

**REMINDER - Friday, October 25th - No school as it is a PD day for the staff.**

**Principal's Corner**



... We are just fresh off a weekend break where many folks took time to pause, gather with family, connect with friends, or spend time in nature and reflect on things they are thankful for. At TA Norris, we have so much to be grateful for! From an incredible learning environment, excellent educators, and the best school community of students and family members. However, we are aware that for some, there are times when it can be challenging to see things to be grateful for in the moment. Sometimes, life can be hard, and things can be difficult. We hope at TAN that if you find yourself in this place, you can find a friend to connect with who can help you during those challenging times. We also want to do our part! You have a friend in TA Norris. As a school community, we are doing a food drive over the next two weeks to help. We want to ask our families if you have extra food or cash to share; please purchase or send items to school. As a community, we will collect and share these items with the Salvation Army food bank so those members of our community who could use a hand-up can receive items they might need. We encourage you to send items for our Food Drive from Oct 16th to Oct 30th. As a community, let's be helping hands for those in need! Please see the PDF in our newsletter and social media outlets for our points system.



**ATTENDANCE:**

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** by calling 780-624-3144 and leave a voicemail OR email to Mrs. Guey, [Gueyl@prsd.ab.ca](mailto:Gueyl@prsd.ab.ca). This will eliminate 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.



**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

The first round of Hot Lunch started this past *Tuesday*. You may purchase a Hot Lunch Card at any time via your **SchoolCash** account, \$60. Your child does not have to eat each day; they may select what they like and go to the Home Ec Window at lunch time. We keep track of a google document and no actual card is assigned. The Menu for the week is as follows:

*Monday* - Pizza

*Tuesday* - Taco in a Bag

*Wednesday* - Spaghetti & garlic toast

*Thursday* - Hot Dogs/Grilled Cheese (Group fundraiser day)

*Friday* - Free lunch Hamburger & veggie sticks



**HOCKEY ACADEMY & DANCE/GYMNASTICS ACADEMY FEES:**

- Fees are now due and payable through your **SchoolCash** account.



**SCHOOLCASH ACCOUNTS:**

All Fees such as Hot Lunch Cards, Hockey Academy, Dance/Gymnastics Academy, Sports Team fees, Yearbook, damaged or lost school textbooks, will appear on your child's account. Please take the time to set up your SchoolCash account and make any fee payments as soon as possible. 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 (or page 5).



### **5A SWIMMING LESSONS Last Class . . . .**

Monday - October 21st. Please remember to send your child's swimsuit, towel and perhaps a toque for the colder weather.

### **5B SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN**

Lessons begin this week and run as follows: Oct 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, Nov 1 & 4th

Please remember to send your child's swimsuit, towel and perhaps a toque for the colder weather.



### **FOOD BANK CHALLENGE - Begins Wednesday!**

We are once again collecting non-perishable items for the Peace River Food Bank from October 16th-30th (end of the day)

Here is the point system for our Food Bank Challenge.

Teachers will use the unit size to determine how many points to assign to each item as it comes in, for example a small box of cereal worth 3 points could be increased to 6 points for the jumbo size and a 2 kg bag of rolled oats could be upgraded to 4 points. The room with the most points will win a class pizza party courtesy of Mighty Peace GMC.

Cooking oil (1 l) = 4 pts/ container

Nut Butter (500 g) = 3 pts/ container

School Snacks (500 g) = 3 pts /package

Bag/box of dried pasta, rice or grains = 3pts/package

Canned soup - 3pts/can

Canned meat (150 g) = 3pts/can

Jar of salsa or sauce (500 ml) = 3 pts /can or bottle

Box of cereal (500 g) = 3 pts /box

Canned vegetables, beans or fruit (400 ml) = 2 pts

KD boxes or cups = 2 pts/box

Pancake mix= 2pts/box

Juice = 2 pts/package

Juice crystals (500 g) = 2 pts/package

Jams, spreads (500 g) = 2 pts/bottle or can

Salad dressings, jams, and condiments (500 g) = 2 pts

Instant noodles = 2pts/pack

Any other items = 1 pts each




### **PHOTO RETAKE DAY**

Wednesday, November 6th is our scheduled Photo Retake Day.

Students that were absent on our first photo day of October 7th, are already on the list for Retake Day. Photo packages were received and distributed to the students to bring home this past Tuesday.

**They must return the package to the Office and sign up for retakes by Tuesday, October 5th.** If you are wanting your child to have retakes, they must bring in their original package with a note on the envelope indicating what you do not like about the photo. Without the package/information, the photographers will not be able to improve on photos.





CALLING ALL PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/CAREGIVERS

**JOIN THE TA NORRIS "PAC" ON TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 22 @ 6:30PM!**

AS WE DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE:

- \* HOCKEY \* GYMNASTICS \* DANCE \* ACADAMIES\*
- \*HOT LUNCH PROGRAM\*
- \*PLAYGROUND\*
- \*SPT INTERVIEWS\*

MEETING IN THE LIBRARY AND ONLINE

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

TA NORRIS SCHOOL AND PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK



With cooler weather upon us, I want to remind our students who ride the bus to be clever and dress for the weather. Our busses operate most of the time, in all weather conditions. Even if a student is able to wait inside for their bus, they need to dress for the weather in case an accident happens on route to the school or their home. As the temperatures continue to drop, make

sure you are checking Bus Planner at [www.prsd.mybusplanner.ca](http://www.prsd.mybusplanner.ca) for the most up-to-date information on bus delays and cancelations.

## BUS RULE – BE CLEVER, DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Student safety is very important to me and by working together, we can make sure all of our students arrive to and from school safely, each and every day.

# JOIN OUR TEAM! BECOME A BUS DRIVER TODAY!

If driving a school bus sounds interesting to you, then we have a place for you on our team.

We are always looking for more bus drivers, both as regular drivers and spare drivers. This rewarding career suits a broad category of people, from stay-at-home parents to grandparents, educational assistants, and so many other people with flexible schedules.

transportation department at **780-624-3006** or fill out the bus driver application form available on the North Peace Commercial Driving Academy website.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in transporting kids to school safely, please contact our



[www.northpeacedrivingacademy.ca](http://www.northpeacedrivingacademy.ca)



*Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools*



# 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?

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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.



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