



Peace River High School

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Calendar of Events

June 28 - Report Cards Mailed/Powerschool Unlocked

June 23 - School open for Course Changes/Office Open

August 30- First Day back for Students

2021/2022 School Supply List [HERE](#)

Enjoy your Summer Break!

Please watch our Facebook Page or the Peace High Website for up to date information!
Watch your email for Returning Student Registration Snapcodes and fill in your form before school starts.

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

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Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Did you know the school board trustee election is this fall?

If you would like to make a difference and advocate for education
---- run for the School Board Election!

Locally elected school board trustees are the voice of education
for students and their communities. Their primary role is to serve
and advocate for children. You do not need to have a background
in education to be a school trustee - you just need to be
passionate about serving students, community and have an
interest and willingness to learn.

Learn more about school trusteeship on our elections page on our
website at prsd.ab.ca or access the link below:

<https://www.prsd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/elections-2021>

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Message from the Board of Trustees



On behalf of the Peace River School Division board of trustees, I extend heartfelt appreciation to our school communities for their contributions during the 2020-2021 school year.

First and foremost, the board extends appreciation to our students. It has been a challenging year and we are incredibly proud of the determination and hard work of our students. We also wish to send a special congratulations to our graduates, we are very proud of you and wish you all the best as you begin a new chapter in life. We know this is not the way you imagined graduation to be, and our hearts go out to you. The resilience and adaptation you, and all our students have shown during the pandemic is remarkable and we are very proud of you all.

To all our staff, thank you for your outstanding service to students, families and our communities. Over the last year and a half, you have gone over and above to support students, families and fellow colleagues. We are very grateful for your service, dedication and passion. To staff that are retiring or leaving the division, thank you for your service and for being a part of the Peace River School Division family. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

To parents and community organizations, thank you for your involvement and support. What a great thing it is for our students to live in and be supported by such kind, caring, generous and supportive school communities. We recognize the sacrifices and challenges our families have endured during the pandemic and we thank you very much for your partnership, patience and support.

To all our school communities, we hope you enjoy a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer break with family and friends and look forward to working and learning together for the success of all students in the 2021-2022 school year.

As a reminder, October 18, 2021 is School Trustee Elections and on behalf of the board of trustees, we encourage anyone who may be interested in the rewarding role of school trusteeship to view our website for more information on the role of a trustee, the role of the board, and steps to take if interested in running in the 2021 School Trustee Election.

Have a great summer, everyone!

Child and Youth Wellbeing Review

The Government of Alberta is conducting a Child and Youth Wellbeing Review. Visit this link to select one of the three Public Virtual Town Hall Event dates on the website <https://vekeo.com/Alberta/>

We thank you for your interest and your patience and hope staff, stakeholders and parents will be able to attend.

We look forward to hearing from you, your staff, stakeholders, and parents soon.

Sincerely

The Child and Youth Well-Being Review Panel



View Full Medial Release [HERE](#)

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.

Thanks for Everything! You'll be missed!

Mr. Owens will be leaving us next year for a position with Northlands School Division as their Director of Student Engagement, Attendance and Completion. As hard as it is to see him go, we are also happy for him to have this wonderful opportunity. Good luck from Peace High!
(And don't forget to stop in once and a while!).



A Huge Welcome!

To John Pittman. Mr. Pittman will be taking the lead at Peace High as Acting Principal. We are looking forward to having him head our team in the upcoming year. Mr. Pittman is coming to us from T.A. Norris where he was Vice Principal.



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

