

We have attached another September calendar – long weekend, school resumes Tuesday, September 7th.



Principal's Corner - Did You Know??

... our Grade 5 and 6 teachers at TA Norris use a program (also an app) called 'Class Dojo' for helping to improve communication between the teachers and parents. This is set up by your child's core teacher and there are individual log-in for each family. There is a way to email back and forth through this program. We also send out information about upcoming events, assignment reminders, copies of assignments can be posted, pictures of the day's events as well as so many other uses. If you have not received a log in paper with a password from your child, please contact their core teacher! Let's continue to work together to make this another fantastic year at TA Norris Middle School.our Grade 7 and 8 teachers will be using POWERSCHOOL for all marks and information related to their school work. If you have not downloaded and set up the app for your students, please let the office know how we can help.



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 mail boxes 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 extension is 13303 and leave a voicemail. Sending an email to the teacher is very nice - Unfortunately, the teacher does not always have the opportunity to view emails prior to attendance time. If you would kindly "CC" 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.



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 in to 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 in to 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.



Hot Dog Lunch Provided:

On Friday, September 10th, the school will be providing two hot dogs and a juice box lunch for the students as a "Welcome Back" luncheon.



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.



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.