

Fairview & Area Learning Store



Bridging Gaps

Building Futures

Notes From the Underground

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Moses Garaba

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Days are getting longer and the sun is shining more; what a welcome change given all this year has been. Now Spring is upon us and let's be in the moment and enjoy the "little things". On our return to school from spring break there will be less than 2 months of school and we are urging our students to hunker down as the finish line is within reach.

I am very thankful to all FALS staff for the work they are doing for all our students. Special thanks go to Mrs. Shannon Logan, our EA, for her flexibility and strength in meeting students where they are at.

Kudos to all our students and staff for their continued hard work. Please take a few days off during the Spring break for rest and relaxation while remaining safe. Have a wonderful Easter.

School resumes on April 12, 2021. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the school at 780 835 3800.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ April 1-11 SPRING BREAK—No School
- ◆ April 2 Good Friday
- ◆ April 4 Easter Sunday
- ◆ April 15 Life Skills Program with Lorena Coombes: Careers, Next Generation
- ◆ April 22 Progress Reports Go Home
- ◆ May 3 PD Day—No School



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Indigenous Education in Peace River School Division

It is essential that First Nations, [Métis and Inuit](#) students see themselves and their cultures in the curriculum and school community, and that non-Indigenous students are taught the true history of Canada, including at times, the painful relationship between Canada and the First Nations, Métis and Inuit.



During the pandemic, schools have found creative ways to acknowledge residential school history on Orange Shirt Day, teach about the Métis during Métis week, and honour our local Indigenous veterans as a part of Remembrance Day activities. Grade one students have been learning some Cree, and plans are underway for a virtual Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop this spring, and a pandemic friendly way to acknowledge our Indigenous graduates with an Eagle Feather and the important teachings that accompany this high honor.

We have ensured professional development (PD) is available for staff on topics such as the legacy of residential schools history and how to incorporate Indigenous perspectives in the classroom. Our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Program Coordinator regularly meets with school staff to discuss how our Indigenous students are progressing academically and to explore further supports.

First Nations Métis and Inuit programs are supported by way of special funding from the Government of Alberta which is determined by self-declaration. For each student who declares to have Indigenous ancestry, schools receive an additional \$1178.00. Parents can declare their child's status on the school registration form that is completed every year.

Indigenous history is Canadian history and it is very important to us that all students learn about the important traditions, culture, and history of the first peoples of Canada. Thank you to our students, staff, families, Elders, community members and organizations for your important contributions and support.

Paul Bennett,
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division



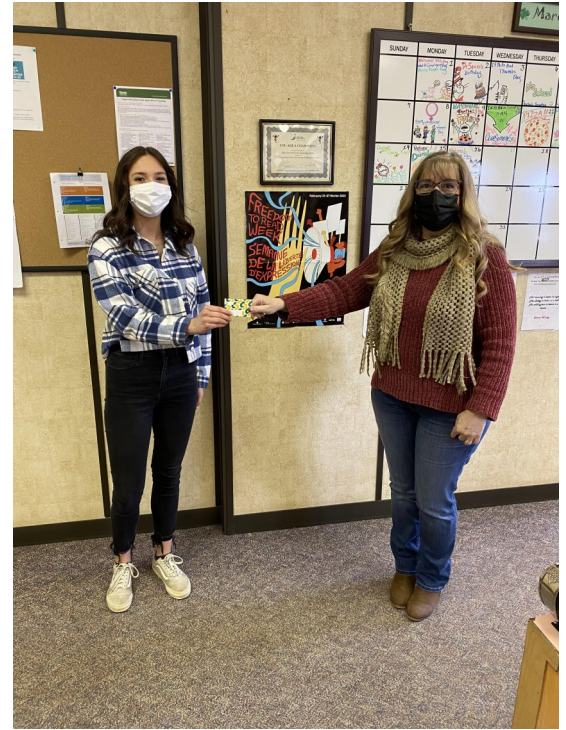
Nods for Mods!

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!



Cynder
Duggan

Chloe
Watchorn



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**. This was provided to you on the orange letter sent home with progress reports on March 3rd. If you have not received your letter, please give Mrs. Little a call at 780-835-3800

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.



ICE SAFETY

David Smith
PRSD Safety & Wellness
Coordinator



March is a time to look forward to warmer temperatures, melting snow, and longer days. The transition from winter to spring begins the transformation of frozen rivers, ponds, creeks and dug outs to bodies of open water. Many of our PRSD schools are located close to water sources and during this time ice can become unstable and extremely dangerous.

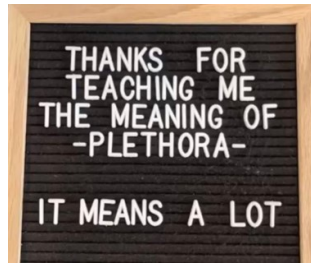
Please take a few minutes and talk to your children about ice safety and the

dangers associated with being on rivers, ponds, creeks and dug outs during this time of the year.

If you do fall through the ice your first danger is drowning, not the cold. You will have time to save yourself so don't panic or thrash about. Tread water or grab the ice to keep your head above water. Keep your hands and arms on the ice and kick your feet until you are in a horizontal position. Once you are horizontal keep kicking your feet and pull with your hands and arms and pull yourself out of the water. Once clear of the water continue to pull yourself away from the hole in the ice. You need to keep your weight spread so don't stand to move away from the hole. You can slide pull or roll away. Once clear of any danger you need to get to a place to warm up and remove any wet clothing.

For more information about knowing the dangers of ice please follow the attached link provided by the Canadian Red Cross.

<https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/swimming-and-water-safety-tips-and-resources/swimming-boating-and-water-safety-tips/ice-safety>



Big thank you to Mrs. Logan who provides us with lots of giggles as she turns our calendar into a cartoon collage...

