

DID YOU KNOW?

Principal's Corner

... our hot lunch is underway! You can access a hot lunch card (a digital version we secure at school for your child) by purchasing online through SchoolCash. Each card costs \$60, and it will cover the cost of 10 meals. We want to continue to offer this service to our students, but we could certainly use some help from family members who have time to assist in cooking, prepping, serving and cleaning up. When we get this support, we can keep our price point at the low cost of \$6 per meal. If you can help, please get in touch with our office at 780-624-3144 and let the staff know you are interested in helping our hot lunch program continue to be a success.



School Cash Accounts

If there are any fees for your child, such as Hockey, Dance & Gymnastics, Yearbook, damaged or lost school textbooks/replacement lock, they will appear on your SchoolCash account. Please take the time to set up your SchoolCash account and make any outstanding fee payments. 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 (Instructions Page on page 3). You may go to your SchoolCash account and purchase your 10-punch Lunch Card(s) for \$60 each through your SchoolCash account as well.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The following fees have been added to SchoolCash accounts: Golf Zones, Hockey Academy, Gymnastics Academy, Volleyball, Lock replacements (lost item \$10).

Please make your payment as soon as possible as we need to pay for tournament fees.

Thank you so much for your patience & understanding.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

You may now purchase a \$60 Lunch card (\$6 per meal for 10 lunches) through your SchoolCash Account (instructions on page 3). The lunch card will be recorded /tracked in a google document here at the school this will alleviate any lost cards.

Students will come to the Home Ec. window to pick up their lunch based on which lunch they would like; you do not have to purchase every day. Students will be told when they have two lunches remaining on their card and they will need to let you know you so you can purchase an additional Lunch Card. The following is the menu:

MONDAY – Pizza

TUESDAY – Hot dog or Grill Cheese & juice box

WEDNESDAY – Spaghetti & garlic toast

THURSDAY – Tacos in a Bag

FRIDAY – Burgers & Veggie Sticks (Free Friday)



FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

We are once again collecting non-perishable items for the Peace River Food Bank during the month of October. Points are awarded according to [this schedule](#). The excitement is starting to build as students compete to see which homeroom will win a pizza party courtesy of Mighty Peace GMC.

Here is the current website link:

<https://www.tanorrismiddleschool.ca/home/news/post/food-bank-drive>



SMOOTHIE DAY

Amy, Healthy School Food Program Developer & Certified Natural Nutrition Consultant, will be joining the grade 6 Home Ec class teaching a smoothie workshop on Friday, October 20th! Using vegetables from their very own garden they grew this past summer, the students will learn how easy it is to combine fruit and vegetables into a delicious smoothie, on top of the importance of having these foods in their diet.



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 send our 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 SchoolMessenger program – thank you. ***Please take this opportunity to register your phone to receive important messages via text.***

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.

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Register for SchoolCash Online today

It's fast, easy & free

Create an account today so that you can be notified via email and pay for your child(ren)'s school activity fees online.

Why register?

- 24/7 shopping convenience
- Secure, contactless & easy-to-use
- Receive email notifications as new items are available for purchase
- Manage all of your child(ren)'s school activity fees from a single account
- Check your account history at any time
- View & print receipts as needed
- Eliminates the need for your child(ren) to carry cash

How to register

- Go to <https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com> and click **Register**.
 - Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password
 - Select a security question
 - Select **Yes** to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)
- You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.
- Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

- Sign in to **SchoolCash Online**:
<https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com>.
- At the top of the page, navigate to **My Account**.
- From the dropdown menu, select **My Students**.
- Click to add a child:
 - Type your school board name.
 - Choose your school from the list.
 - Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account.
 - Click **Confirm**.

How to make a payment

- Select the item which you would like to purchase & click **Add to Cart**.
- Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click **Continue** to make a payment.



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My Body My Choice

**Saturday,
October 21st
12:30-2:30pm
@Baytex Energy
Centre**

**Learn how to tackle
those tricky
conversations around
sex education with
your child.**

***Lunch provided
*Registration required
*Parents and teens
welcome!**

**For more information
call 780-624-0770**

Let's talk about...

***Consent
*Safety
*Boundaries
*Age of consent
AND MORE!**



Peace Region

Family Resource Network





SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Ensuring that Peace River School Division students get to and from school safely is very important to me. Each year, our students and bus drivers take part in safety training to ensure that, if an unfortunate event takes place, every person on the bus remains safe until they arrive either back at home or at one of our schools.

During the last school year, our division had two near misses involving our busses. These near misses happened because people were simply not paying attention to our busses. It is the responsibility of all drivers to know the laws and drive with extreme caution when approaching a school bus, from either direction.

A bus driver will always signal to drivers that the bus will soon stop to load or unload children by activating the overhead alternating **AMBER** lights. When the bus stops and the driver opens the door, the overhead alternating **RED** lights and side stop arm are activated. When you see this, it can mean only one thing – there are children either walking onto, or walking off of, a bus. All drivers approaching the bus from either direction must come to a complete stop.

Passing a bus when the red lights are flashing and the side stop arm is activated is both illegal and potentially deadly.



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Thankfully, our near misses were not more tragic accidents, and this is in part because of the extreme professionalism of our drivers. The PRSD is grateful to have such a skilled team of drivers and driver trainers.

Most of our drivers were trained by one of our three Class 2 Driver Trainers: Amber Johner, Pearl Campbell and Lesli Mitchell. Together, these three women make up phenomenal team with decades of professional driving experience between them.

When a person applies to become a new driver, they only require a Class 5 license because Amber, Pearl or Lesli take care of making sure each new driver is properly trained and can successfully obtain their Class 2 license. This training is always provided by the division at no cost to the applicant.

If driving a school bus sounds interesting to you, then we have a place for you on our team. We are always looking for more bus drivers, both as regular drivers and spare drivers. This rewarding career suits a broad category of people, from stay-at-home parents to grandparents, educational assistants, and so many other types of people with flexible schedules.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in transporting kids to school safely, please contact our transportation department at 780-624-3006 or visit our website at prsd.ab.ca/careers.

Adam Murray,
Superintendent of Schools



APPLY TODAY