



# Peace River High School

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## Calendar of Events

**June 7 - PD Day/No School**

**June 22 - Last day of Scheduled Classes for Students/ All materials (textbooks, chromebooks, chargers) to be returned to the office.**

Sign up to use the Powerschool Parent Portal and have instant access to your child's assignment and test marks, attendance, report card history, and more!

[CLICK HERE](#)

And send us a quick email to get your code for setting up your parent portal access

## Yearbooks are still Available

You can still go on School Cash (click [HERE](#)) and purchase a 2020-2021 yearbook until June 25th. Cost is \$25.

(All purchases made at the original \$50 for the 2020-2021 book, have been refunded the difference)



Project PEACE has assembled Family Fun Backpacks of craft supplies and activities to get you through the summer. Each backpack comes with a calendar of different projects to complete with your family in July and August.

Please feel free to join our Facebook page "Project PEACE for Mental Wellness" to access other summer programming and strategies for mental wellness, and to post pictures of your creations.

The backpacks are free and numbers are limited (1 per family). **PICK UP WILL BE AT THE SCHOOLS FROM JUNE 22-25, 2021.** (Alternate pick-up dates will be provided on our FB Page and in emails if you miss it at the schools).

Please click [HERE](#) to fill out the Google Form for registration



**Please start looking around your home, car, etc. for textbooks, chromebooks, chargers or any other materials that need to be returned by the end of the year. All materials must be returned by June 22. Call the office if you have any questions or concerns!**



Contact:  
780-624-4221

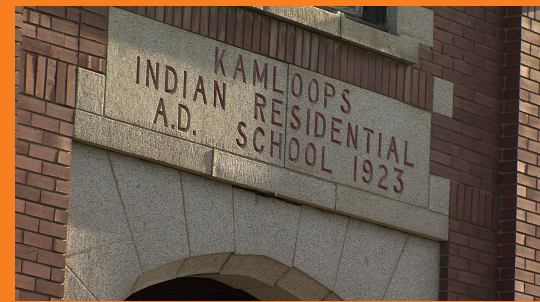


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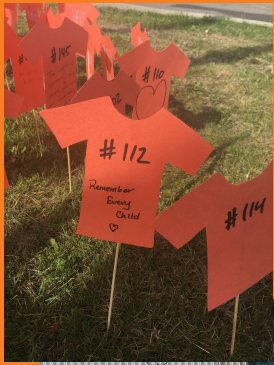
Website:  
[www.peaceriverhigh.ca](http://www.peaceriverhigh.ca)





Last week there was a discovery of the remains of 215 children buried on the site of the former Residential School site in Kamloops, BC on Tk'emlúpsenc Secwépemc First Nation.

On Monday, May 31, Peace River High School students and staff wore orange to recognize the tragic, heartbreaking devastation that the Canadian residential school system has brought to so many families. Our thoughts are with all of those who are in mourning at this time.



Thank you Mr. White and Ms. Plaizier for the ideas and organization of the small t-shirts for display around the flag poles yesterday on Thursday. A very powerful visual of how many young children died.



# 2020-2021 Graduation News

"Did everyone see that? Because I  
will *not* be doing it again."  
Jack Sparrow



First off, we would like to thank you again for your patience and understanding as we are making plans to celebrate our Peace High Graduates of 2021! What a year!

A summary of the details of our two celebrations is outlined below:

## **Tuesday, June 22**

- Graduation ceremony to take place at Peace River High School in the gymnasium

- **1:15 start**

- As directed by the Government of Alberta, attendance for this ceremony must be limited to graduating students and school staff. We are not permitted an in-person audience.

- This will be a cap and gown ceremony and as such students may wear their regular clothes underneath. The gowns can be quite warm, so please keep that in mind when choosing clothes for the day.

- Please see May 14 email for more details pertaining to the program of the ceremony on the 22nd.

\* This event will be live-streamed and also recorded. Please look under 'events' on our Facebook page for the livestream.

\* We will have a staff member taking photos that will be shared with students, upon request, from June 23-28.

## **Saturday, June 26**

- Individual family photo sessions to take place **between 10:00 am. and 3:00 pm.**

- 10 minute time slots.

- We are planning to set up outside and will have alternate arrangements should the weather not cooperate.

- Photos can be done in formal attire and/or cap and gown.

- Please restrict to immediate family only.

- Masks and physical distancing are required.

\* to book a time slot for Saturday's photo sessions, please call the school (780-624-4221)

\* students coming for individual photo sessions will leave their composites and certificates at the school for use in their photos on the 26th. Students not participating in individual photo sessions may bring their composites and certificates home on the 22nd.

\* We will be adhering to all current provincial COVID restrictions for our 2021 celebrations\*

## **Other reminders:**

- Please watch Facebook starting next week for a daily spotlight of 2 to 3 Graduates

- Grad fee of \$80 is payable online through School Cash. [HERE](#)

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Knoblauch or Mr. Owens at the school.



# Support Staff Appreciation Day



Thank you so much for all that you do for our school community! Cards were signed by all staff with thank you messages and thank you to Mrs Lutz for grabbing the beautiful Freson Brothers flowers!



Do you know a transportation employee that deserves to be recognized?

# NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

## Peace River School Division Transportation Award of Excellence

Eligible staff: bus driver, mechanics and office staff



Nominations open until June 30, 2021  
Learn more at [prsd.ab.ca](https://prsd.ab.ca)



School trustees advocate for children.

They help make schools and communities a better place.

# RUN

## for the School Board Elections

Nominations are being accepted until noon on September 20, 2021

**LEARN MORE:**  
[prsd.ab.ca/Trustees.php](https://prsd.ab.ca/Trustees.php)

## FUEL FOR SCHOOL



Fuel for school is a program Sagitawa has designed to supply lunch and snack supplies to school aged children in our area who are attending school virtually.

The program will run weekly from May 1 - June 30 at no cost to our families.

To register please call 780-624-2443



The Community Helpers Program is a free training initiative available in area jr/sr high schools and the broader community to promote mental wellness for youth and persons who connect with youth 12 to 30 years. Through outreach and training the program,

- promotes awareness of mental health, suicide prevention and helping resources,
- provides skills development that can improve how youth are supported,
- increases help-seeking behaviours,
- encourages self-care in those who help others and
- enables a stronger community of support for our youth

CHP is supported by funding from Alberta Health Services and is coordinated through PRSD Learning Services.

Click [HERE](#) for more information



Peace River School Division (PRSD) is thrilled to announce the launch of a new high school virtual learning program available for the 2021-2022 school year. During a special board meeting held on May 10, 2021, the board of trustees approved the launch of the virtual learning program which will be located centrally at PRSD's Central Operations facility in Grimshaw. The program will cater to students seeking high school programming and will be supported by dedicated virtual learning teachers and support staff.

View Full Medial Release [HERE](#)





# Superintendent's Message

## Thank You

As we approach the end of the 2020-2021 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions to education. It certainly has been an interesting and challenging year as we continually adjust to the changing landscape of the pandemic.

First and foremost I wish to thank our students. We recognize the uncertainty the pandemic brings to the lives of our students and you all deserve to be commended for your resiliency, adaptation, and dedication to your studies. To our graduates, we are very proud of each one of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We know this is not the way you imagined graduation to be, and my heart goes out to you. To all our students, please know that the positive impact you have in your school, community and society is far-reaching and makes a difference. I am very humbled by the countless examples of collective and personal accomplishment, growth, school, and community spirit demonstrated this school year, especially during these challenging times.

Thank you to our parents, guardians and family members for your outstanding support and involvement. 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.

To our staff, thank you. You continue to rise to the occasion in your dedication and flexibility in ensuring students are supported whether that be at-home or in-person, and for so many of our staff, this means both. Your resiliency, creativity, dedication and adaptability are noticed and is very appreciated. It has been a learning curve for all of us and the ways in which our staff throughout the division are collaborating and supporting one another is a true example of our mission statement "Learning together, success for all." Every role in the division has a direct impact on student learning and success and I am so grateful for the care, support and guidance that I see demonstrated every day in the division.

Thank you to our community members and organizations. We are very grateful for your involvement and participation in education. Your support and involvement shows our students the importance of teamwork and community spirit – very important attributes that will serve them for all of their lives. We are very thankful for your time spent volunteering, providing input, advocating, and forming partnerships throughout our school division that brings increased opportunities for students and increases community and school spirit. Your support is significant and very much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all our school communities for their commitment to the division over the years. As I move toward retirement starting at the end of August, I have been spending a lot of time reflecting and counting my blessings for the many relationships and partnerships formed over the years. I will miss you all and I wish you all a wonderful summer.



# Spotlight on Health and Safety

## Safety message – PRSD safety protocols and communication

### Sun Safety

Summer means longer days, warmer temperatures and lots of outdoor activities! This can lead to many hours spent outside increasing the chance for heat-related illness. To protect yourself from the sun apply sunscreen often, take breaks during activity, stay hydrated and wear lightweight clothing.

Please visit the following websites for further information on sun and summer safety:

- <https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/heat-related-emergencies-staying-cool-and-hydrated-in-canadian-summers>

- <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/heat>

- <https://www.parentscanada.com/family-life/summer-safety-101/>

- <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201407-en.aspx>

Have a great summer!

David Smith

Safety & Wellness Coordinator

