

Good afternoon Parents & Students,

February 23, 2024



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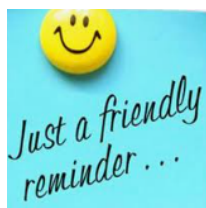
Each year PRSD celebrates and acknowledges the power of the support of families. Students thrive with help from parents, guardians, extended families, friends and neighbours who are as supportive as family members!

Every student needs a team to help them with their success through their schooling years. Families are great teammates because you help by getting them to school, making lunches, bringing the forgotten swim gear, permission forms, or homework. Helping them study, listening to their frustrations and supporting them with sound advice and wisdom. As educators, we are eternally grateful for the support of our family members; we honestly couldn't do it without you! From all of us at TA Norris and PRSD we want you to know.....Family Matters! Thanks for being part of our wolfpack!



PINK SHIRT DAY

For the past 16 years Pink Shirt Day has been our way of showing support to those who have experienced bullying in our community. Let's all stand together and show our support on Wednesday, February 28th 2024, by wearing pink !!



ABSENTS & PICK-UPS

Please contact the office if your little one will be absent from school, has a medical appointment, needs to be picked up early, or is leaving for a sporting event throughout the day...etc. You may do so by leaving a voicemail message 780-624-3144 emailing gueyl@prsd.ab.ca. Secondly, if you've arrived to pick up your child it would be greatly appreciated if you'd call the school to let us know you're here and we'll send your child out to you.

BADMINTON TRYOUTS



Grade 7 Badminton Tryouts will take place on Wednesday February 28th, 2024 from 3:30pm-4:50pm in our school gymnasium.

Grade 8 Badminton Tryouts will take place on Thursday February 29th, 2024 from 3:30pm-4:50pm in our school gymnasium.



BASKETBALL

BEST OF LUCK to our Basketball teams in their final tournament this weekend. If you happen to be sticking around this weekend go and cheer them on !!



TEAM AWESOME DAY !!!

On Friday, March 1, 2024 we will be celebrating TEAM AWESOME DAY !!!
We encourage everyone to wear their TA Team Awesome Shirts.

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Peace River School Division is holding a **poster contest** to stress the importance of regular attendance.

Posters can be hand-drawn or created electronically. Students are asked to write their first and last name clearly on the back of their poster along with their grade and hand it into the office by noon on Tuesday, March 19 so we can include it in the envelope being sent to Central Operations.

We have seen time and time again the creativity that comes from our [#teamawesome](#) students. We look forward to seeing their submissions.



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 is our new menu for the rest of this school 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

Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

HOT LUNCH - Grilled Cheese FUNDRAISER for the French Class Quebec Trip

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.

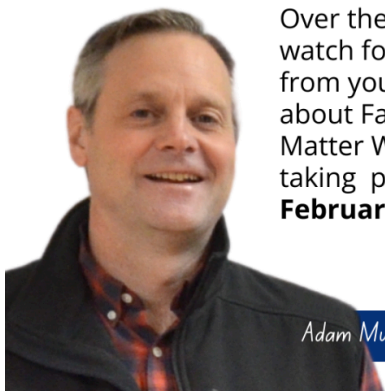


FAMILIES MATTER TO US & PINK SHIRT DAY

This month we will celebrate Families Matter Week and Pink Shirt Day in our schools. Both of these events are all about making sure our students and their families feel included in our schools.

The Peace River School Division created **Families Matter Week** because we recognize that education starts in the home. Families Matter Week is also a realization of how important our communities are to a thriving public education system. We know that engaged communities create happy, safe, and successful students.

Over the next few days watch for information from your schools about Families Matter Week activities taking place on **February 20 to 23.**



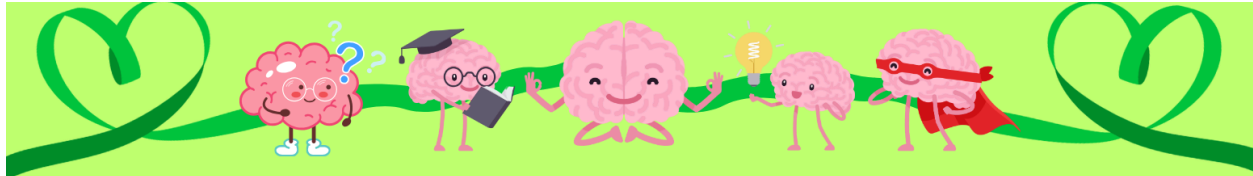
Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools

Pink Shirt Day is a visual reminder of a student's need to feel safe at school. When students feel safe, they are better able to learn.

Our Board of Trustees are continuing to place significant emphasis on the third goal in our education plan: that all students feel included. Pink Shirt Day is one way you can show those around you that they are safe and cared for within our schools.

I would love to encourage families to get together in our schools during this Parents Matter Week, and on Pink Shirt Day (**February 28**), to celebrate our shared success.





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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"



Peace River School Division Mental Health Team



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School Family
Liaison Worker



Margaret Buruma
School Social
Worker



Lorena Combes
School Social
Worker

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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

