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It's January, and it's also exam month for senior high students. A final examination schedule, along with exam-writing rules, appears later in this newsletter. Good luck to all students writing ... here's hoping your hard work in preparation will pay off.

Basketball Update

Jr. Girls: Our Junior girls are off to a strong start. They defeated Grimshaw in their first league match. They are looking forward to having a strong season!

Jr. Boys: Our boys are also having a strong season. They defeated FHS in their first league match. Both Junior teams are looking forward to attending a tournament in Fairview at the end of the month.

Sr. Girls: The girls are having a very good season in our division. They recently defeated Peace High during league play by a score of 84-51. They also received first place in the Earle J. Guertin tournament in Fairview on Jan 7 & 8. Great job girls ...keep up the hard work.

Sr. Boys: The boys also played in the Earle J Guertin Tournament and fought hard to win their first match, but lost two close games following that. They are undefeated in league play.

Intramurals: Indoor 3 vs 3 Intramurals will be beginning after the exam break, with three teams competing for the title!



North West Regional Skills Canada Competition

The competition will be held on April 27 in Fairview. This is a great opportunity to learn, or to show off your skills! If you are interested in any of the competitions below, please see Bonnie for more information. She will set you up with a coach to help you prepare!

Auto Service Baking Carpentry Cabinet Making Culinary Arts Fashion Technology
Graphic Design Hairstyling - Intermediate Hairstyling - Junior IT Network Support
Outdoor Power Equipment Welding Workplace Safety

Semester 1 Exam Schedule January 2011

Thursday, January 13	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma - Part A
Wednesday, January 19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Day of Classes Grade 12 (except for students enrolled in CTS, Math 30 or Bio 30)
Thursday, January 20	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma - Part B
Friday, January 21	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry 20 Final Day of Classes Grade 11 (except for student enrolled in CTS)
Monday, January 24	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology 30 Diploma Math 20 Gabriel's English 20 exam
Tuesday, January 25	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math 30 Diploma English 10
Wednesday, January 26	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social 10 Science 10
Thursday, January 27	All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance Learning Exams/Make up day for missed exams
Friday, January 28		NO SCHOOL SEMESTER BREAK
Monday, January 31		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday, Feb 1		Second Semester Starts

Examination Rules:

- Students must stay in the examination room for at least one hour.
- Students arriving late will be given extra time at the discretion of the Principal (depending upon excused or unexcused lateness).
- Diploma Exams: "Students who arrive more than one hour after a diploma examination has started will not be allowed to write the examination. Students who arrive late but within the first hour of administration may be allowed to write at the discretion of the principal ... corresponding to the amount by which the student was late." {Alberta Educ.}
- No electronic devices are allowed in the examination room, as per PRSD/Alberta Ed. Policy (except calculators as required).
- All backpacks, jackets and personal items must be left in the student's locker.
- Textbooks should be returned in the designated place before the exam begins (ask your teacher).
- No food or drink, except water, will be allowed in the examination room.
- Bathroom visits should occur before the exam begins. Once the exam begins, allowance for washroom visits will be on an emergency basis only. Students will not be allowed to leave to get a drink. Bring a bottle of water.

Grade 10:

Grade 10 students are expected to be at school every day all day until January 27, 2010 to ensure CTS hours are met for credit requirements. Grade 10 students will still be receiving instruction in courses until the exam has been written.

Grades 11-12:

Grade 10 & 11 students are required to be in CTS classes until January 27, 2010.

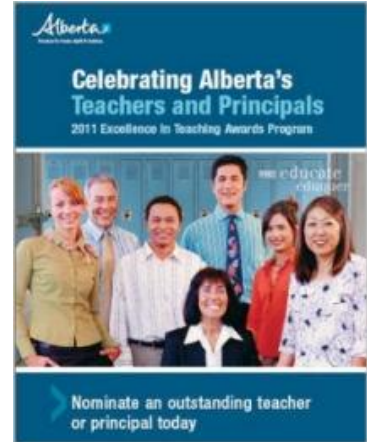
Students with open campus privileges do not need to be in school when not writing exams.

Students who have permission to leave the school must assume responsibility for returning on time for their next exam. Students who miss their exam due to medical reasons must have a signed note from a doctor or nurse confirming illness, or a mark of '0' may be assigned for that exam. Diploma exams missed for any reason may receive a mark of zero.

Nominate an Outstanding Teacher or Principal

Has your son or daughter excelled under the guidance of an outstanding teacher or principal? Nominate them today to show your appreciation!

PRSD is filled with outstanding, passionate and committed teachers and principals; let's celebrate their valuable contributions to student learning and success. Nominate one today! The Excellence in Teaching Awards program deadline is approaching soon. Students, parents, staff and principals are encouraged to show their appreciation by nominating an outstanding teacher or principal for an Excellence in Teaching Award. Please note that only submissions postmarked on or before February 4, 2011 will be accepted. Nomination forms can be picked up at our school office.



Upcoming Dates

Friday January 28 Semester Break (school is closed)

Monday January 31 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

Some versions of the school year calendar incorrectly show the dates for the Easter Break. Please note that **April 15** (Good Friday) and **April 25** are both part of the break, and there is no school on those days. School resumes on April 26.

Student Council

The Student Council is taking the month off so that students can prepare for exams. Activities will resume in February.



What's Been Happening in Our Classrooms

Grades 1 and 2 with Allison Ansorger

The grade 1's and 2's cannot believe that the year is almost half over. Although we have been working very hard there is still a lot of learning to do before the end of the year. We started January by reading *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, and practiced retelling the story. We have even written our own versions of the story using different articles of clothing! In Math the students are excited to be learning about addition and subtraction. If you have playing cards at home ask your child to show you how to play Snap, which is a fun way to learn addition and subtraction facts. In Science we are learning about boats and buoyancy, and will eventually be able to make our own boats in class. In Social Studies we are continuing to learn about different communities in Canada and how things have changed over time.

L.A. 3/4/5 with Kate Phelps

We have started our Novel Study of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling. We have read the first few chapters and will soon be analyzing different parts of the novel and creating our own pieces of work based on the story. The students are very excited and look forward to each day as we read a new chapter. They not only get to learn more about Harry's adventures but one of them also gets to dress up as Harry for the class.



Math 3 with Kate Phelps

We are finishing up our unit on patterns. They have been building increasing and decreasing patterns using blocks, actions and numbers. We will be starting our unit on adding and subtracting soon. During this unit we will learn to add and subtract 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. This unit introduces new ways of adding and subtracting. Each student will find the way they understand and that works best for them.

Social Studies 3/4/5 with Kate Phelps

We have been looking at how geography, resources and climate in different areas affects quality of life. They have already looked at how they affect our quality of life in Worsley, and are researching another community to determine their effects there. This will conclude our unit on Geographical Influences on Canada. Our next unit will look at Canada's diverse heritage.

PhysEd 6/7 & 8/9 with Alysha Buffham and Rosilan Parsons

The students spent some time outdoors this month, snowshoeing and curling, as well as continuing to develop basketball skills in their regular PhysEd classes.



PE 20/30 with Alysha Buffham

The students braved the snow to build their very own quinzees (snow huts.) They had three days to pile the snow up, hollow it out, and decorate it so that each one was original. The largest one built was over 6'5" tall and 10' wide. Other activities have been curling, basketball and fitness testing. Miss B would like to thank her students for a fantastic semester!



Science 6/7 with Darren Phelps

Students have been working on the space unit. They can explain the difference between celestial bodies that emit and reflect light. They are also observing the night sky throughout the week to gain an understanding of the phases of the moon. We are currently looking at constellations and their apparent change in position throughout the year.

Science 8/9 with Darren Phelps

We are finishing the mechanical systems unit, where students will be presenting their Rube Goldberg machines. We will be starting the cells and systems unit very shortly.

Science 10 with Darren Phelps

Students in Science 10 have completed the Biology unit and are almost finished the Global Systems unit. They will be working on course review by the end of the week.

Chemistry 20 with Darren Phelps

The class has been working on stoichiometry and quantitative techniques to determine chemical properties. They recently completed a series of titration labs where they standardized a sodium hydroxide solution and used it to determine the concentration of a household vinegar sample. The results of their tests allowed them to state whether the acetic acid content in household vinegar is accurate compared to what the manufacturer claims. Good news, your vinegar does contain about 5% acetic acid!

Math 8/9 with Bill Willis

The Grade 8 class has been learning how to calculate the surface area and volume of various three-dimensional shapes, including prisms and pyramids. Meanwhile the grade nines have been discovering that points plotted from a rule, on a set of x-y axes, will form shapes such as lines and parabolas.

Math 20 with Bill Willis

Students in both classes (Worsley and Hines Creek) have completed the course, and are busy preparing for the final examination, which is worth 40% of their final grade. Some students have been getting some help after school so they can rewrite tests they did not do well in. Overall the results in both classes have been very good.

**Math 30 with Bill Willis**

We finished the course this week, with a few days to spare for help with examination review. Students have had the review materials since before Christmas, and should be nearly done; in the meantime we have been holding after-school exam review sessions to better prepare them for the diploma exam, which is worth 50% of their final grade. Their final mark will be determined by how much effort they have put into review work. Results in the course have been very good; everyone is passing, and one student has a perfect term mark of 100%.

LA 6/7 with Kathleen Cordeiro

We are currently working on wrapping up the final three writing traits. We are finishing voice, sentence fluency and presentation. We will continue to work on our grammar and will be starting an exciting new novel study called 'The Bronze Bow'. Students have recently completed their performance task for our last novel study, which includes making the front page of a newspaper. These were well done and will be posted in the ELA classroom for your viewing pleasure.

LA 8/9 with *Kathleen Cordeiro*

The grade 8/9 class is also wrapping up the writing traits with a final project on voice, as well as learning about sentence fluency and presentation. Students have recently written their first essay of the year and have done a great job. We will continue to work on grammar and will be starting a new unit on the research process. A new independent novel study assignment will be assigned for semester 2. Please encourage your child to be thinking about possible books they would like to read.

Choir with *Kathleen Cordeiro*

The Junior/Senior choir will be taking a break from rehearsals while students are preparing for exams. We will begin rehearsals again in Semester 2. Our first rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, February 2nd at lunchtime.

Music with *Kathleen Cordeiro*

Our music classes will continue for Grades 1/2 and 3/4/5 students. Grade 3/4/5 students are wrapping up their recorder unit and will be beginning to learn hand bells in February.

The Grade 1/2 class will continue to learn about 'loud and soft', 'fast and slow', and musical notation. They have become very comfortable with note names and learning beat and rhythm.

Job Safety Skills for Young Workers with *Rosilan Parsons*

Students have completed Modules I and II, and are presently working on Module III. They are acquiring skills in the following areas:

- Personal Safety Management (Introductory Level)
- Workplace Safety Practices (Intermediate Level)
- Safety Management Systems (Advanced Level)

Your Voice Matters! Important Notice to Parents

Peace River School Division and Alberta Education invite you to play an important role in your child's education.

In the coming weeks, parents of students in Grades 4, 7 and 10 in larger schools, and parents of students in grades 4 to 12 in small schools will receive a survey in the mail from Alberta Education. The information gathered through these surveys is submitted to Peace River School Division and carefully evaluated and used in school and divisional planning.



When you fill out the Accountability Pillar Survey, you're adding YOUR VOICE to the future of education in your school, Peace River School Division and throughout the province. Results are reviewed, evaluated and used by our schools, the division and the province to see what's working and what needs to be improved.

Please take time to provide your valuable input by filling out the survey. Please submit your survey in the pre-paid envelope by February 25, 2011.

Thank you for working and learning together for the success of all students. Your voice is a priceless resource.



Room 21C News (Communicating 21st Century Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes)

Conversation: A critical skill in the 21st Century

“A single conversation across the table with a wise person is worth a month's study of books” (Anonymous)

Research studies done in the 21st century are showing a significant decline in the amount of conversation time between parents and children. Richard Lavoie has found that the average time parents and children spend truly talking to each other ranges from 3 to 7 minutes per day! Other research indicates that quality talk time between parents and children has decreased by nearly 100% since the early 1980s. Much of this decline is caused by an increase in the amount of TV watching, the increase in children's television programs, the number of TVs and other electronics in the average household, the increase in children's participation in extra-curricular activities, work patterns, and a decrease in the number of meals a family eats together around the table.

This research is important to consider because *conversation* is one of the critical skills needed in the 21st Century for success both in school and the work force. As well, a child's ability to converse has an impact on their achievement in reading and writing. Research also shows that a child's conversation skills can influence their behaviour at school (Basic Skills Agency – BSA, UK).

Conversation Starters to Consider:

- “I'd like to hear more about it
- “Tell me more about that.”
- “Go ahead. I am listening.”
- “I understand.”
- “What do you think about ...?”
- “Would you like to talk about it?”
- “Is there anything else you'd like to talk about?”
- “That's interesting.”
- “Wow!”
- “I'm interested...”
- “Explain that to me.”

Let's start talking!

You may also contact the Peace River School Division Learning Coaches if you have any questions.

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WORSLEY GREENKEEPERS JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS FAMILY EVENT

CONTACT SANDY RICHARDSON 685-3305
EVERYONE WELCOME



-15°C or Warmer — Ice Fishing

- *All children must be accompanied by an adult*
- *Please bring your own fishing equipment*
 - *Hot chocolate & hot dogs provided*


**SATURDAY, JAN 22ND
11:00 AM**

Running Lake

Next Year's Calendar ... a message from the Superintendent

“Attached please find the draft PRSD 2011-12 Divisional Calendar. Please forward any feedback to me by February 4, 2011. I hope to have the 2011-12 calendar approved at the February 15, 2011 Board meeting”.

Paul Bennett
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

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MONTH	INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS	OPERATIONAL DAYS	HOLIDAYS, INSERVICES, CONVENTIONS, ETC.
August 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	0	3	Site Based PD Day System PD Day Operational Day
September 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	21	0	Sept. 1 st - First day for students Sept. 5 th – Labour Day Sept. 26 th – Early dismissal (2pm)
October 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	18	1	Oct. 7 th – Day in lieu of P/T interviews Oct. 10 th – Thanksgiving day Oct. 17 th – ATA PD Day Oct. 31 st - Early dismissal (2pm)
November 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	21	0	Nov. 11 th – Remembrance Day Nov. 28 th - Early dismissal (2pm)
December 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	16	0	Dec. 23 rd – Jan. 8 th -Christmas Break
January 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	15	1	Jan.9 th students back Jan. 11 th – 27 th –Diploma Exams Jan. 30 th Non operational day Jan. 31 th – Site Based PD Day

February 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	19	0	Feb. 1 st – Second semester begins Feb. 17 th – Non-operational day Feb. 20 th – Family Day Feb. 27 th – Early dismissal (2pm)
March 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	18	3	Mar. 8-9 th – Teachers' Convention Mar. 12 th – Non – operational day Mar. 26 th – Site Based PD
April 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	15	0	April 6 th – 15 th Easter Break April 30 th – Early dismissal (2pm)
May 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	21	0	May 18 th - Day in lieu of P/T interviews May 21 st – Victoria Day May 28 th - Early dismissal (2pm)
June 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	19	1	June 11 th - 27 th –Diploma Exams June 28 th – Site Based PD/Planning
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July 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			July 1 st (2) – Canada Day
August 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			
TOTAL YEAR	Sem. I – 91 Sem. II – 92 183	Sem. I – 5 Sem. II – 4 9	*Early dismissal- 1.5 hrs X 3 per semester = 4.5 hrs. to be deducted from total instructional time.