

**Good afternoon Parents & Students,**

**October 1st, 2021**



**REMINDER** – Friday 8th, no school non-operational day and Monday 11th, no school as it is Thanksgiving.

Also please find attached, the October Calendar of events for your convenience



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

. . . that the students at TA Norris find lots of ways to demonstrate 'Active Citizenship'? This can range from wearing an orange shirt in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation, to participating in our Terry Fox run. Our students are empathetic and caring, they go above and beyond to be a part of our school community. We encourage them to be active citizens outside of our school. As our school continues to promote knowledge and understanding of things that are going

on outside the regular classroom, we want to help students and families to continue to be caring and supportive as we strongly believe that all children matter.



### **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 within the school such as the library, halls, and foyer. Please make sure your child has extra masks because of the cooler weather, they do get wet.



### **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.



### **Parent Portal Access**

Reminder that you may have received a letter containing access codes specifically for you and your child. Peace River School Division is changing to a paperless system. It is important that you please 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 from last year, you may need to log out and back into your account to update your child's data for this year.



### **Cutlery for 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.



### **Hot Dogs – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

The French Immersion group are doing another fundraiser for their trip. If you would like to order hotdogs for your child's lunch, they cost \$2.50 each.



### **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.



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 register your mobile devise to receive messages - ee Page 3 for further details – thank you.**

Please feel free to visit the school website, <http://www.tanorrismiddle school.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.

## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **724665**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
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**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/lm](http://schoolmessenger.com/lm) for more info.

