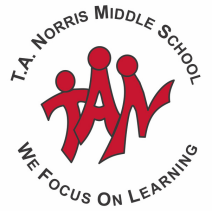




TA NORRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Oct 3rd, 2025



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter this week, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the uncertainty many families may be feeling with the possibility of an Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) strike on the horizon. These moments of disruption can bring challenges, and I want to assure you that our school community remains committed to supporting students and families as best we can.

While classroom instruction may be impacted in the coming days, please know that our school office remains open, and our dedicated office staff are available to answer any questions you may have. Do not hesitate to call or reach out—we are here to help.

Finally, as we approach the Thanksgiving weekend, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your family. This season is a time for reflection and gratitude, and despite the challenges we may face, I remain deeply thankful for the resilience, care, and community spirit that define our school. I am hopeful that all our bargaining team and the GOA bargaining team can come to an agreeable solution in short order.

Wishing you a safe, restful, and happy Thanksgiving.

Warm regards,
Jon Pittman
Principal

SLEDGE HOCKEY

PEACE REGION ADAPTIVE
ASSOCIATION

October is our **FREE** TRY-IT month

Come check out sledge hockey, an inclusive program for all ages and abilities. Equipment provided, just bring a hockey helmet and gloves if you have them.

When: Oct 3rd, Oct 17th, Oct 24th
(Fridays) 6 - 7pm

Where: Mile Zero Arena, Grimshaw

Cost: FREE



**READY
to
ROCK**

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UFA
Agricultural
Community Foundation

PEACE RIVER CURLING CLUB

TRY CURLING: NOVEMBER 9, 2025 FROM 2:00 - 3:00PM
WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 12-JANUARY 14 FROM 4:30-5:30PM



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS
THIS LEARN TO CURL PROGRAM IS
FREE WITH REGISTRATION!



You're invited to a special movie night at River City Cinema!

Sweet Summer Pow Wow – 2025 Canadian romantic drama

Sunday, October 6

River City Cinema, Peace River

Doors open at 6 p.m. | Movie starts at 7 p.m.

After the screening, enjoy an exclusive Q & A with Peace River's own Tanis Parenteau, who will be visiting the theatre that evening.

Bonus: Everyone in attendance can enter to win a movie gift bag!

Sweet Summer Pow Wow, directed by Darrell Dennis and starring Joshua Odjick and Tatyana Rose Baptiste, tells the heartfelt story of Riley and Jinny—two Indigenous young adults who meet and fall in love on the summer pow wow circuit.

Come celebrate Indigenous storytelling, meet a local talent, and enjoy a great evening at the movies.



Monday, October 6th | at 7PM

*Q and A with Tanis Parenteau and
Gift Bag Giveaway*



French Reading FALL PROGRAMS



ONLINE - PRIVATE & SMALL GROUP CLASSES
FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS



Empowering French Immersion Students

MpM French Reading Academy stands as Canada's leading online service dedicated to enhancing French immersion students' reading skills. Founded by Véronique Tremblay, a French immersion teacher and reading specialist with over 15 years of experience in Canada, MpM was created to deliver specialized reading support that empowers students and promotes academic excellence. Our program is grounded in the science of reading, and we take pride in our unique approach that prioritizes strong relationships and harnesses the benefits of bilingual learning to support student success.

Expertise in French Immersion: Our reading specialists are highly qualified professionals who understand the unique challenges of French immersion learners.

Comprehensive Support: We collaborate closely with schools, parents, and teachers to align our reading support with school curricula and reinforce classroom learning.

Proven Engagement Strategies: We use personalized learning plans to deliver targeted instruction through one-on-one and small group sessions, which builds students' confidence and significantly enhances their academic performance in French reading.



Evidence-Based Approach

Our programs are grounded in the science of reading, ensuring evidence-based methods for success.



Highly Qualified Reading Specialists

Our team consists of highly qualified, certified teachers and reading specialists with an expertise in French immersion education.



Recommended by FI teachers

Our program is loved and recommended by French immersion teachers for its effectiveness in supporting students' reading development.



Fun and interactive classes

Our classes are designed to be fun and interactive, engaging students while building their confidence and reading skills.

Contact Us



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ONLINE REGISTRATION

2025 2026 Online Registration for Returning Students

In the Spring we distributed/emailed letters containing your Snapcodes to electronically register your child as a returning student for the 2025-2026 School year. Reminders were sent out over the summer. Please take the time to update the information/data on the form and return it to us as soon as possible if you have not already done so.



Pay for student items online

School Cash Accounts

If there are any fees for your child, such as sports fees, school textbooks, class field trips, they will appear on your child's 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. This will also be used to order hot lunches once the program has been organized.

October, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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26	27 PD Day No School	28	29	30	31 Halloween Activities p.m. 	6



FINAL APPROVED 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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Month	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	3	0
September	20	19
October	21	20
November	19	18
December	15	15
January	20	19
SEM 1	98	91
February	19	19
March	19.5	17
April	18	17
May	20	19
June	20	19
SEM 2	96.5	91.0
TOTAL	194.5	182.0

August	27	Staff Meeting/Prof. Dev.
August	28	PD Day Kick-Off
August	29	Staff Meeting/Prof. Dev.
September	2	First Day of Classes
Jan Feb	5	Students Back
March	2	2nd Semester Begins
June	5, 6	Teachers' Convention
June	25	Last Day of Classes
June	26	Last Operational Day

APPROVED HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	September 1
Reconciliation	September 30
Thanksgiving	October 13
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Break	Dec 22 - Jan 2 (incl)
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
New Years Day	January 1, 2026
Family Day	February 16
Spring Break	March 30 - April 6 (incl)
Good Friday	April 3
Easter Monday	April 6
Victoria Day	May 18

LEGEND

Blue	STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
Orange	TRUTH & RECONCILIATION (no staff or students)
Green	PD DAY (NO STUDENTS)
Red	FIRST/LAST DAY OF CLASSES
Yellow	OPERATIONAL DAY (NO STUDENTS)
Pink	NON-OPERATIONAL DAY (no staff or students)
Dark Blue	TEACHERS' CONVENTION
Grey	CHRISTMAS / SPRING BREAK
Light Yellow	DIPLOMA EXAMS (to be confirmed)