Good afternoon Parents & Students, ***February 2, 2024***

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER . . .

. . . We live in a Country with diversity in culture and language; it creates a beautiful mosaic! French is Canada's official dual language, and the Peace Region has several communities with strong connections to the francophone culture and language. Here at TA Norris, we are pleased to be able to offer a complete French immersion program to all our grades. Students learn their course subjects in French and have opportunities for French cultural activities. Living in a region that still celebrates this vibrant language and culture is a privilege. The community of St. Isidore celebrates with an annual winter carnival, and it's just a couple of weekends away, February 16-18. I encourage you to visit this event to experience this engaging and exciting event with a strong community connection. The carnival happens on Family Day weekend in the beautiful community of St. Isidore at their cultural centre. You can find all the weekend events here: https://carnavaldestisidore.ca/. It's worth the trip; who doesn't enjoy some poutine and Tire sur la Neige?

GRADE 7 & 8 REPORT CARDS

The grade 7 & 8 students will be coming home with their Semester 1 report cards today. Please remember to view your Parent Portal using the Browser. We lock the portals while teachers are entering their marks and comments. The App on your phone is a third party app and will not open once the portal has been reopened - you will need to reboot the third party app on your phone.

WINTER WALK DAY

On Wednesday, February 7th, the students will be spending their PE Classes outside for a Winter Walk. Please be sure your child has adequate and appropriate clothing for the day's outing.

AWARDS DAY

Friday, February 9th, we will be hosting our Awards day at 11:15 am. This will be for Honor Roll students and On-A-Roll students. You are very welcome to come and enjoy the presentations.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Remember to purchase a $60 Lunch card ($6 per meal for 10 lunches) through your SchoolCash Account so your child doesn't run out. Lunch cards will be recorded /tracked in a google document here at the school which will alleviate any lost cards. Students will also be told when they have two lunches remaining on their card; they will need to let you know so you can purchase an additional Lunch Card.

The following will be the new menu starting in the New Year:

MONDAY – Subway (6" - Turkey, Ham or pizza); TUESDAY - Hot Dog/Grilled Cheese (fundraiser)
WEDNESDAY – Pasta Day; THURSDAY – Taco in a bag; FRIDAY - Free Lunch

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.*

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

A monthly newsletter highlighting Mental Health programs available within the PRSD

Emergency Links & Phone Numbers

Addictions and Mental Health Helpline
(24-hour support)
1-877-303-2642

Peace River Addictions and Mental Health
780-624-6151

Kids Help Phone
1-800-668-6868

Indigenous Support Line
(North Zone & Area)
1-844-944-4744

mykickstand.ca

February 28 is Pink Shirt Day. With one in every five students affected by bullying, chances are you or someone you know has experienced bullying. To find support, or more information on bullying, please see the following resource on the Pink Shirt Day website.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing bullying please let a trusted adult know. Support is also available by calling Kids Help Phone, 1-800-668-6868 or texting 686868.

End bullying now by choosing kindness each and every time.
"WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS"

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Cold & Inclement Weather

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

The Transportation Manager may cancel buses either individually or collectively when weather and/or road conditions are a safety risk to students. This includes all scheduled field trips.

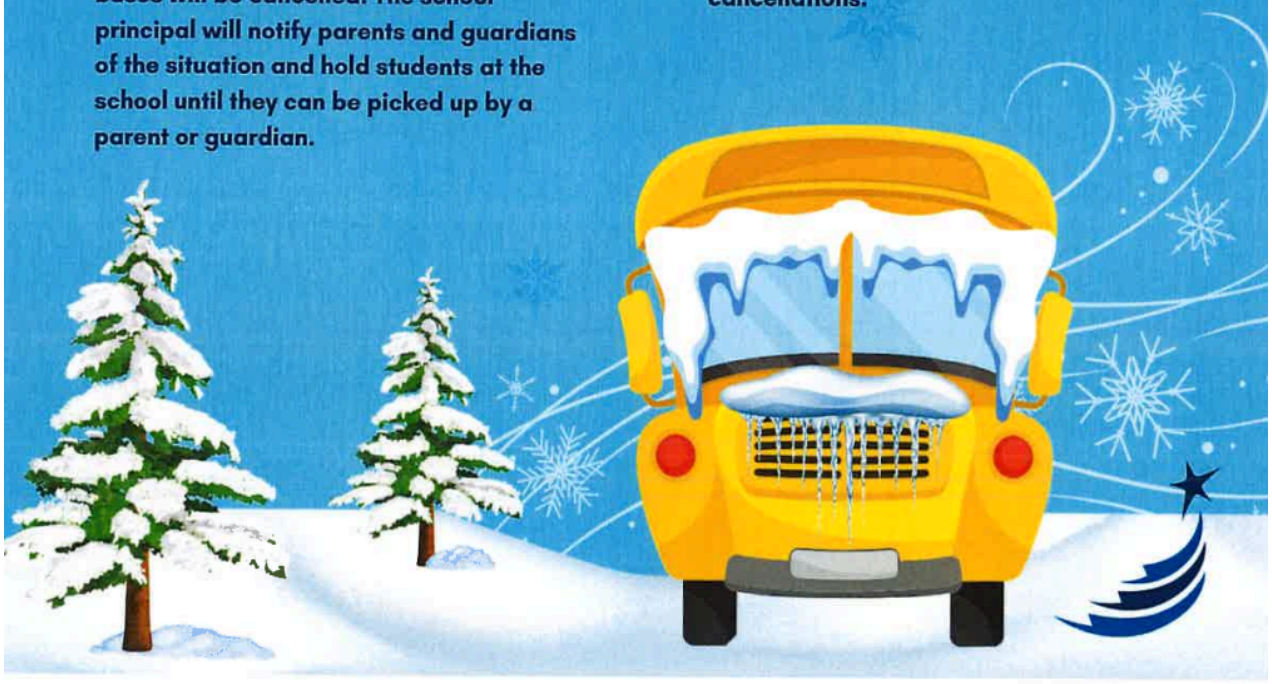
If extreme weather conditions arise after students have arrived at their schools, the Transportation Manager may authorize bus drivers to pick up students earlier in the day for the purpose of bringing them home. In this case, the school principal will notify parents and guardians and not permit any elementary student on the bus until their parents or guardians have been contacted.

If it is unsafe for buses to be on the road, buses will be cancelled. The school principal will notify parents and guardians of the situation and hold students at the school until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Buses will not operate when the temperature is -35°C actual or -48°C with windchill or lower at key weather station locations. In the mornings, the Transportation Manager will make this decision at 6 a.m.

Should cancellation of bus services occur, the Transportation Manager or designate will post bus cancellations on Bus Planner. All parents and guardians can access Bus Planner through the home page of their school websites, or by visiting prsd.mybusplanner.ca.

Each bus driver is responsible for notifying their route parents of bus service cancellations.



Circle of Security

Saturdays, February 10th-March 23rd
11am-12:30pm
@ Baytex Energy Centre Meeting Room

***Child care provided**
***Registration required, call 780-624-0770 to sign up**

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting program is based on decades of research.

This program will help caregivers to:

***Understand** their child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs.

***Support** their child's ability to successfully manage emotions.

***Enhance** the development of their child's self esteem.

***Honor** the innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure.

Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

Peace Region Family Resource Network

Circle of Security International
Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children