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Principals Message

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As we move towards the end of the 2018-2019 school year we need to be prepared for many things. In our divisional safety message, we need to think ahead in order to be prepared for all different kinds of emergencies. Over the past few weeks we have practiced an evacuation drill, and our last practice will be during a Success Block, as this is a much different time of the school day and we need to be prepared to evacuate at any time of the day. We also met in classes to discuss lockdown procedures, then had our lockdown practice, which was extremely quick, efficient and successful. If there are any questions or concerns about our safety procedures, please contact us at the school.

Being prepared for the end of the school year is also important. Our exam schedule is ready to post right away. Students and families need to make sure to take a look at the schedule and contact the school if there are any times or dates that are of any concern. Last day of classes is June 18, and there will be plenty of space and support for students to continue to review and prepare for exams. Students are encouraged to utilize the supports offered starting immediately in Success Block so that they are able to complete all assessments and start to prepare early for their exams. We want to make sure that all students have the ability to be successful in their courses this semester.

Grad preparations continue as well, and dates and times for meetings, decorating, rehearsals and cleanup are being finalized before the end of May in order for students and families to be prepared and that we have as many of the grad class willing and able to help out with our annual event. It is an exciting time of year, but can also be stressful, so we encourage students to continue to utilize the supports, both academic and social/emotional, that are offered by Peace High and the Peace River School Division.

Mark Owens
Principal



Superintendent's Message

Thank You

The 2018-2019 school year is nearing completion and I am always so pleased to look back at the accomplishments of Peace River School Division staff and students and the support that we receive from our great communities. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for another successful year.

Thank you to our students for everything that you teach us. It brings an incredible sense of pride to reflect upon the countless examples of collective and personal accomplishments, growth, school and community spirit, kindness and leadership. To our 2019 graduates, congratulations on reaching such an important milestone, you are about to embark on an exciting and challenging new journey. Take this opportunity to celebrate how far you have come, and to acknowledge how far you are capable of continuing to go. The future is wide open for you and I wish you all the best in those future endeavours.

Thank you to our parents for your support and involvement. I highly recognize and appreciate the importance of your role in your child's education. I also realize that this role can look very different for every family. Your contributions and involvement in your child's education have such great impact -- whether it's helping your child with homework or career planning, volunteering at the school, attending events, acting as a member of School Council, or attending parent teacher conferences and keeping connected with school staff.

Thank you to our excellent staff – teachers, caretakers, support staff, educational assistants, learning coaches, bus drivers, maintenance personnel, mechanics and the various support in central office – each and every one of these important roles makes a difference. Your contributions and dedication to your job creates student success, and your support for your colleagues means we are all able to succeed. There are so many lessons to be learned both inside and outside of the classroom and you provide students with so many opportunities to grow into inspired and engaged citizens and community members. I am so grateful for the care, support and guidance that I see demonstrated every day in this division.

To our community members and organizations, we are very grateful for your involvement and support in our schools. Your participation demonstrates the importance of community and teamwork for our students. We are very thankful for your time spent volunteering, providing input, collaborating and forming partnerships throughout our school division that creates increased opportunities for students.

Students, staff, parents, community members and businesses, you are all an important part of the Peace River School Division family. Thank you for your hard work and endless contributions toward making our schools the great places they are to learn, grow, work and be. This is a true demonstration of our mission statement, "Learning together, success for all." Wishing you a fantastic summer!

Paul Bennett

Superintendent of Schools

Peace River School Division No. 10



Spotlight on Safety – Disaster Preparedness

If your family is caught in an emergency or disaster situation, are you prepared? It is recommended that you should always be ready to take care of yourselves for a minimum of 72 hours. Your best defence in any emergency is to have a plan and be familiar with what to do.

There are three keys to disaster preparedness.

Know the risks – analyze what hazards you face? Consider natural (ex. forest fires and floods), service disruptions (ex. power failure) and environmental (ex. chemical spill) emergency possibilities.

Make a plan – each household needs an emergency plan. It will help your family know what to do in an emergency situation. Discuss topics such as where to go, how to communicate and emergency contacts.

Create an emergency kit – in an emergency basic supplies will be needed. Services may not be available and having essentials on hand is critical.

You may find the following links helpful in preparing your family for emergency situations.

Alberta Emergency Alert App

<https://emergencyalert.alberta.ca/content/about/signup.html>

Government of Canada Disaster Preparedness Site

(emergency kit contents, preparing a family plan)

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprrdnssgd/index-en.aspx>

PRSD Safety Advisory Committee

School Council



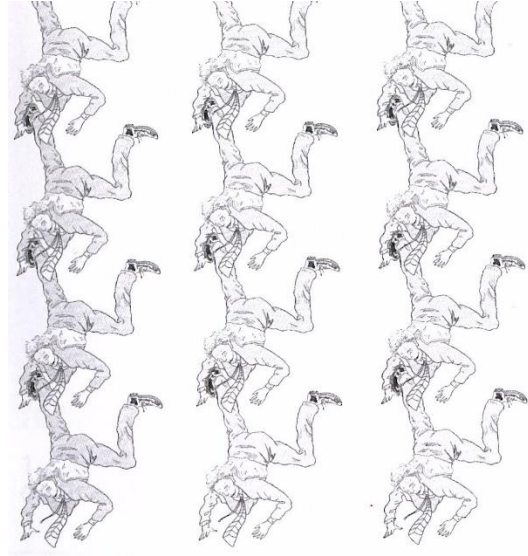
Our last meeting of this school year is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm at Peace High. We encourage any parents that have any questions about the end of the year or start of the 2019-2020 school year to attend this meeting. We will be reviewing the exam schedule, grad and end of year events and as well look at staffing and schedules for the next year.

PRHS Library Learning Commons
STORYLINES: Comic Art in Alberta
May—June Art Exhibition

CAYLAH CJ LYONS



11. Alex and May - Character Sketch, 2015. Copic marker illustration.



8. It's Raining Men (Hallelujah), 2018
Silkscreen on mulberry paper.

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Purchase your 2019 Yearbook by May 29. Books will be available in October.

These may be purchased through SchoolCash on the PRHS website. Cost is \$50.00.

Some books from prior years are still available. Please call the office to arrange a purchase



SCHOLARSHIPS & STUDENT LOANS

A very comprehensive website for the majority of Scholarships given out in our region (except for the businesses and groups that award scholarships specifically to Peace River and area residents) can be found on the peace high website homepage under Quick Links or just click [HERE](#).

ENVIROMENTAL CITIZENSHIP IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

We have been promoting the Service Learning Tour to Ecuador since September and have had very few students enroll. In conversations with students and parents the biggest deterring factor is the cost. The trip was just over \$5000.

In conversation with the EF tour guide, she suggested maybe promoting a lower cost trip might get more students involved. The new option is to the Dominican Republic. It is still a Service Learning trip (focus on environmental citizenship), but at a much cheaper price, \$3,454.

For more information please contact Mrs. Scott-Wilkes at (780)-624-4221 or email her at wilkes@prsd.ab.ca and check out <https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2142060JS>

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Trek into the central highlands of the Dominican Republic where mountainous landscapes, coffee plantations, and alpine pastures stretch as far as the eye can see. Explore the area's rich biodiversity while learning how reforestation and ecotourism efforts have significantly helped replenish the land. As you're immersed in the local culture, you'll work together with non-profits and community members to build sustainable solutions to the conservation, economic, and social challenges they face.

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Estimated
service hours

YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with local non-profits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

- Environmental sustainability
- Youth development
- Responsible tourism



FNMI (FIRST NATION, METIS AND INUIT) NEWS

On May 3rd, our senior Hand Games team won the senior division at our divisional Hand Games tournament! Our junior teams were acknowledged as the best “movers and shakers” of the tournament. We also sent a team to participate in the regional Hand Games tournament at the High Prairie Pow Wow. All in all, a very successful season!

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Spring Sweat Lodge plans due to fire bans. Aboriginal Studies 10 students have continued to help out in the community by assisting Springfield with putting up their tipi in time for their Sports Day. Meanwhile, our Indigenous graduates are preparing for Eagle Feather Ceremony to be held at the Peace River Pow Wow on June 2, 2019. Grads and their families are asked to arrive no later than 2pm in order to get ready. Our Métis grads will also be gifted with a Métis sash as a part of our year-end assembly. If you have any questions about these opportunities for our Indigenous graduates, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Crumpton.





Athletics

Badminton

The 2019 Badminton season has come to a successful conclusion. Peace High had two grade 9 students, Maya Directo and Damion Boucher, compete in the Jr. High zone in Valleyview. Thank you to Mlle. Simoneau for coaching and supervising!

Peace High also sent three student athletes to the 2019 ASAA badminton provincials in Calgary. Congratulations to Erick Labrecque, Makenna Plocica and Shana Sklapsky on qualifying to attend provincials. Thank you to Mr. White for coaching this season and traveling with the team to Calgary!



Track and Field

Track and Field divisionals were held on May 15th. Thank you to Mrs. Scott-Wilkes and Mrs. Harpe for coaching and helping run the event. Thank you to the student volunteers as well. Good luck to all athletes at zones May 31-June 1st.



Football

Football spring camp has started. They will be participating in the spring jamboree and then taking a break over the summer before coming back and starting their season in late August. If you are interested in playing football this year, please see Mr. Owens or Mr. Gust.

Volleyball

Volleyball will be starting up again in June. Practice times will be announced in the coming weeks.

Student Athlete Awards

Come celebrate the 2018-2019 Nomad Athletics season on Thursday June 13th at 7 pm in the Peace High Gym.

Thank you to all of the students, parents, teachers and community members that made Nomad Athletics possible this year!



Please follow us on Twitter [@nomadathletics](https://twitter.com/nomadathletics) for updates on schedules and results!



Watch our [school website](#) and [Facebook pages](#) for information!



Our Vision: Preparing Individual Citizens for Tomorrow.

Our Mission: Peace River High School, Experience the Success!

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