



Principal's Corner - Did You Know??

... TA Norris students have the widest range of exploratory courses for our students to choose from. We have the only grade 5/6 students in the area participating in Industrial Arts, Home Economics program, band, drama and Art. Our grade 7/8 students choose from two different sets of exploratory courses each term with six to choose from within each set! Multiply that over three terms for a total of thirty-six different choices. TA Norris offers an excellent, well rounded program that has a balance of Academics, Physical Education and Exploratory courses.



Mandatory Masks

Reminder that Masks are required for all students on school buses (including field trips) as well as in the hallways and other common areas such as the library and the foyer. Please contact the office if you need further information. 780-624-3144



Student Drop-off: Once all the construction has been completed -

Parents dropping off children for school, please instruct your child to use the **Cross Walk** in the *middle of the bus loop* **OR** drop them off at the *north end of the school yard* near the mailboxes and they will not have to cross roads or the bus lane at all. Students will then proceed directly to the grade appropriate entrance. They should not be using the staff or main entrances. This is very important and a safety issue for the students to be using the crosswalks.



ATTENDANCE ITEMS:

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 is 13303 and leave a voicemail. Sending an email to the teacher is very nice - Unfortunately, the teacher does not always able to view emails prior to attendance time. Please email Mrs. Guey as well at Gueyl@prsd.ab.ca , this will save on the interrupting phone call while you are at work. Thank you very much.

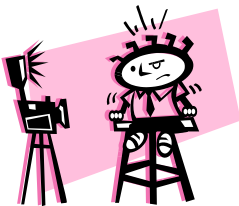


PHOTO DAY – Friday, September 17th – all students will have their photos taken for yearbook purposes. Hats are not to be worn for the school photo. Retake day has yet to be scheduled.



OPEN HOUSE & Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 22 will be our Open House and Parent Council Meeting. The Open House will be at 6:30 pm and the Parent Council meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. You may join the Council meeting via google meet by clicking on the video call link. <https://meet.google.com/fgs-wuei-mqb>



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 our send 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 School Messenger program – thank you.



School Food

1. Hot Lunch

We are hoping to have a weekly Hot Lunch program again this year but will need some parent volunteers to get it up and running as most of our wonderful team from last year now have kids attending Peace High. We will be selecting various restaurants in town and would require your assistance with delivering them to the classrooms.

2. Breakfast Program

We have been very fortunate to have received a sizeable PRSD School Nutrition Grant as well as grocery gift cards from the PC Children's Charity to provide snacks for students as they first enter the school in the morning and throughout the day if required. We are following government regulations so the food is distributed and consumed in a safe manner.

3. Canteen

We hope to offer a canteen this year; this won't start until the week after Thanksgiving. Please make sure your child brings a lunch from home. If you need to bring a forgotten lunch to the school, please call us. Reminder - if your child forgets their lunch, we will try to contact parents first; if unsuccessful we will do our best to provide a sandwich, juice box and piece of fresh fruit.



School fees: Contactless Payments

In an effort to mitigate virus spread, Peace River School Division is eliminating payments by cash or cheque in school offices. Please see the attached letter about contactless payments. If you are new to the division, we are also attaching an information brochure to help you get set up with SchoolCashOnline.



Chromebook for Education

The Peace River School Division is proud to partner with BCOM Computers to provide quality Chromebooks designed for our K-12 environment. Preferred discounts are available to the students enrolled within our programs and to our staff. To help you in this process we have put together an easy to navigate website. [Full details are available in this flyer.](#)

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.