

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL JANUARY 31st, 2025 AS IT IS A PD DAY



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER . .

. . . In the PRSd school division, we focus on numeracy and literacy. We believe if students receive educational services from our schools for their 12 years of schooling, all students who graduate from a PRSD school will be literate and numerate. There are many great tools, educators, support staff, wrap-around services and programs that help us guide students to achieve this goal. One of the many great numeracy tools can be found in online interactive games for developing math skills. You can find some helpful math games on websites such as Prodigy. If you're concerned about the amount of screen time your child is getting, but also don't want to continue to fight them about it, perhaps encourage them to use some time to hone their math skills by engaging in these interactive learning games. You can learn more about our divisional focus and support at this [link](#)



ABSENT STUDENTS

We are excited to announce that TA Norris Middle School will soon be implementing an automated voicemail system to notify parents of their child's absence. These messages will be generated on a daily basis at 9:30am. To ensure smooth communication, please notify the school by email westonan@prsd.ab.ca or phone 780-624-3144 if your child will be absent or late on any given day. As with any new system, there may be minor glitches during the initial phase, and we kindly ask for your patience as we work through them.



GRADE 7 & 8 REPORT CARDS

There was an error on our January School Calendar. It stated that our grade 7/8 report cards would be distributed on January 30th, that in fact is incorrect, they will actually be distributed on February 5, 2025.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Remember you can purchase a \$60 Lunch card (\$6 per meal for 10 lunches) through your SchoolCash Account so your child doesn't run out. Lunch cards will be recorded /tracked in a google document here at the school which will alleviate any lost cards. Students will also be told when they have two lunches remaining on their card; they will need to let you know so you can purchase an additional Lunch Card. The following will be the new menu starting in the New Year:

MONDAY - Kita North (Chicken Ball & Rice)

TUESDAY - Taco in a Bag

WEDNESDAY - Mac & Cheese

THURSDAY - Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup (fundraiser)

FRIDAY - Free Lunch (Hamburgers & Veggies)



SCHOOL CASH 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.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Best of luck to our Timberwolves boys and girls teams in the Fairview Future Hoops tournament this weekend. And to our Nomads Jr. boys & girls in the Bob Plowman Invitational Tournament.



DRESS FOR THE COLD WEATHER:

The cold weather has officially arrived and with that we want to remind our students and their parents to ensure all students are dressed appropriately for the weather. This might mean wearing layers to accommodate for cooler morning temperatures and warmer afternoon temps.

For our students who ride a bus it is necessary that all students wear proper winter gear, which includes a warm winter jacket, closed-toe shoes, and gloves, at a minimum. This is not only a matter of comfort but also safety. In the event of an emergency, or another unexpected situation, we want to make sure our students are protected from the cold.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter!

HOCKEY & DANCE/GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

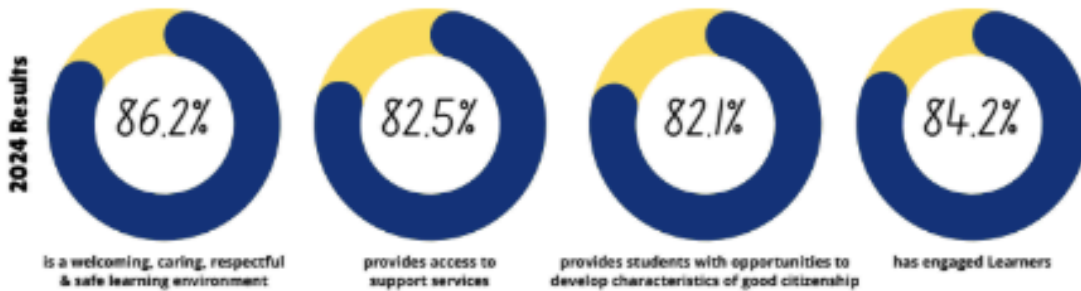
If your child is enrolled in either Hockey or Dance/Gymnastics academy, we kindly ask you to review the following information. If you plan to send your child directly to school instead of their designated academy location, please notify us in advance. There have been multiple instances where children are expected at the academy but are not present, leading to absences being recorded and unnecessary concern of their whereabouts. Your cooperation in keeping us informed will help us ensure your child's safety and attendance accuracy. Thank you for your understanding.

*Please feel free to visit the school website, <http://www.tanorrismiddleschool.ca>, to check for messages from Teachers, Superintendent Messages and other information that may be of interest to you. Also, if you **Like** us on Facebook, you can be notified of special items that may be of immediate interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to answer them or find the answers.*



Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Percentage of Students, Parents and Staff who agree the PRSD ...



Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter in your mailbox from the Alberta government containing a survey about our school division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7 and 10 students, but have come to parents of other grades as well. Families who have more than one student in eligible grades will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.

This survey is important to the Peace River School Division, and we value your honest feedback. The more parents completing these surveys, the more accurate and meaningful the results are for the Division's staff. If you believe you have misplaced the survey code sent to you through the mail, you can still participate by requesting a paper copy through your school principal.

When completing your survey, please try to avoid answering "Don't Know," as this response is considered a negative result for the Division, and does not provide us with the valuable descriptive feedback necessary to shape our improvement efforts.

In some instances, a N/A response may be more appropriate and is not considered a negative result for the Division.

If you have questions about the survey completion, please reach out to your school's principal for clarification. They will be very willing to assist you.

Student success is incredibly important to us. As you may know, our funding is based on student enrollment. The higher the enrollment, the more supports we can offer to better serve our students to be more successful.

For a snapshot of the data collected through the 2024 survey, check out the graphics included above and in our 2023-2024 [Annual Education Results Report](#) located on the homepage of the PRSD website.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to Alberta Education on our behalf.



Dr. Jeff Thompson, Superintendent of Schools



ADHD PARENTING GROUP

Join us for discussion, support and peer mentoring through the joys & challenges of caring for a child with ADHD. No one needs to feel alone in parenting!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ✓ Jan. 23rd
- ✓ Feb. 20th
- ✓ Mar. 20th



**7 pm @ the Peace
Region FRN HUB**

REACH OUT FOR MORE INFO

Peace Region

Family Resource Network



FRN HUB
780.624.0770



email us
frn@peacereiver.ca

FREE SWIM

JANUARY 27, 2025
6:30-8:30PM

COME AND ENJOY A FREE SWIM
SPONSERED BY

Local 898
CUPE

FAMILY NIGHT

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ALL AGES WELCOME!

FRIDAY JANUARY 31ST
RIVER FRONT PARK 4PM-6PM



CALL TO REGISTER
780-624-0770

Peace Region

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- Sledding
- Cookies
- Skating
- Hot Chocolate

THE PEACE REGION FRN IS CELEBRATING
FAMILY LITERACY WITH OUR ANNUAL...

Book Swap

**JANUARY 20TH -31ST
2025**

**BRING YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS AND TRADE THEM
FOR SOME NEW READS! POP IN TO BUILD YOUR HOME
LIBRARY!!**

OPEN FOR CHILDRENS BOOKS AND ADULT BOOKS!

Also stop by our HUB to enter great family
Literacy prizes and fun literacy rich activities
during Active Playtime and other programs!



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**For more info
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