults who want to impact our youth's lives positively! You can help in several different capacities, reading to our students, helping them with work, helping feed our kiddos or hanging out in our hallways to connect with kids who need a moment and perhaps a listening and encouraging ear. Call us at the school to discuss how you can join Team Awesome; I know we have a spot for you! Enjoy the weather, spend time with each other, and do things you enjoy. Remember, be kind to yourself and each other!



2024 2025 Online Registration for Returning Students

Just a few families that have not completed their child's returning registration form online. In the Spring we distributed/emailed letters containing your Snapcodes to electronically register your child as a returning student for the 2024-2025 School year. Please take the time to update the information/data on the form and return it as soon as possible if you have not already done so.



ATTENDANCE:

It is a very busy time of year for everybody - if you know your child is going to be absent from school for the day or longer – whether it be for illness, medical, dental, hockey, dance, other sports, musical festival - please contact the OFFICE and inform us by calling 780-624-3144, my extension is 13303 and leave a voicemail. Or you may send an email to Mrs. Gueyl at Gueyl@prsd.ab.ca , this will save on the interrupting phone calls, emails and text messages while you are at work. Thank you very much.



SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY

Peace River School Division - ALL doors to the school will be locked in the safety of everyone within. If you need to pick up your child early or are dropping off from an appointment or are late for school – please use the doorbell and camera at our Main Entrance (Flagpoles location at the south side of the school); as well as any visitors and volunteers who need access.



STUDENT DROP-OFF:

Parents dropping off children for school, please instruct your child to use the **Cross Walk** in the *middle of the bus loop* **OR** better yet, drop them off at the *north end of the school yard* near the mailboxes and they will not have to crossroads or the bus lane at all. Students will then proceed directly to the grade appropriate entrance. They are not to be using the staff or main entrances unless they are Late. Please do not park on the road to the south of the school (Main entrance) before or after school as this is very busy with Bus traffic and can get very congested with cars parked on both sides of the road.



TERRY FOX RUN/WALK:

The Student body will be participating in the Terry Fox Run/Walk on Wednesday afternoon, September 25th. Pledge sheets will be coming home very soon. Donations can be made online or by cheque payable to Terry Fox Foundation.



PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Advisory Council will be hosting their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the library. Please take this opportunity to have your say and participate with the Parent Advisory Council.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We will be having a Free lunch on Friday, September 27th for the school - Hamburgers & Veggie Sticks

The first round of Hot Lunch which will start on *Tuesday, October 1st!*

You may purchase a Hot Lunch Card from SchoolCash now - \$60. We will keep track in a google document and no actual card is assigned. Monday - Pizza

Tuesday - Taco in a Bag

Wednesday - Spaghetti & garlic toast

Thursday - Hot Dogs or Grilled Cheese (Group fundraiser day)

Friday - Free lunch of Hamburger & veggie sticks



VOLLEYBALL TEAMS - PARENT MEETING

For those students who tried out & made the various Volleyball teams - there is a very important Parent Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th, 5:00 pm in the Library. We will lay out the Coaches Expectations, Transportation Plans and deal with important paperwork.



School Cash Accounts

If there are any fees for your child, such as Hot Lunch Cards, Hockey Academy, Dance/Gymnastics Academy, Yearbook, damaged or lost school textbooks, they will appear on your child's account. Please take the time to set up your SchoolCash account and make any outstanding fee payments. You will find the easy sign-up on the Peace River School Division's website, the waffle buttons on the upper right-hand corner and selecting School Cash Online Payments. This will also be used to order hot lunches once the program has been organized (possibly by early October). Instructions attached.



Parent Portal Access – Please!

New students to our school & New entry of Grade 5 students to our school, on the first day of school your child brought home with a Letter for Parent Portal, Form(s), School Messenger info. If you have not already signed up for your Parent Portal Account, please sign up to use the PowerSchool Parent Portal and have instant access to your child's assignment and test marks, attendance, report card history, and more! Sign up by clicking the waffle button (square button with 9 boxes inside) on the top right-hand side of the Peace River School Division website, or any of our school websites, and choose "PowerSchool Student and Parent Portal"

<https://prsd.powerschool.com/public/>



We continue to use School Messenger, <http://www.schoolmessenger.com/> which allows us to send information in three ways:

By SMS – texts will go out to the cell phone numbers we have on file here at the school. If your phone number has changed recently, please let us know! You need to opt into this service as indicated on the attached information sheet.

By Email – we will continue to send our weekly email list of activities, however School Messenger will be used for special bulletins.

By Phone – this allows us to send a pre-recorded message to your primary phone number. If there is no answer, the message will be delivered to the other phone numbers we have on file until a connection is made. Please wait for the school-initiated portion of the call to begin as School Messenger will consider the call to be incomplete if you hang up during the introductory portion. Please opt into the SchoolMessenger program – thank you. ***Please take this opportunity to register your phone to receive important messages via text using the attached instructions.***

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **724665**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!



Just send
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to 724665

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.



Register for SchoolCash Online today

It's fast, easy & free

Create an account today so that you can be notified via email and pay for your child(ren)'s school activity fees online.

Why register?

- 24/7 shopping convenience
- Secure, contactless & easy-to-use
- Receive email notifications as new items are available for purchase
- Manage all of your child(ren)'s school activity fees from a single account
- Check your account history at any time
- View & print receipts as needed
- Eliminates the need for your child(ren) to carry cash

How to register

- Go to <https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com> and click **Register**.
 - Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password
 - Select a security question
 - Select **Yes** to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)
- You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.
- Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

- Sign in to **SchoolCash Online**:
<https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com>.
- At the top of the page, navigate to **My Account**.
- From the dropdown menu, select **My Students**.
- Click to add a child:
 - Type your school board name.
 - Choose your school from the list.
 - Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account.
 - Click **Confirm**.

How to make a payment

- Select the item which you would like to purchase & click **Add to Cart**.
- Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click **Continue** to make a payment.