

Good afternoon Parents & Students,

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**REMINDER: Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, NO School – staff PD Day.**



### **Principal's Corner - Did You Know??**

. . . As per the Alberta Government's announcement on September 15, 2021 regarding newly mandated restrictions, [PRSD's School Plan Summary](#) has been updated with new information which is **outlined in bold**. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Also please see the attached letter regarding *September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day* - Thursday, Sept. 30 will now be a day off in recognition. The information is also posted on the Peace River School Division's social medial page.



### **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



### **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](mailto:Gueyl@prsd.ab.ca) , this will save on the interrupting phone call while you are at work. Thank you very much.



### **OPEN HOUSE & Parent Council Meeting**

Wednesday, September 22 will be our *Parent Council Meeting* at 7:30. You may join the Council meeting via google meet by clicking on the video call link. <https://meet.google.com/fgs-wuei-mgb>

The *Open House* has been postponed until further notice.



### **Parent Portal Access**

Today we mailed out letters containing access codes specifically for you and your child. Peace River School Division is changing to a paperless system. It is important that you lease take the time to create and access your Parent Portal as this will be how report cards will be viewed, attendance, and for grade 7 & 8, it will also give you access to view up to date assignments and test.

For those of you who already have your account set up, you may need to log out and back into your account to update your child's data for this year.



### **Lunch time**

When packing your child's lunch kit or when they are packing their own lunch kit . . please remind them or make sure they are also including their school utensils or utensils from home. We do have minimal plastic cutlery in the event they do forget occasionally, but we seem to be having some students come everyday.



### **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 SchoolCash Online.



### **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.



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.

*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.*