

DID YOU KNOW?

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

... TA Norris and Springfield Elementary School partner in a program called Healthy Buddies. This is a mentorship program where current grade 7 TAN students are partnered with current grade 4 SES students to develop bonds and connections before the grade four students transition to TAN in the fall.

We all know that change can be difficult sometimes. Leaving the school you have been at for five years is a significant change. On the horizon is another learning space with new surroundings and teachers. The program aims to reduce angst and answer students' questions or concerns. Students connect and engage in some get-to-know-you activities, practise using a three-number combination lock for their locker (brand new practice for grade 5 students), get a tour of the school, see their classroom for next year, meet their grade 5 teachers, and create connections with some grade 7 students who will be our grade eight leaders in the fall. It is an excellent experience for both schools, and it helps students to feel more comfortable with the transition. We are grateful to the SES staff and administration, who have supported this initiative for years.

**Report
Cards**

GRADE 7 & 8 REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be coming home today with Grade 7 & 8 students. Remember to go to the school website <https://www.tanorrismiddleschool.ca/bookings> and book your Parent Teacher Conferences for next week - Tuesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st between the hours of 5:00-8:00 pm.



GRADE 7 & 8 BADMINTON FEES

Students that have participated in any Badminton Tournaments need to pay their tournament fees as soon as possible. They have now been posted in SchoolCash and need to be paid as soon as possible. <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>



GRADE 8 CAMP TRIP PAPERWORK

Please remember to return your paperwork as soon as possible. If your child is NOT going on the trip, we would like to know that as well. This will allow us to finalize our bookings and expenses for the trip based on the number going.



GRADE 6 EDMONTON TRIP FEES

The Fees for our Grade 6 Edmonton trip posted in school cash. <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> Deadline is Monday, April 29th. Students will be doing a tour of the Alberta Legislature and participating in activities at the Telus World of Science.



Awards Assembly

On Friday, May 3rd, at 11:15 a.m. we will be hosting an awards assembly. Presentations will be for the Grade 7 & 8 student Honour Roll students, the Grade 5 & 6 On-a-Roll students and Grandfather Teachings. You are very welcome to come, watch and celebrate with us.



HOT LUNCH PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Our TA Norris Hot Lunch Program still requires a few more parent volunteers. If you are able to Volunteer your time please contact the office.



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.

MONDAY – Subway (6" - Turkey, Ham or pizza)

TUESDAY - Hot Dog/Grilled Cheese (fundraiser)

WEDNESDAY – Pasta Day

THURSDAY – Taco in a bag

FRIDAY - Free Lunch



ABSENTS & PICK-UPS

Please contact the office if your child 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 or emailing tanorris@prsd.ab.ca to inform us. 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.

*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.*

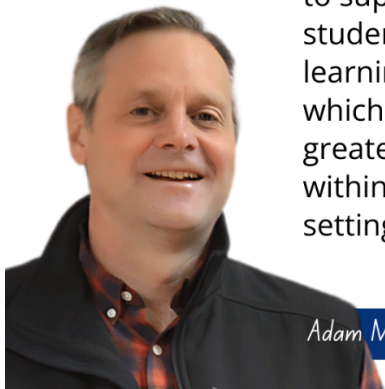


PRSD ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Whether you plan to homeschool your children or you live in a more remote area of the Division; whether your high-school aged child has divergent learning needs, or wants the flexibility to work while completing their high school education, the Peace River School Division's Alternative Education Program can work with you.

With these programs more students receive, and access, education in ways that break the traditional model. These programs are designed

to support each student's specific learning styles, which promotes greater successes within a dynamic setting.



Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools

Through Peace Home Learning Connection, families throughout Alberta have access to parent-directed home education, teacher-directed virtual and distance education, or shared responsibility blended programming. Students and families receive as much support as they need from our dedicated Home Education Facilitators, who are Alberta certified teachers.

For more information about these programs, please visit peacehomelearning.ca





Emergency Links & Phone Numbers

Suicide Crisis Helpline
Text or Call: 988

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

Three tips to feel better this Spring

Courtesy of the Canadian Mental Health Association

- 1. Get outside:** There's nothing better than a northern Alberta Spring. The days are long, the sun is bright, and the snow is melting! Being outside in the sun allows your body to absorb more Vitamin-D from the sun, which can boost your mood and energy levels.
- 2. Get Active:** Start by setting small goals like taking the stairs instead of an elevator, or walking for just 10-minutes at a time. Exercise is a great way to relieve stress and increase energy.
- 3. Eat a Balanced Diet:** Eating more fruit and vegetables, or foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may also help boost your mood this Spring.

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A promotional graphic with a green background. At the top, the text "CREATE A VIDEO TO HIGHLIGHT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of this text is a blue swoosh graphic with a star at its end. Below the main text, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD!" in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of this rectangle is a green tree. Below the yellow rectangle, the text "Visit our website for full contest details" is written in white, sans-serif font. Below that, the text "Submission Deadline: May 17, 2024" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "NORTH PEACE COMMERCIAL DRIVING ACADEMY" featuring a blue swoosh and a road graphic. On the right side of the graphic, a yellow school bus is shown from the front, driving on a road that curves into the distance. The bus has black wheels and a black grille.

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NORTH PEACE
COMMERCIAL DRIVING ACADEMY



FAMILY NIGHT

COMMUNITY BIKE RODEO

Join the Peace Region FRN and AHS Health Promotions for tons of fun at our May Family Night! Bring your bikes and helmets to explore our indoor bike rodeo, check out fun family activities and enjoy a hotdog supper!

Wednesday May 8th
5pm-7pm
@ the Baytex Energy Center - Dry Pad
All Ages Welcome!!!

 **CALL the FRN to Register!**
Space is limited 780.624.0770




WILDFIRE PROCEDURE GUIDE



A wildfire starts nearby, now what?

The Peace River School Division follows the direction of our municipal leaders whenever a fire, or other natural emergency, occurs in one of our school communities.

In the event that any number of student homes are affected by a road closure or evacuation order, our Transportation Department will call the affected families to notify them of any changes to busing. Families who do not receive a phone call will have their students dropped off as per their regular transportation arrangements.

All bus cancellations and delays can be viewed by visiting <https://prsd.mybusplanner.ca>.

IF A SCHOOL EVACUATION BECOMES NECESSARY

Parents/Guardians

- Please **DO NOT** call the school. Our telephone system must remain available for emergency communication. We will contact you to provide instructions on where and when to pick up your child.
- Please **DO NOT** come to the school unless you are instructed to.

Students

- If a school evacuation becomes necessary, students will be transported home via early dismissal or to parent-child reunion location. All parents and guardians will be notified if this happens.

Where to find updates

We will post all school and transportation updates on our websites and Facebook pages, in addition to sending emails, text messages, and/or phone calls to all affected families.

Parent-Child Reunion Procedure

- Parents/Guardians will be notified regarding the location for parent-child reunions
- Parents/Guardians will need to sign the teacher's attendance form to ensure all students are accounted for and only released to an authorized legal guardian or emergency contact.
- Valid ID will be required to pick up a student.
- Once you are reunited with your child, for your safety you are encouraged to leave the area immediately.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
READ OUR EMERGENCY
PROCEDURE GUIDE FOR
PARENTS & GUARDIANS

