

Fairview & Area Learning Store

Bridging Gaps



Building Futures

Notes From the Underground

OCTOBER MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Along with the division, FALS spent the week of September 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Week. We were impressed by our students' interest in the conversations and truly amazed by their regards for the issues surrounding the true history of Canada. Although the Truth and Reconciliation Week has passed, we realize that it is a conversation we must continue to have. At FALS we strive to engage our students in issues surrounding human lives and help them to be sympathetic and concerned to others.

Some of our students will be writing diploma exams in November. As you all work on your flexible schedules, remember to complete your assignments close to the suggested timelines. Timelines are designed to provide you with ample review time to get ready for a final exam or your diploma exams. A thorough review before a big test can make all the difference.

We appreciate all the efforts parents put in to support our students. We also recognize the trust you put in FALS and the support you provide us. We are celebrating the week of 15-19 of November as Parents Matter Week. In honour of all parents, we will be hosting a Pizza lunch on November the 17th. We hope you can join us. Also, please remember that we are planning a parent-teacher interview evening on the 3rd of November. While you are always welcome to call/email/text or to stop by at FALS to discuss your child's learning anytime, we request you to attend the parent-teacher interviews. This will help us discuss and plan your child's future courses.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ♦ October 8: Non-operational Day
- ♦ October 11: Thanksgiving Day
- ♦ October 25: PD Day, No School
- ♦ November 3: Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment 6:30-8pm-see page 3
- ♦ November 11: Remembrance Day, No School
- ♦ November 12: Non-Operational Day, No School
- ♦ November 15-19: Parents Matter Week
- ♦ November 17: Parents Matter– Pizza Lunch, see page 5 for more information
- ♦ November 19: Report Cards
- ♦ November 22: PD Day, No School

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IN PEACE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Ensuring that Indigenous perspectives are infused in education is very important to the Peace River School Division (PRSD). It is crucial that First Nations, Métis and Inuit students see themselves and their cultures in the curriculum and school community, and that non-Indigenous students are taught the true history of Canada, including the, at times, painful relationship between Canada and the First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

As you may be aware, the Canadian government declared September 30th as a federal statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We fully support the importance of this day of observance and therefore the PRSD board of trustees voted to make **September 30, 2021**

a non-operational day, meaning there will be no school for students and school-based staff. The board of trustees also voted that **September 27- October 1, 2021 be declared Truth and Reconciliation Week** in PRSD schools. By dedicating a full week to Truth and Reconciliation, schools will have the flexibility to select a minimum of one school day within the week to recognize Orange Shirt Day while students learn about the history and legacy of residential schools. Other learning activities that support Truth and Reconciliation will also be encouraged.

As an educational organization, we have a great duty, responsibility, and opportunity to create change and we take this very seriously. Last year, the PRSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to form an Anti-Racism Committee. The committee includes representation from the board of trustees, students, and staff, and is committed to further positive systemic change, with the goal of ending racism in all PRSD school communities.

We are very excited and humbled to share that on September 23, 2021, we will demonstrate our respect for, and solidarity with, our Indigenous communities by raising the Treaty 8 flag and the Métis flag at the Grimshaw Shared School Facility. This flag raising Ceremony has been planned in collaboration with Duncan's First Nation, Métis Region VI, Holy Family Catholic Regional School Division, and the Town of Grimshaw. At PRSD, we will continue to demonstrate our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by collaborating with our local Indigenous communities to plan future flag raising Ceremonies to be held at each of our schools.

In our classrooms it is emphasized that Indigenous history is Canadian history. It is very important to us that all students learn about the important traditions, cultures, and histories of the First Peoples of Canada. We seek out opportunities to have our staff learn from local Elders and knowledge keepers. For example, our school leaders learned more about the significance of smudging from a local knowledge keeper during their first Administrators Association Meeting of the year. This month, students in Peace River and Fairview will be building tobacco bundles with the guidance of a local knowledge keeper to support the local Sisters in Spirit events when our communities gather to remember missing and murdered Indigenous people.

Although pandemic restrictions have prevented large divisional events such as our Hand Games Tournament, other virtual opportunities have arisen. For example, in the coming weeks, all schools will have the opportunity to have students learn Cree songs with Sherryl Sewepagaham through Zoom sessions. Throughout the school year, opportunities are woven into the classroom whether that is a part of a specific event such as Remembrance Day, Métis Week, or Indigenous Peoples Day, or just as a part of what regularly happens day-to-day in the classroom.

This important work is supported by the vision and passion of the Board of Trustees, and through the work of PRSD's management staff, Indigenous Education Program Coordinator, Indigenous Support Workers, school-based Indigenous Education leads, teachers, educational assistants and through the contributions of Indigenous community members and organizations. These programs and initiatives are supported by way of special funding from the Government of Alberta which is determined by self-declaration. Peace River School Division receives funding for each self-declared Indigenous student. Parents can declare their child's ancestry on the school registration form that is completed every year.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, Elders, knowledge keepers, community members and organizations for your important contributions and support.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools





Powerschool *Student Portal*

Browser Access

To access the portal through a browser go to <https://prsd.powerschool.com/public/> or click the link in the Students section on our FALS school website: <http://www.fairviewlearningstore.ca/> (Powerschool Student and Parent icon)
The login is the same username and password used to login to PRSD computers.

Powerschool *Parent Portal*

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Creating a Parent Account

To create a parent account click to the Create Account tab and follow the steps. Before adding a student to your account for viewing you will need the **Student Access ID and Access Password**. Please give Mrs. Woronuk a call at 780-835-3800 and she will be delighted to provide you with the ID and Password.

Mobile App

The Powerschool Mobile app is meant for students and parents and is available in both the [Android Google Play](#) and [iPhone App Store](#).

When logging into the mobile app for the first time you will be asked for a 4 digit code. The PRSD District Code: QHWZ.

Log In Issues

If you are unable to log in please contact Mrs. Woronuk at our school office 780-835-3800.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday November 3rd
6:30pm-8pm**

**Call FALS @ 780-835-3800 to
make an appointment**




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to an anonymous donor for their generous Donation to
our Nutritional Budget.**

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Check out our website at <https://www.fairviewlearningstore.ca/> and look for the donate button.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT—A Resource For Parents from Alberta Education

The following resource can be located at:


<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildlearning/commonquestions.html>


[Contact Us](#)

My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource

[Alberta.ca](#) > [Education](#) > [My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource](#) > [Common Questions](#)
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COMMON QUESTIONS



SUBMIT A QUESTION OR COMMENT

For details regarding other aspects of Alberta's education system, visit
[the Alberta Education website.](#)

COMMON QUESTIONS

- + HOW CAN I ENCOURAGE MY CHILD TO DEVELOP GOOD LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS?
- + WHAT ARE COMPETENCIES?
- + HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?
- + HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH HOMEWORK?
- + HOW DO I FIND THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD?
- + WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS MORE SUPPORT TO BE SUCCESSFUL?
- + HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL?

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD'S TRANSITION FROM...

- + HOME TO KINDERGARTEN?
- + ELEMENTARY TO JUNIOR HIGH?
- + JUNIOR HIGH TO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL?
- + SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO POST-SECONDARY STUDIES AND/OR THE WORLD OF WORK?

I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT...

- + KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY

THANK YOU PARENTS!

PARENT APPRECIATION WEEK

Parents Matter to us!

Peace River School Division is thrilled to celebrate the important contributions of our parents and guardians from November 15-19, 2021 for our annual Parents Matter Appreciation Week. This is our chance to thank and highlight our parents and guardians for the important part they play in student learning, success and well-being.

Parents Matter Week is unique to Peace River School Division and was formed in 2012 because of the overwhelming response of students wanting to express their gratitude and love for their parents during an online forum where PRSD asked "How can parents be involved in student success?"

Enjoy this appreciation week that has been born from the input of our very own students!

PARENTS YOU'RE INVITED:

In honour of:

Parents Matter Appreciation Week, we would like to invite Parents or Guardians to join students & staff on Wednesday, November 17th for a pizza lunch (approx. 12:15pm-1pm) here at Fairview and Area Learning Store. Please call the office (780-835-3800) to RSVP & for more details.

ARE YOU WONDERING HOW YOUR STUDENT IS PROGRESSING?



We are always available to answer your questions of provide feedback. We are only a call away! Ph: 780-835-3800
Parent/Teacher Interviews Appointments available for Nov. 3, 2021



Tuesday October 5th; World Teacher Day!

In honour of World Teacher Day, with the help of some student representatives, we were able to surprise Mr. Vasudevan & Mr. Stephen with a short video collage thanking them for sharing their knowledge, time, effort and patience with all of the students here at Fairview and Area Learning Store.

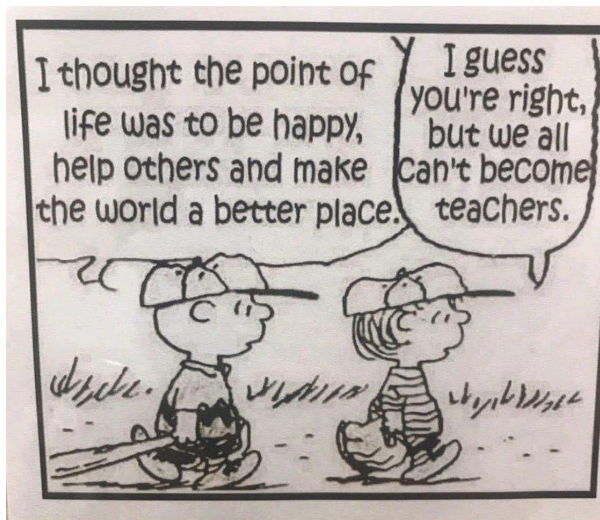
We appreciate you!!



Taner Notembomer, student



Amie Hoffman, student

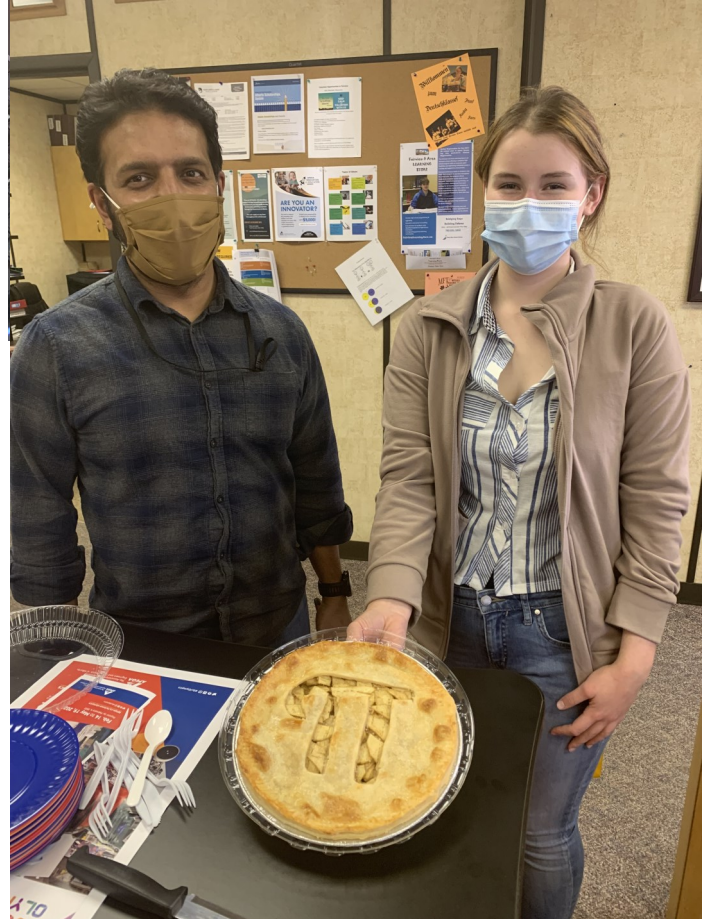


Walker Duggan, student



SWEET AS PIE

Special thanks to former student Jacqueline Kirby who treated the FALS staff & students to her homemade apple pie complete with the “Pi” symbol in the pastry; the mathematical constant that is the ratio of the circle's circumference to its diameter.



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Pi Symbol

Truth and Reconciliation Fairview & Area Learning Store



Fairview & Area Learning Store developed an indigenous history questionnaire mainly tailored to our northern region regarding our history in honor of the newly designated National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

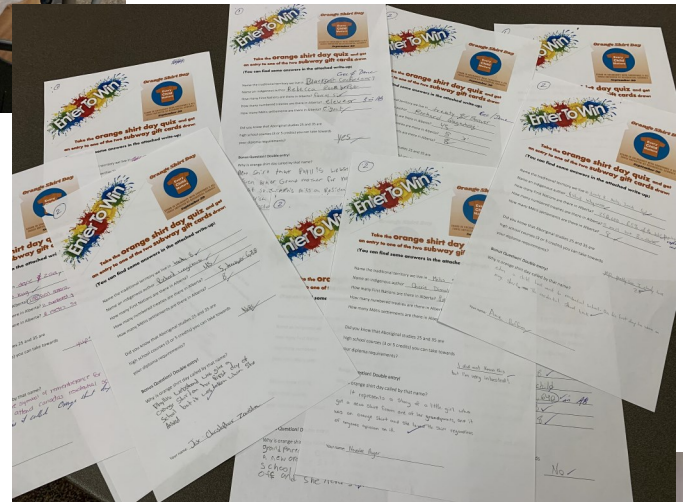
An Informative "Conversation Guide" was provided plus we encouraged Students to do their own research to answer the questions on the "Orange Shirt Day Quiz".

The Quiz opened the door to conversations of our indigenous culture. Some students struggled with a few of the quiz questions but through the process of research and talking

about this indigenous history learned more about this important culture in our region. To create an awareness and encourage enrolment, we included within the Quiz the information that there is Aboriginal Studies offered within our high school that offer 3-5 credits towards diploma requirements.

Many of our students who regularly attend FALS participated in the Quiz. All completed Quiz entries were put into a draw for a \$10 Subway or Dairy Queen gift card. We had a few of the students pull a name for the draw and the following students were received their choice of gift card:

Congratulations to Jax Zavisha / Amie Hoffman / Mason Hale



**PRSD honors
The National Day for
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**

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German Language Course; First of Foreign Languages Courses to be offered now at Fairview and Area Learning Store

We are happy to announce that the Fairview and Area Learning Store is now offering German 10-3y as a course option for students. The course is worth five credits and consists of eight modules. We are hoping that this will be the beginning of more language course offerings for the Learning Store. This would include bringing in German 20-3y and 30-3y as well as additional language options for Spanish and French. The 10 level language courses are designed for absolute beginners and will focus on speaking, listening, reading and writing. The courses are not grammar-heavy and make use of easy, online resources. If you are curious about the language program offerings at FALS, please contact Stephen Drapaka at drapakas@prsd.ab.ca. or 780-835-3800.



School Bus Safety Week - October 17-23, 2021

October 15, 2021 - It's School Bus Safety Week and this year's theme is "Bus Rules Rock!". School bus safety rules help keep our students safe. Student safety is always the Division's priority however this week of awareness helps to better educate our students, families, staff and community members regarding the importance of school bus safety. This is also a great opportunity for us to thank our school bus drivers, school and transportation staff and community partners for their assistance in keeping our students safe on the way to and from school.

As a part of School Bus Safety Week, the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) students from kindergarten to grade six throughout the province are encouraged to participate in the School Bus Safety Week poster contest. Students are invited to create posters that visually outline the theme "Bus Rules Rock!" demonstrating proper school bus safety behaviour.

I am happy to say that Peace River School Division (PRSD) will be sharing their Transportation Department's 'Be Safe! Follow School Bus Safety Rules' document with staff to help in educating K-6 students on school bus safety. We encourage everyone to follow school bus safety rules. Every time you are near a school bus, be aware, be careful and be safe.

PRSD thanks its professional school bus drivers, staff, students, families, community organizations and community members for their commitment to ensure student safety.

Each day PRSD transports approximately 2495 students to 24 schools with a total service area of 11,860 kilometers.

Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools

Inclement Weather

We love school, but the safety of our students is our number one priority. If severe weather arises, we may need to cancel school buses. Note that schools will remain open, even if all buses are cancelled.



To learn more view Administrative Procedure 133 at prsd.ab.ca

If the school bus is cancelled, school bus drivers will attempt to contact parents and notifications will be announced on the radio and posted on PRSD's School Bus Planner webpage before 6:15 am when possible



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-40 School buses **WILL NOT** operate when the morning temperature at 6:00 am is - 40 C or lower

Wind chill may be considered

SEVERE STORMS

Buses may not run during severe storm, drifting snow or wind chill conditions



FOGGY CONDITIONS

The bus may not be able to stop on the highway or busy side roads in severe fog conditions

EARLY DISMISSAL

Sometimes a storm can start during the school day and buses may be called to take students home early OR school buses may be cancelled.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

NON-TRICKY TIPS FOR A SPOOKY SAFE HALLOWEEN

DON'T trick-or-treat, hand out treats, or go to a party if you are feeling ill (even if symptoms are mild) or in isolation/quarantine.



Trick-or-treating

- Choose costumes that allow your child to wear a non-medical mask. They can wear a mask underneath a Halloween mask as long as they can see and breathe comfortably. Make sure it's comfortable so your child won't need to adjust it.
- Go only with family or cohort members and keep a healthy distance from others.
- Stay in your community to limit the number of people you come into contact with.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it after touching touch-points like doorbells or railings.
- If you can, knock instead of pushing doorbells, or keep 2 metres from the door or porch and call "trick or treat". Make sure the person calling is wearing a mask.
- Wait until you're home and have washed your hands before handling candy.

Handing out candy

- Print posters from [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca/covid19) to hang in your window or place on your door to let trick-or-treaters know if you're handing out treats this year or not.
- Wear a mask and use tongs or a grabber.
- Keep a healthy distance from trick-or-treaters. If possible, hand out candy from the driveway, open garage, or lawn instead of your front door.
- Ask trick-or-treaters to knock instead of ringing the doorbell.
- If you are indoors (school, apartment building, or mall) use a table or desk to keep a safe distance from trick-or-treaters (e.g. school classroom, apartment building, mall)

- Avoid handling treats
 - Use prepackaged candy (no homemade treats)
 - Hand treats out directly from the package they came in
 - Don't leave self-serve bowls of bulk candy
 - Make candy bundles/bags and space them out on a table or blanket for trick-or-treaters to take
- Get creative! Build a candy slide down your front steps or railing! Build a (safe) candy catapult! There are many fun ways to hand out treats while maintaining physical distance.

Attending a party (adults and kids)

- Spend time with people you know. The smaller the group the better.
- If possible, host your party outside. It's easier to keep a healthy distance between guests and there's better air circulation. (See guidance for ["Outdoor Events"](#))
- If the party is indoors, keep it small and maintain 2 metres away from people in other families and cohorts. (See guidance for ["Indoor Events"](#))
- Don't share drinks, snacks, cigarettes, vapes or cannabis – and no bobbing for apples!
- Choose games and activities that don't involve sharing items, and allow for distancing.
 - Set up art and craft stations so that each guest has their own materials (no sharing).
 - Instead of face painting, hand out temporary tattoos or stickers that guests can put on themselves.
 - Make sure any shared items are sanitized between uses.
 - Wash or sanitize your hands often. Have hand sanitizer easily accessible.