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Welcome back to a brand new year here at Peace High. We have many things underway already this year with extra-curricular sports such as Volleyball, Football and Cheerleading and clubs like Interact, Student's Union, Chess and Gamers. We have students buried in the books, and out in the community with programs like Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Program and Power Engineering. We also have community in the school with Katrina Burns, owner of Split Enz Salon teaching our Cosmetology Program. Our Hot lunch program continues to run this year with hot meals available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Baptist Church running lunch for students on Tuesday, and the football team selling Panago Pizza on Thursday.

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Jenny Harpe and Mrs. Gillian McLeod from their maternity leaves this past year. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Natalya Veresovaya to our teaching staff this year, teaching French LA 9, Etudes Sociale 9 and English Language arts. We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Stefanie Tolman and Educational Assistants Donna Engel and Lisa Mills, and happy to welcome Mrs. Terri-Lynn Bulldog and Ms. Vanessa Lewis as Educational Assistants this year.

We would like to continue to invite parents and community members to join us here at the school throughout the year with events like our Student Success assemblies, Open House nights, Parent Teacher Interviews and many other school and community functions throughout the year. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter, the website and listen to our many messages sent through the phone to keep you informed of what events are next.

We are focused here at Peace High in helping all individual students to be successful in the educational goals, and look forward to another positive and successful year in 2012-2013!

Mark Owens
Principal



Superintendent's Message - *Academic Results*

Each year Alberta Education reports on numerous performance measures for Alberta school divisions in a report known as the Accountability Pillar Report. This report is very important as it helps to inform the success and opportunities for improvement in our schools and division as a whole. Data found in the report is carefully analyzed on an on-going basis while being considered in school and divisional planning. Our updated results show that 73.0% of students (combined in grades 3, 6, and 9) achieved the Acceptable Standard on the Provincial Achievement Tests, and, 11.6% achieved the Standard of Excellence.

Updated results on the Provincial Diploma Exam Courses show that 70.5% of students achieved the Acceptable Standard, and 8.5% of students achieved a Standard of Excellence.

Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams are only one measure of student achievement and results are best examined at the school level where the local context can be considered. Each school will be sharing school results within their local community.

I wish to congratulate students, staff and parents on working so well together on improving student achievement. As PRSD transforms to Inclusive Education, Achievement Test and Diploma Exam Results will be further analyzed to help inform instructional decisions that will lead to increased student achievement.

To view the division's 2012 Provincial Achievement Test results and the Diploma Exam Course Results, check our website at. www.prsd.ab.ca

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

Welcome Back to School



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School Council

We had our first Parent Council meeting on September 19th at 5 pm. We had four parents attend, two teachers, Bryan Imray (our Trustee), principal and vice principal and three members of the student's union. We are always looking for new members that would like to contribute their opinions and ideas to their student's education. In each meeting we have an update from Administration (principal and/or vice principal), Peace River School Board update from Bryan Imray, updates from 1-2 teachers on what is happening in the classroom and extra-curricular and review of what the Student's union has planned.

The next Parent Council meeting is exciting for us! We will be meeting at Springfield Elementary at 7 pm on October the 10th as a joint parent council (Peace High, TA Norris, and Springfield) to discuss how we can work together with events and activities throughout the year. At 7:30 pm we will be splitting off into our school councils to have our regular meetings. Come out and join us on this exciting new plan with our councils!

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This Year **Mrs. Lutz** has a new role as **"I –Coach"** at Peace High. I-Coach stands for ***Inclusive Education***.

Some of her the duties in collaboration with the school administration is to

- Ensure that all students in the school are provided with an appropriate educational program.
- Support teachers in implementing Individual Programs offering strategies and differentiated instructional techniques.
- Provide diagnostic assessment as needed to support program planning.
- Manage accommodations and exemptions for Provincial Achievement Tests and

Student Council

Student Council

We have a much earlier start to our Peace High Student's Union this year, as we have met a few times and already hosted a Hat Day in support of our Terry Fox Run a few weeks ago. We a strong representation from our Grade 12's, and also now have a few members getting involved from Grades 9-11. Last year the group hosted many theme days, as well as the first dance in many years, and an amazing talent show late in the school year. This year's group has many great ideas, and will be helping the Interact Club with the Halloween event this month, then on to many more exciting school events throughout the year!

New Courses at Peace High

Grade 9 French - This year at Peace High we are excited to be offering all four core classes in French Immersion. Previously we have offered French Language Arts and Etudes Sociale (Social Studies), and we have added now Math and Science to the list of French Immersion courses. Mrs. Lori Knoblauch will be teaching the Math and Science, and our new teacher Mrs. Natalya Veresovaya is teaching the FLA and Etudes Sociale.

Cosmetology Course - We are in the second year of our high school Cosmetology course, and this year the class has doubled in size from our inaugural year. The students have been working through their Health and Safety course to begin, and are now starting into manicures! This year we have been working with local salon Split Enz, and owner Katrina Burns is our Cosmetology instructor for this year's class. Katrina brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our classmates, and the class has had a great start in this first month! Look throughout this year for many great pictures from the Cosmetology class of 2012!

Psychology – This course in psychology are designed to develop within the student the skills and understandings that make it possible for more effective living in our complex environment. The student's attention will focus on the scientific approach to understanding human behaviour so that he or she may appreciate more fully the reasons that underlie one's own acts and those of one's fellow.



Scholarships and 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 at: www.pwsb33.ab.ca under students, click on scholarships. The following are places families should investigate for funding of all kinds:

- Parent/Guardian places of **Employment/Employment Benefit**. Many larger corporations have scholarships for employee's children. Check with the Human Resource office or Union leadership.
- Memberships or relationships with Service clubs and Associations may provide financial support. (e.g. Legion, Masons)
- Aboriginal ancestry can provide financial funding. Families should check with Band Offices, Metis Councils. Most post-secondary institutions have an Aboriginal Liaison Officer. Please check with Ms. Crumpton for more opportunities.
 - Indian and Northern Affairs Canada <http://pse-esd.aincinac.gc.ca/abs>
 - Metis students should go to www.albertametis.com click on MNA scholarships
 - Treaty students can check out www.naaf.ca and www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html#anchor1444318
- Local Governments – some local villages and MD's award scholarships
- Check out the following websites for sources on funding in Alberta:
 - www.alis.gov.ab.ca and link to "Student Finance" (loans) OR "scholarships" provided through the Heritage Trust Fund
 - Information for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship is found on this site. The deadline to receive the money by September 1st is **May 1st**.
- www.scholarshipcanada.com has a list of over 31, 000 scholarships available. Create your username and search their database of scholarships.
- The federal government site, www.canlearn.ca (link to save/plan/play) offers aid to parents and students on all aspect of careers, postsecondary and funding (national and international).



Graduation 2013

This year's graduation ceremonies will take place on Saturday, June 1st at Peace River High School.

We have already had an information session for Grade 12 students where we discussed the executive positions and committees. Students signed up for the various committees and organizational meetings for each of these will occur within the next couple of weeks.

Students wishing to take on one of the executive roles were given nomination forms which are due October 4th. The grade 12 student body will have the opportunity to vote for their graduation executive on Thursday, October 11th at lunch.

The mementos committee has already been communicating with Caribou Cresting to choose clothing for this year's grad apparel. They are hoping to have order forms, and samples available as soon as possible so that the clothing arrives in a timely fashion to be able to wear them throughout the school year.

We look forward to getting our planning started early and making this year's graduation a success!





The Terry Fox Run Challenge!

This year Peace River High School has entered the Terry Fox Challenge. The **Goal was to raise \$2400**. If the goal was met, then Ms. Favreau would cut off **12 inches** of her hair to donate for a wig. The National School Run day was held on September 27th with the entire student population walking to Pat's creek and back, to show that we are part of the Marathon of hope. Many students wore stickers to show "who are you running for..."

Our final total was **\$2600 for the Terry Fox Foundation** and Ms. Favreau had **16 inches** of her cut and donated for a wig on October 10th. Thank you and a great job by students, staff, and community members who came together unanimously for the very valuable cause of funding cancer research. Terry's dream lives on!



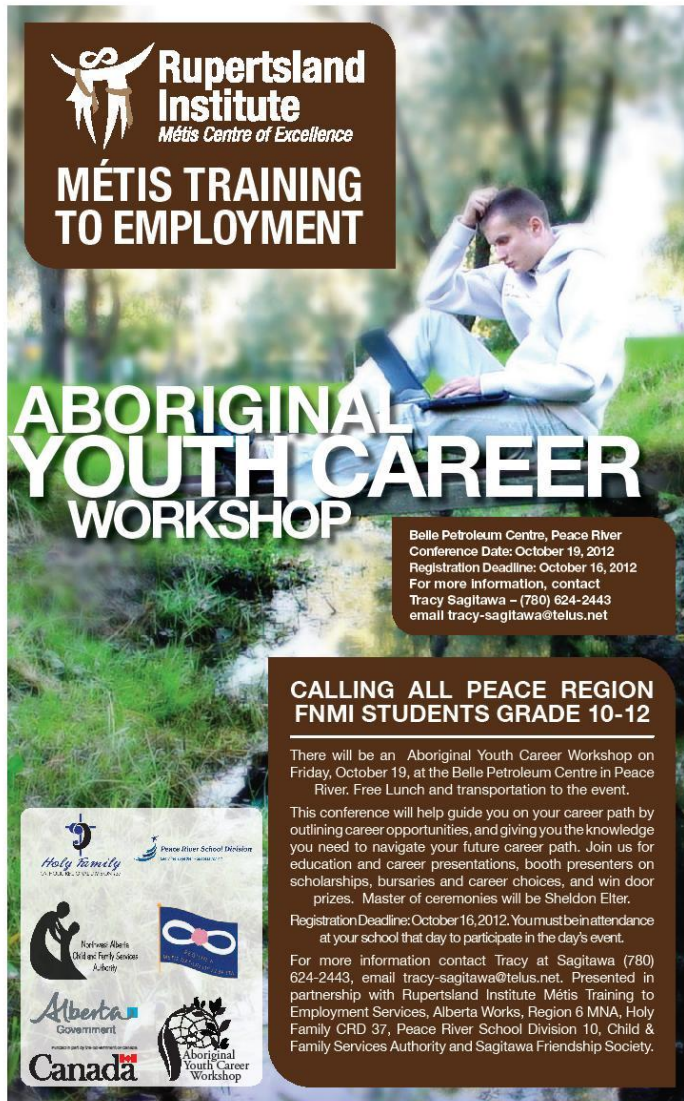
"It took cancer to realize that being self-centered is not the way to live. The answer is to try and help others."

-Terry Fox





FNMI (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) News



Rupertsland Institute
Métis Centre of Excellence

MÉTIS TRAINING TO EMPLOYMENT

ABORIGINAL YOUTH CAREER WORKSHOP

Belle Petroleum Centre, Peace River
Conference Date: October 19, 2012
Registration Deadline: October 16, 2012
For more information, contact
Tracy Sagitawa - (780) 624-2443
email tracy-sagitawa@telus.net


CALLING ALL PEACE REGION FNMI STUDENTS GRADE 10-12

There will be an Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop on Friday, October 19, at the Belle Petroleum Centre in Peace River. Free Lunch and transportation to the event.

This conference will help guide you on your career path by outlining career opportunities, and giving you the knowledge you need to navigate your future career path. Join us for education and career presentations, booth presenters on scholarships, bursaries and career choices, and win door prizes. Master of ceremonies will be Sheldon Elter.

Registration Deadline: October 16, 2012. You must be in attendance at your school that day to participate in the day's event.

For more information contact Tracy at Sagitawa (780) 624-2443, email tracy-sagitawa@telus.net. Presented in partnership with Rupertsland Institute Métis Training to Employment Services, Alberta Works, Region 6 MNA, Holy Family CRD 37, Peace River School Division 10, Child & Family Services Authority and Sagitawa Friendship Society.



We had our first junior sweat lodge for grades nine and ten on Thursday September 27th and Friday September 28th. Dennis Whitford guided our group in a gentle and wise manner. Students were able to gather materials and then build the sweat lodge for themselves before participating in the ceremony. On Thursday October 25th and Friday October 26th, we will be having our senior sweat lodge for grades eleven and twelve. Any interested students should let Ms. Crumpton know so that she can add them to the list of participants.

On Friday October 19th, Peace High students will have the opportunity to attend the Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop at the Belle Centre here in Peace River. They will be joining with students from GP Vanier, Glenmary, Fairview, Grimshaw, Paddle Prairie, Paul Rowe, Keg River, Cadotte Lake and Little Buffalo. The keynote speakers will be Tormaigh Van Slyke and Jenelle Lizotte, the young entrepreneurs who have brought us The Vault Magazine. The M.C. will be Sheldon Elter. Students will have the opportunity to hear a number of local people share their career journeys in addition to visiting informational booths run by a wide variety of local employers. Lunch will be provided. Any student (grade nine through grade twelve) interested in attending should let Ms. Crumpton know so that she can add them to the list of participants.





Athletics

Nomad athletics has had a great start to the season - We have our senior girls and boys volleyball, junior girls volleyball, cheer squad and football all on the go!



Pioneers Football Team: Congratulations to the Pioneers Football team who took on the PWA Titans in Grande Prairie in September and beat PWA, 50-0! The team went on to play Sexsmith on Oct 4th, under the lights, defeating them 54-33. This moved the team up one spot in **Provincial rankings to number 5**, and the team travels to GP to play the St Joes Celtics on Friday, October 12!

Junior Girls Volleyball Update: Our girls volleyball team has competed in two tournaments so far, one at TA Norris and one at STM in Fairview. They are competing in ***Spirit River on October 12-13***, at our home tournament the Junior Nomad Invitational ***October 19-20*** and then at zones on ***November 2-3rd***.



Senior Volleyball

Update:

Our senior teams have competed in three tournaments so far this season. Their first was the icebreaker in Spirit River, then two very competitive tournaments in **Whitecourt**, where the girls earned **Silver** and in **Spruce Grove**, where the girls earned the **Bronze**. The next tournaments are the **12-13 of October** in Grande Prairie, Fairview **October 26-27**, our home tournament Peace Classic **November 9-10** followed by zone playoffs.



Cheer Squad Update:

The cheer roster is set and they are looking forward to a great season, starting with their course in Edmonton the weekend of October 20-21st. They will also have two competitions in the New Year!

Peace Classic Update: Peace Classic will be happening November 9-10th. More info to follow in the next newsletter!





Project Peace

Wow!!!!!! What a month – I can't believe October is already here! It has been great getting to know all the new faces at Peace High this year – and welcoming back all the wonderful old faces too! Project PEACE has a new direction this year, and we have been spreading the word about all the new programs and events that we have planned! Our focus is on capacity building and preventative supports for all students/families – the Project PEACE Success Coach is here to connect youth/families to strengths within one's self, as well as to formal and informal supports in the school and in the community.

Our **Peer Mentorship Program** has started up again – we have 12 fantastic Mentors trained and already doing whatever they can to make all the new students feel welcome and connected! Our new **2 Minute Moments Program** started this year – all of our students and staff are finding ways to connect together throughout the school year, creating a real sense of “family” within our school walls.

We have some new clubs running this year – our **Chess Club** started late last year, and it has continued throughout September, meeting every **Tuesday and Thursday at lunch**. We hope to connect with the Roving Chestnuts (out of Edmonton) for some great strategic learning – and we have the chance to travel to Grande Prairie and Edmonton for some tournaments, if we have enough interested group members.

Our **Adopt-A-Nomads Program** will begin in October – some of our training so they can spend time at Springfield school each week, mentoring the younger kids in their classrooms. This Program will be offered for 6 weeks in the fall, and then again for another 6 weeks in the second semester. On **October 4th**, a group of students will be participating in the **Sisters In Spirit Walk** – showing that the women who have been murdered or who have disappeared from our community have not been forgotten.

“Working together to help youth and their families with the challenges of life”

Peace High Project Peace Worker - Kim
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Our **RCMP Grudge Matches** will be happening in **October (floor hockey)** and **December (dodge ball)** this semester – stay tuned to sign up on the student teams for both Matches. The **Fear Factor** and **Obstacle Relay Race Grudge Matches** will follow in second semester!

We have had some great school spirit shown through the capacity building activities that have happened at Peace High through September. As a school, we addressed the need for **RESPECT** – and in October, we will be focusing on **SAFETY** issues. We started the school year with a presentation related to **Distracted Driving** – and the Project PEACE workers have been invited to quite a few classes, offering presentations related to all sorts of capacity building issues (**abuse, time management, legacies of success, etc**). Stay tuned for more awareness opportunities throughout October as **Mental Illness Awareness Week, Bullying Awareness Week** and **National Addictions Week** arrive!

We are very pleased to announce that **Constable Holly Porterfield** from the **Peace River RCMP** is back at Peace High again this year – Constable Holly is available once a week, to offer support or to answer questions from any student. As well, we are very happy to welcome **Keltie Hattfield** to our community support team this year. Keltie is a terrific **Addictions Worker** and she will be available at Peace High each week as well. Both Keltie and Constable Holly also offer in class presentations, at the teachers request. In the upcoming months, Peace High will also be making dynamic workers available from the **HIV North Society, the Women's Shelter, the Stepping Up Program** and other community agencies to the students at Peace High, for one to one chats and/or class workshops.



Sidewalk Drawing



On Friday, September 28th, Ms. Plaizier's Art 10, 20 and 30 students from Peace High gathered downtown on Main Street to contribute to the Culture Days festival that was taking place. A group of 2 or 3 students each had a designated area on the sidewalk to create a chalk drawing that would reflect the creativity and talent Peace River artists have. It was a fun and relaxed experience. We were allowed to express our artistic talents in a unique and fresh way.

By Brianna Villeneuve



On Saturday, September 29th The Interact Club held our third annual Turkey Shoot in the Peavey Mart parking lot. The turkey shoot is a yearly event where we take out our turkey target and people buy paintballs to shoot at it and then we score them on where the paintballs hit the turkey. The top seven scores received free turkeys. Two of turkeys are donated by Peavey Mart.

This year we also added a moving target where two of the Interact members put on protective equipment and ran around trying to dodge paintballs that were being shot at them. For every paintball that hit them the person shooting got their name entered in a draw for one of 3 free turkeys.

We also ran a raffle with great prizes of \$50 IGA gift cards and several gift certificates to Counterfeit Ink! We made almost **\$700.00** at the turkey shoot and all of that money, after expenses, will be donated to the **Stollery Children's Hospital**. Everyone had a good time and we hope to have another turkey shoot next year. We had already received a \$500.00 donation for our event from International Rotary District 5370 by pitching our event in a Dragon's Den at the District Conference on September 22 in Grande Prairie.

By Allyson Shewchuk



Grade 9's Pen their Thoughts

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by Iizzy



What's Happening?

Our **Gamers Group** has planned its first night of gaming fun - **October 12th**. All Peace High students are welcome to come for the evening (**4:00pm until 11:30pm**) – there is a \$10.00 fee for pizza and snacks. The Gamers have been working hard to fundraise the money needed for the school to purchase new gaming systems, so if you are new bring a \$5.00 donation.

Peace High will be joining with TAN and Springfield school, as they host the first of 4 **Family Fun Nights** for the year. All students and parents are welcome to join in the fun on **October 11th (6:30 – 8:30pm – at TAN)**. Our theme for this event with **Fun Family Food Time**, and in addition to a craft table and games in the gym, we will be teaching some easy recipes for Halloween snack treats that families can enjoy preparing and eating

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Our annual new student **Teacher Scavenger Hunt** is going to happen mid October – we have MANY prizes available to give out to those who complete the hunt! Remember – asking others is allowed – get as much help as you can, from anyone in the school – and bring those forms to Kim in the Project PEACE room when you are done!

PARENTS! View Your Child's Marks ONLINE!



Parents and Guardians of grades 7-12 students are now able to view marks, assignments and attendance anytime online! Signing up is easy! Go to www.prsd.ab.ca, choose the **HomeLogic** quicklink and follow the step-by-step instructions OR if you have a smartphone use the QR code on the right! If you would like help signing up please call the school office—we would be happy to help you!





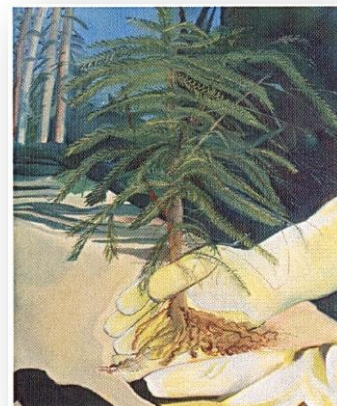
Coming This November - Library Art Exhibit:

THE FOREST

Courtesy of: Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Travelling Exhibition Program and The Alberta
Society of Artists

'The Forest' reflects the grandeur of regional
forests and expresses legitimate concerns over
their sustainability in an era of industrial and
urban encroachment. Artists involved intend to
raise awareness of forest management and
conservation worldwide.

*This multimedia exhibition includes: 7 paintings,
1 photograph, 2 print works and 3 mixed media
artworks.*



'Daryl Saving The Planet One Tree At A Time'
by: Diane Langlois Howard



'Looking Up' by:
Deborah Loughheed Sinclair



Our Vision: Preparing Individual Citizens for Tomorrow.

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

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