

Fairview & Area Learning Store



Bridging Gaps

Building Futures

Notes From the Underground

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Grades 7-12

Last day of scheduled classes for 2020-2021 school year

The last day of scheduled classes for students in grades 7-12 is June 22, 2021.

Please be aware that June 23, 24 and 25, 2021 are days set aside for grades 7-12 students to complete unfinished assignments and seek help from teaching staff. These days can also be used for students to write exams to increase their mark (upon approval from parents and school administration).

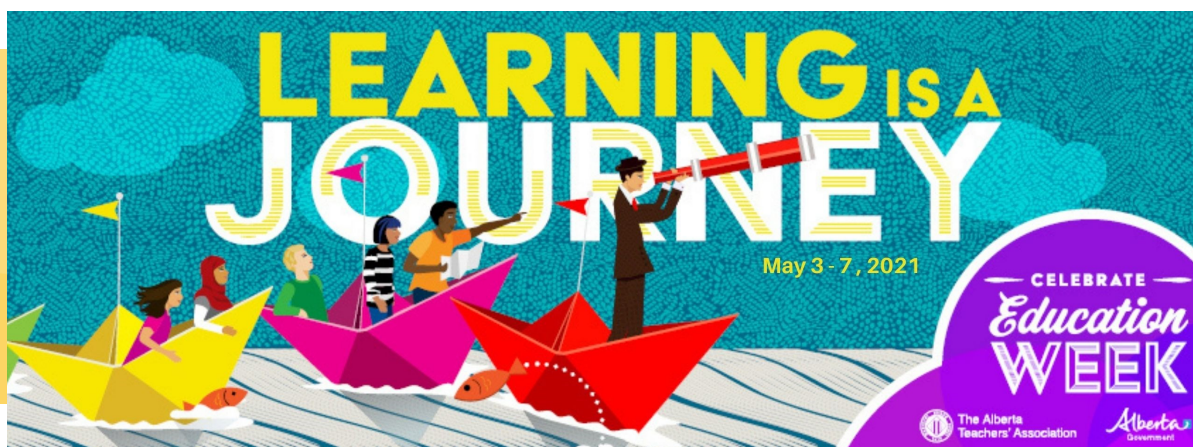


Peace River School Division

Learning Together - Success for All

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ APR 22: Progress Reports Go Home
- ◆ APR 29: Parent/Teacher Interviews 6:30-8:00 (phone the school at 835-3800)
- ◆ MAY 3: PD Day, No School
- ◆ May 3-7: Education Week
- ◆ May 3-9: Mental Health Week



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Wellness in Peace River School Division

In order for us to learn and be our best, we must feel and be well. Educational research supports this connection and we take this very seriously. We feel we have a great opportunity to not only academically educate our students, but to support, guide, and teach them to honour their overall health and well-being.

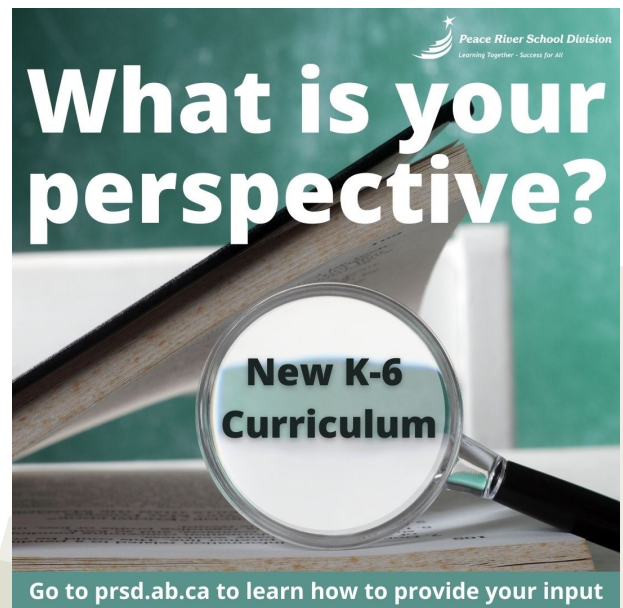
To support wellness on a school level in the division, every PRSD school has a designated Youth Education Support Worker, Success Coach or a Family Liaison Worker. The role of PRSD's Youth Education Support Workers, Success Coaches and our Family Liaison Worker is to promote positive mental health in children, youth and families while working closely with school staff. This ranges from presentations, activities and programming that supports problem solving, emotional management, targeted topics, skills for learning, adolescent empowerment, healthy relationships, mindfulness, teamwork and leadership. PRSD also has three divisional Social Workers that provide one-on-one support to students in need.

We also encourage and support our students to be leaders, involved in the community and work together as a team - attributes that serve and inspire our students, communities and society as a whole. Students are also provided with opportunities to represent their school through various committees such as PRSD's Student Engagement Teams and PRSD's Anti-racism Committee.

Healthy eating and active living are important components to health and wellness and we support this through ongoing education, encouraging healthy canteen and vending machine choices, and by providing a broad range of physical education activities in the division.

In closing, I would like to thank all our students, families and staff who completed the Student Mental Health and Wellness Survey sent to students in grades 7-12, parents and staff in early February. The data is currently being reviewed and will be presented to the board of trustees on March 25, 2021 and will be shared with the public shortly after. The data collected from the survey will be used to leverage the board's advocacy efforts to impact positive change to support students and families in having access to the supports and services they need.

Paul Bennett,
PRSD Superintendent of Schools



Education Week May 3-7, 2021

The first Alberta School Week (Education Week) was held December 2–8, 1928. Its purpose then, as now, is to call attention to the importance of education and to show the public the good things happening in Alberta schools. Education Week is an excellent opportunity to advocate for public education and to:

- Illustrate the important role that schools play in communities;
- assure taxpayers that public funds are being put to good use;
- invite the public into classrooms for first-hand experiences;
- highlight the partnership between teachers, parents and students;
- demonstrate the important leadership role that the teaching profession plays in student learning;
- and celebrate the contribution that all staff and volunteers make in the school.

Learning is a Journey

Every three years, the ATA, in collaboration with Alberta Education, chooses a theme to help schools and locals plan activities that send consistent messages supporting public education to the community.

The theme from 2017-2020 is "Learning is a Journey," and intends to profile the role that education plays in all of our lives in shaping the province's future. It's a great time to celebrate teachers' proud legacy in public education and work toward an inspired future that includes the following:

- Optimal learning conditions for every child
- Creative and innovative learning programs
- Students who enjoy learning and who achieve their learning goals
- Parents and communities that are involved and supportive of learning
- School leaders who are also teachers
- A well-thought out curriculum delivered by well-prepared professionals\
- Opportunities for teachers to continue developing their skills as professionals

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!



Nicole
Lungul



Cynder
Duggan





WILDLIFE SAFETY

Spring time is rapidly approaching and everyone will be getting out into the sunshine! Wildlife activity will also be on the increase as they search for food after a long winter. Scented items including food containers, trash, cookware, toiletries and lotions can all be attractants for wild animals. Often adult wildlife will have their offspring with them. This can create an even greater hazard as they will look to protect their young from all perceived threats. It is important to be aware of your surroundings and be making noise to announce your presence. If there is wildlife in the area, space and time should be given to leave the area and avoid any possible conflicts with them.

The Peace River School Division, recognises that many of our schools have encounters with wildlife. When an encounter occurs the schools go into a hold and secure situation where all students and staff are called into the school. The children go on with their day but remain indoors until the principal gives the all clear and students are again allowed outside for their activities.

For more information on wildlife please follow the attached link provided by Alberta Fish and Wildlife: <https://www.alberta.ca/human-wildlife-conflict.aspx>

David Smith





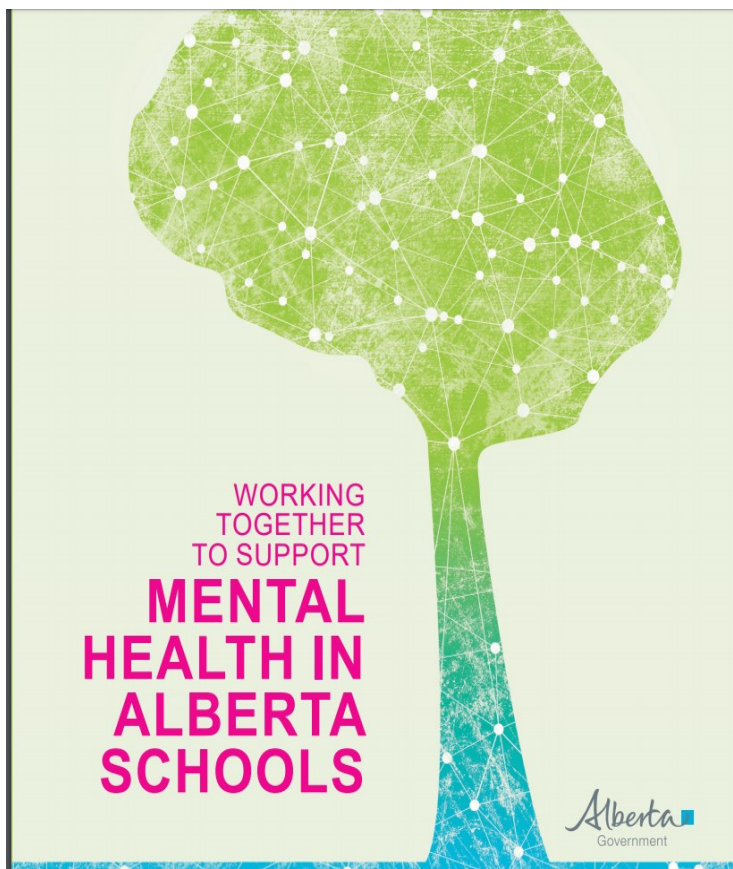
**Get ready to
#GetReal**

CMHA Mental Health Week

May 3-9, 2021

Visit mentalhealthweek.ca
for info and tools!

Name it, don't numb it. #GetReal about how you feel



Introduction

Current research clearly identifies the importance of mental health to learning, as well as to students' social and emotional development. Students¹ who experience positive mental health are resilient and better able to learn, achieve success and build healthy relationships. Given the important relationship between positive mental health and academic success, schools have an important role in nurturing students' positive mental health and well-being.

Much of the good work currently underway across the province related to inclusive education, including: welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; high school redesign; Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD); Comprehensive School Health; and Mental Health Capacity Building projects; supports students' mental health and well-being. It is this work that we can learn from, refine and build on.

(Excerpted from the *Mental Health in Alberta Schools* resource :

[https://education.alberta.ca/media/3576206/
working_together_to_support_mental_health.pdf](https://education.alberta.ca/media/3576206/working_together_to_support_mental_health.pdf)



Our very own Mrs. Logan will be leaving us for a new adventure as she, her husband and their tribe of animals make the trek back to their home province of

New Brunswick. We have SO enjoyed having her here these past months and will miss her smiling face, words of wisdom, and oh so off the wall sense of humour. Best of luck to you Mrs. Logan, and may your return to your family be fun filled, joy filled and all you could ever hope for. We'll miss you, save travels!

