

Fairview & Area Learning Store

Bridging Gaps



Building Futures

Notes From the Underground

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Moses Garaba

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of February we are looking forward to Spring and with it, the second half of the school year. It's amazing that the year is more than half over. As usual, thank you again to parents for all your support to Fairview and Area Learning Store.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ Feb 24: Pink Shirt Day
- ◆ Mar 4&5: Teachers Convention—no school
- ◆ Mar 22: PD Day—no school
- ◆ Apr 1-11: Spring Break, no classes



In the last couple of months, Fairview and Area Learning Store has received financial assistance from two corporations towards our nutrition program. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to acknowledge with thanks, a donation of \$2000 from TC Canada towards our nutrition program.

Thank you also goes to Mr Denis Paul who, on behalf of Plains Midstream donated \$500 towards FALS nutrition program. Plains Midstream has also supported our school in previous years. It's heartwarming to be a recipient of such generous corporate support especially during these tough times.

Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the school at 780 835 3800



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Pink Shirt Day 2021



Celebrating Pink Shirt Day 2021 and Safe and Caring Learning Environments

At Peace River School Division (PRSD) we pride ourselves in our ability to create and foster safe and caring learning environments. There are many people who play a role in this process and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts and thank all the students, staff, parents, local partners, and community members who contribute to creating a culture of kindness and respect in our schools. We share in the success of our work in this regard with our school communities as our latest survey results show that 90.8% of our students, staff, and parents feel that PRSD schools provide safe and caring learning environments for students, and our result exceeds the provincial average.

Pink Shirt Day is one day per year where we wear pink in a united stand to support healthy relationships, wellness and diversity. However, the work we do in this regard is on-going through various programs, initiatives and presentations focused on healthy relationships and personal well-being. Examples of such programs and initiatives include the work of our school based Youth Education Support Workers, Success Coaches, student leadership groups, mentorship programs, behaviour support programs, wellness programs, the focus on citizenship division-wide, daily learning incorporated into the curriculum and the important support that comes from community involvement and various agencies.

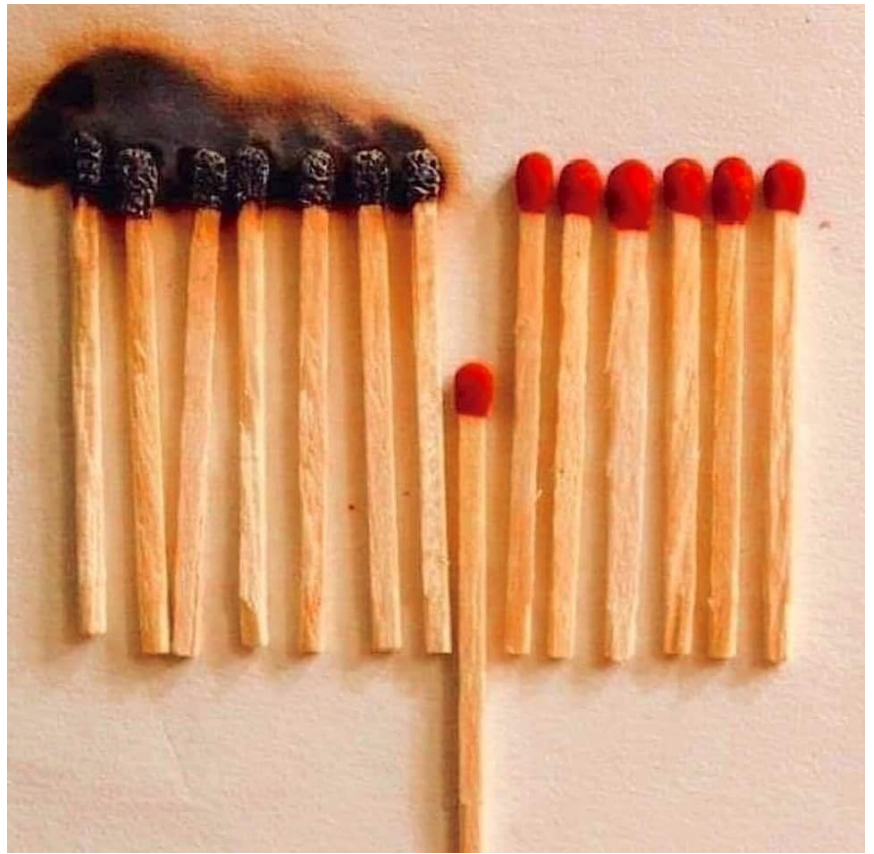
Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is very important to us. We understand that in order for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy and cared for in a positive learning environment.

Thank you so much for your involvement and support and we invite you to join us on February 24, 2021 for Pink Shirt Day when PRSD students and staff will wear pink in support of healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity.

Paul Bennett
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division No. 10



*The Power
Of
Stepping
Away....
Think
About It.*



Nods for Mods!

This past month we had two students' names drawn for the Subway gift card. Students' names are put in a draw box when they hand in completed modules. Way to Go!



*Layton
Calder*



*Tina
Stahl*



BULLYING

Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is very important to us. We understand that in order for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy and cared for in a positive learning environment.

The work we do to foster safe and caring learning environments is consistent and on-going through various programs, initiatives, and presentations focused on healthy relationships and personal well-being. Mentorship and leadership programs, student groups, wellness and character education, behaviour support programs, and our focus on citizenship support a culture of respect and kindness in our schools.

In Peace River School Division, we employ divisional Social Workers, Success Coaches and Youth Education Support Workers who support safe and caring schools through regular programming, small groups, conflict resolution, one-on-one support. Our Social Workers, Success Coaches and Youth Education Support Workers also provide a link for our schools and families to access community resources and supports that may be available from various agencies.

As our Safe and Caring policy states “All those involved with the division including trustees, employees, students, parents, volunteers, contractors and visitors must share in the responsibility for eliminating bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence. The board prohibits bullying and expects allegations of such behaviours to be investigated in a timely and respectful manner.”

View PRSD’s Board Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment on our website homepage to read Policy 19 in detail.

Safety & Wellness Coordinator





Breakfast Program Donation



Mr. Dennis Paul presents Fairview & Area Learning Store (FALS) Principal, Moses Garaba, with a \$500 donation from Plains Midstream Canada.

We are grateful to Plains Midstream Canada for its support and their significant assistance with their generous donation which will be used to fund our Breakfast Program for students. <https://www.plainsmidstream.com/>



Meet Lorena Coombes

Little about me... I have been working as a social worker/youth support worker with PRSD for the past 25 years at the Outreach Campus in Peace River. I am now working out of the FALS every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. I am here to assist FALS students with any of life's challenges that might get in the way of their education. This could include the areas of mental health, addictions, grief and loss, income support, anger management, LGBTQ+ support, sexual health, abuse or neglect, relationships, stress or anything else that makes life complicated. I also host a life skills session every Thursday at noon via Google Meet and can assist students with life skill related topics like money management, career planning, post secondary planning, etc. I would like the opportunity to meet with all FALS students so drop in when I am in, schedule a meeting with me through Mrs. Little or email me at coombesl@prsd.ab.ca. All sessions are private and confidential.

P.S. I bring TimBits with me on days I come!!



Your Voice Matters.

Alberta Education needs your opinion to help ensure every child is prepared for success.

The Accountability Pillar Survey gives your school, your school authority and your provincial government important information about the quality of education your child is receiving. Results are used to find out what's working and identify areas for improvement.

Accountability is a key element in the success of the education system. I believe that assessing the progress of schools helps us ensure the best possible outcomes for every child.

Completing the survey enables you to help shape the future of education throughout the province. We are committed to working with you and many other stakeholders to educate the next generation of Albertans.

Thank you for helping us strengthen the education system.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adriana LaGrange".

Adriana LaGrange

Minister of Education

If you have any questions, please contact:

System Assurance Branch, Alberta Education Email:

EDC.SystemAssurance@gov.ab.ca

Phone: (780) 643-9193 (toll-free access within Alberta by dialing 310-0000 first)

Please complete the survey online or return your completed survey in the enclosed, pre-paid envelope by [February 28, 2020](#).

A true picture of our success.

Measuring the quality of your child's education

We want to know that our children and students in Alberta are receiving a quality education in a great school. Grades are important, but there's more to it.

A great school and its staff help every child to make the most of their talents and abilities.

Great schools are caring and secure and encourage parents to play a key role. Their vision is focused on each student's success.

While it's easy to agree on such goals, how do we measure our progress toward them?

The Accountability Pillar is an innovative and straightforward way to measure our learning goals as schools, school authorities and as a provincial government.

Results are provided in a colour-coded and easy-to-read report so everyone in the community can review it. At a glance, it points out successes and areas of concern from both a local and provincial perspective.

The results report shows which measures have improved, which have remained constant and which have declined. It allows everyone—parents, teachers, school authorities, students and the province—to celebrate successes and respond to challenges together.

Details about the Accountability Pillar and how to obtain results are available online at

alberta.ca/accountability-education-system.aspx

If you have a concern about your school that is not addressed in this survey, please consider contacting your school or school district directly for further discussion.

The Accountability Pillar looks at:

Survey results. Every year between January and March, we survey students, their parents and teachers to see how they perceive the quality of education they receive and take part in.

Student learning indicators such as dropout rates, high school completion rates and the number of students eligible to receive Rutherford Scholarships.

Student results from Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.



The survey will arrive
by Canada Post to
parents in February

Parents - Have a voice in education

Your voice matters - please complete the survey from Alberta Education in your mailbox

Register for Notifications of Bus Route Delays and Cancellations by Text Messaging

Go to <https://busplanner.prsd.ab.ca/>

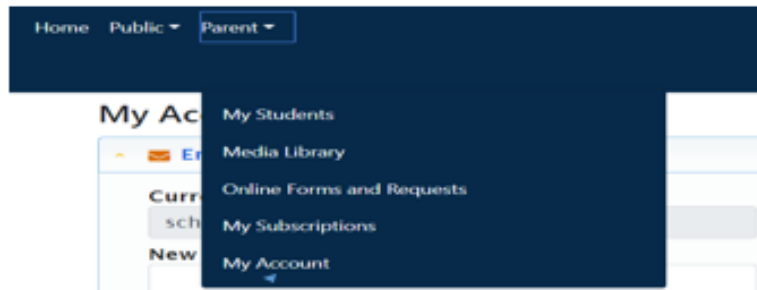
Click "LOGIN"



Select "PARENT PORTAL"

If you already have an account, enter your username and password. If you do not have an account, please follow the instructions on "create an account" on the webpage.

You will now see the students registered to your account. Select "Parent"



Select "Mobile Numbers"

My Account

Mobile Numbers

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| Mobile 3 | Mobile 4 |
| Mobile 5 | |

☐ I want to receive text alerts

Update

Check the "I want to receive text alerts" box.

Then you can enter up to 5 phone numbers (use ###-###-#### format)

Click UPDATE to save.

