

# Fairview & Area Learning Store



Bridging Gaps

Building Futures

## Notes From the Underground

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Moses Garaba

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Amazing how quickly time flies. We have been back at school for almost 2 months now. It continues to be a year like no other in recent memory as the pandemic is keeping students and staff on their toes. At FALS we are pleased that no student or staff member has contracted the virus.

A thank you to our janitorial staff for keeping our school clean and sanitised. We know that the problem is far from over as we move into the cold season so together let us continue to follow the safety measures as per Alberta Health protocols.

Thank you to the parents that came for our meet-the-teacher earlier this month. For those that could not make it that day please feel free to drop by when you get a chance. We are also glad to hear from you.

To those students and young adults who are looking at taking highschool courses outside the regular school setting, FALS may just be the place you are looking for. You can work at your own pace and help is always available.

Just to remind parents/guardians that information on your child's progress is available, 24/7 by logging into Powerschool Parent Portal. Instructions to do this are on the following page. If you have any questions about how to log on please feel free to call the school

Thank you and keep safe.

Sincerely,

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ October 26: PD Day, no school
- ◆ November 11: Remembrance Day, No School
- ◆ November 12: Progress Reports Go Home
- ◆ November 19: Parent/Teacher Interviews 6:30 to 8:00 pm (First come, first served)
- ◆ November 16-20: Parents Matter Week

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## **PowerSchool Student Portal**

### **Browser Access**

To access the portal through a browser go to <https://prsd.powerschool.com/public/> or click the link in the Students section on our FALS school website: <http://www.fairviewlearningstore.ca/> (Powerschool Student and Parent icon)  
The login is the same username and password used to login to PRSD computers.

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### **Creating a Parent Account**

To create a parent account click to the Create Account tab and follow the steps. Before adding a student to your account for viewing you will need the **Student Access ID and Access Password**. Please give Mrs. Little a call at 780-835-3800 and she will be delighted to provide you with the ID and Password.

### **Mobile App**

The Powerschool Mobile app is meant for students and parents and is available in both the [Android Google Play](#) and [iPhone App Store](#).

**When logging into the mobile app for the first time you will be asked for a 4 digit code. The PRSD District Code: QHWZ.**

### **Log In Issues**

If you are unable to log in please contact Mrs. Little at our school office 780-835-3800.



## **Terry Fox Run:**

Our crew raised \$130.00 in the Virtual Terry Fox Run this year. Way to go team!!

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We know that children experience higher levels of success when their parents are involved in their school and education. Now, more than ever with the Covid-19 pandemic, parental involvement looks different for every family and is based on many factors.

Although the types of opportunities for involvement may look different - one thing that stays the same is the importance of communication. Staying connected with your child's school experience is important and equally important is that your child see, feel, and know through both action and conversation that you are keeping connected. Whether that means attending parent-teacher conferences, helping with homework, emails with staff, reviewing school correspondence or following the school website and social media - being involved demonstrates to your child that you care.

I would like to take a moment to thank and commend our parents for their extraordinary efforts as in-person classes were cancelled in March. The way our families have rallied together to support learning at home, to provide child-care, and to support one another is absolutely incredible. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us what we can accomplish when we work together and our families deserve to be commended for their tireless efforts to support students learning at home. The pandemic has certainly caused a variety of stressors to our lives and for our parents who are already juggling many roles and responsibilities - thank you. I recognize and appreciate the time, sacrifice, coordination and effort you have and are all making.

In the next few weeks, schools will be hosting their first School Council meetings of the year. The meetings run once per month and it is a great way to stay connected and have a voice in education. Please check with your local school to learn more about School Council and how School Council will operate this school year.

Your involvement makes a difference and we truly appreciate the important work you do. We believe that PARENTS MATTER and that is why Peace River School Division declared a week to celebrate the important contributions of our parents. Please mark your calendars for November 16-20, 2020 and join in the celebration of parental involvement at your child's school during PRSD's "PARENTS MATTER Appreciation Week."

Wishing you a wonderful school year and thanking you in advance for your involvement and support.

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



# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT—A Resource For Parents from Alberta Education

The following resource can be located at:

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/commonquestions.html>

[Contact Us](#)
Alberta Government
My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource

Alberta.ca > Education > My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource > Common Questions
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COMMON QUESTIONS



SUBMIT A QUESTION OR COMMENT

For details regarding other aspects of Alberta's education system, visit

[the Alberta Education website.](#)

## COMMON QUESTIONS

- HOW CAN I ENCOURAGE MY CHILD TO DEVELOP GOOD LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS?
- WHAT ARE COMPETENCIES?
- HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?
- HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH HOMEWORK?
- HOW DO I FIND THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD?
- WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS MORE SUPPORT TO BE SUCCESSFUL?
- HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL?

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HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD'S TRANSITION FROM...

- HOME TO KINDERGARTEN?
- ELEMENTARY TO JUNIOR HIGH?
- JUNIOR HIGH TO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL?
- SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO POST-SECONDARY STUDIES AND/OR THE WORLD OF WORK?

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I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT...

- KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY

## ***15 Year Anniversary of Fairview & Area Learning Store***

September 5<sup>th</sup> marked the fifteenth-year anniversary for Fairview and Area Learning Store, and as Office Manager here I've been around for that long as well! I like to joke that, "In the Beginning..." there was me... and a paperclip! On October 1<sup>st</sup> this year, our Superintendent, Dr. Paul Bennett, and our local Trustee, Robyn Robertson, dropped by to present me with this 15-year long service award. I love it!

We have seen some incredible growth and change over the years. Our first Teacher-Coordinator was Mr. Dennis Paul who was with us for two years; and then Mr. Lorne Brown, (Principal), who we're most familiar with for his loud voice and huge heart; and this year new to us and the role is Mr. Moses Garaba (Principal). The talent and dedication of all these men, our wonderful Math/Science teacher Mr. Vasudevan, and unmatched excellence of the Educational Assistants we've had over the years, has enriched our little school and contributed to our amazing success. If you've ever dropped by the school you've seen many of our graduates whose pictures line the walls. In case you've ever wondered, we do important work here!

As for me, this has been the most phenomenal, rewarding and fun, job I have ever held. It's been and continues to be an honour to come alongside countless numbers of students and play a small role in their successes, lend an ear when they needed to share, and pull out the "Mom voice" when required. I am blessed indeed and look forward to all of the adventures yet to come here at FALS.





## School Bus Safety

Children are our most precious resource and by following basic transportation safety and reinforcing positive safety habits we can help to keep children safe throughout the school year. School buses are simply the safest way to transport children to school. The design of the school bus is governed by several federal regulations and by Canadian Standards Association standard D250. Of all Alberta collisions, those involving school buses account for less than 0.5%. Our goal each day is to transport all students safely to and from school. Our bus drivers continually participate in on and off road training and perform mock bus evacuations with students. All our school buses are

regularly inspected and maintained, installed with safety equipment such as electronic "No Child Left Behind" devices, GPS systems, and some even have cameras to monitor inside and outside of the vehicle.

Please take a few minutes and talk to your children about school bus safety. Advise them to wait to cross the road until the lights are flashing on the bus, the stop sign is out, and to look both ways and not to cross the road until all vehicles are stopped. If you have young children, be sure to meet them on the same side of the road that the school bus is on. This may prevent them from running across the road without looking.

Also please note that National School Bus Safety Week is October 18-24th and this year's theme is "My Driver, My Hero."

Safety Advisory Committee

A colorful poster for School Bus Safety Week. At the top, the text "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the theme "My Driver, My Hero" is written in a smaller, bold, black font, followed by the dates "October 18-24, 2020". The central illustration shows a yellow school bus with "SCHOOL BUS" written on its side. Inside the bus, a driver and several smiling children are visible. The bus is set against a blue sky with white clouds. At the bottom of the poster, a yellow banner contains the text "PLEASE JOIN US IN EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS FOR THEIR VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING." in bold, white, uppercase letters. In the bottom right corner, the logo for Peace River School Division is displayed, featuring a stylized blue wave and a star, with the text "Peace River School Division" and the tagline "Learning Together - Success for All" below it.



## Inclement Weather

We love school, but the safety of our students is our number one priority. If severe weather arises, we may need to cancel school buses. Note that schools will remain open, even if all buses are cancelled.



To learn more view Administrative Procedure 133 at [prsd.ab.ca](http://prsd.ab.ca)

If the school bus is cancelled, school bus drivers will attempt to contact parents and notifications will be announced on the radio and posted on PRSD's School Bus Planner webpage before 6:15 am when possible



**-40** School buses **WILL NOT** operate when the morning temperature at 6:00 am is - 40 C or lower

Wind chill may be considered

### SEVERE STORMS

Buses may not run during severe storm, drifting snow or wind chill conditions



### FOGGY CONDITIONS

The bus may not be able to stop on the highway or busy side roads in severe fog conditions

### EARLY DISMISSAL

Sometimes a storm can start during the school day and buses may be called to take students home early OR school buses may be cancelled.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

### Overview

This tool has been developed to support schools, activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees/staff. The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should complete this checklist prior to participating in the activity or program. Children and youth may need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If an individual answers **YES** to any of the questions, they **must not** be allowed to attend or participate in the activity or program. \*Individuals with fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat, are required to isolate for 10 days per [CMOH Order 05-2020](#) unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test and are feeling better. Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) to determine if testing is recommended and follow information on [isolation requirements](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

### Screening Questions

1. Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following symptoms:		CIRCLE ONE	
	• <i>Fever*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Cough*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Runny nose*</i>	YES	NO
	• <i>Sore throat*</i>	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Nasal congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days <sup>1</sup> ?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact <sup>2</sup> with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with an individual who has any one of the first 5 symptoms on this list (shaded) <b>AND</b> who is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

<sup>1</sup> Individuals legally required to quarantine for 14 days when entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada

<sup>2</sup> Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in an occupational setting wearing recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# NON-TRICKY TIPS FOR A SPOOKY SAFE HALLOWEEN

**DON'T** trick-or-treat, hand out treats, or go to a party if you are feeling ill (even if symptoms are mild) or in isolation/quarantine.



### Trick-or-treating

- Choose costumes that allow your child to wear a non-medical mask. They can wear a mask underneath a Halloween mask as long as they can see and breathe comfortably. Make sure it's comfortable so your child won't need to adjust it.
- Go only with family or cohort members and keep a healthy distance from others.
- Stay in your community to limit the number of people you come into contact with.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it after touching touch-points like doorbells or railings.
- If you can, knock instead of pushing doorbells, or keep 2 metres from the door or porch and call "trick or treat". Make sure the person calling is wearing a mask.
- Wait until you're home and have washed your hands before handling candy.

### Handing out candy

- Print posters from [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca) to hang in your window or place on your door to let trick-or-treaters know if you're handing out treats this year or not.
- Wear a mask and use tongs or a grabber.
- Keep a healthy distance from trick-or-treaters. If possible, hand out candy from the driveway, open garage, or lawn instead of your front door.
- Ask trick-or-treaters to knock instead of ringing the doorbell.
- If you are indoors (school, apartment building, or mall) use a table or desk to keep a safe distance from trick-or-treaters (e.g. school classroom, apartment building, mall)

- Avoid handling treats
  - Use prepackaged candy (no homemade treats)
  - Hand treats out directly from the package they came in
  - Don't leave self-serve bowls of bulk candy
  - Make candy bundles/bags and space them out on a table or blanket for trick-or-treaters to take
- Get creative! Build a candy slide down your front steps or railing! Build a (safe) candy catapult! There are many fun ways to hand out treats while maintaining physical distance.

### Attending a party (adults and kids)

- Spend time with people you know. The smaller the group the better.
- If possible, host your party outside. It's easier to keep a healthy distance between guests and there's better air circulation. (See guidance for "[Outdoor Events](#)")
- If the party is indoors, keep it small and maintain 2 metres away from people in other families and cohorts. (See guidance for "[Indoor Events](#)")
- Don't share drinks, snacks, cigarettes, vapes or cannabis – and no bobbing for apples!
- Choose games and activities that don't involve sharing items, and allow for distancing.
  - Set up art and craft stations so that each guest has their own materials (no sharing).
  - Instead of face painting, hand out temporary tattoos or stickers that guests can put on themselves.
  - Make sure any shared items are sanitized between uses.
  - Wash or sanitize your hands often. Have hand sanitizer easily accessible.