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"June is finally here and it has been a very busy month. Our students have participated in many activities. The swimming program for K-6 students was enjoyed immensely and we would like to thank the Worsley and District Rec. Board for making this possible. Students participated in the annual Hamlet Clean-Up, Track and Field, Bio.20 Field Trip and Aboriginal Day which will be held on Friday, June 17.

"The Grade 12 Graduation was a big success. Worsley Central School is very proud of the eleven wonderful graduates this year and we wish them success as they move on to prepare for their chosen careers. We also had seven Kindergarten graduates.

"We have been enjoying some beautiful weather and now that exam time is here, I would encourage students to keep up the good work. In just a short time, they will get a much deserved break and enjoy the summer holidays.

*"One of the most difficult things a Principal has to do is to say goodbye to students and co-workers. I have enjoyed working at Worsley Central and can honestly say that I have met some of the best students in all my years as an administrator. This is a tribute to parents and a caring staff. I would like to say goodbye to **Ms. Buffham**, who will not be returning next year, to thank her for her contribution to the school and to wish her well in her new teaching position. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new teachers, **Ms. Melissa Neufeld** and **Mr. Adrien Hooper**, who will be joining the staff next school year.*

*"**Mr. Darren Phelps** is excited to be the new Principal at Worsley Central School. I am confident that the staff and parents will work together with him and **Mr. Willis** to make his year a successful one.*

"Worsley is a very special community. I deeply appreciate the cooperation which I have received. Thank you. Have a Safe and Happy summer!"

Sincerely, Rosilan Parsons

Our Student Teacher

We would like to thank **Melanie Hale** for volunteering in our Elementary classrooms in June. She gave up her own time to help.

While she was here, some of our teachers showed Melanie how to do lesson plans, and let her teach some practice lessons to some of our classes, to help prepare her for her courses next year. We wish her the best in her second year of college, and we're sure she will excel ... she is going to be a wonderful teacher!



WCS June Exam Schedule 2011

Monday, June 13, 2011	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 30 Part A DIPLOMA
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	9:00 to 10:00 a.m. 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 English Part B PAT • Grade 6 Social Studies PAT
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	9:00 to 10:00 a.m. 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 English Part B PAT • Grade 7 English Exam
Thursday, June 16, 2011	9:00 to 10:00 a.m. 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 Math PAT • Grade 6 Math PAT • English 30 Part B DIPLOMA
Friday, June 17, 2011	9:00 to 10:00 a.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 Science PAT • Last day of Classes Senior High except CTS classes
Monday, June 20, 2011	1:00 to 3:00 p.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social 7 Final Exam • Math 8 Final Exam • Math 9 Final Exam
Tuesday, June 21, 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABORIGINAL DAY NO EXAM SCHEDULED
Wednesday, June 22, 2011	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6/7 Science Final • Grade 9 English PAT • Grade 8 English Final Exam • Biology 20 Final Exam • Grade 8/9 Science Final
Thursday, June 23, 2011	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 7 Final • Grade 9 Science PAT • Math 10 Final Exam • English 20 Final Exam • Pure Math 30 DIPLOMA
Friday, June 24, 2011	9:00 to 10:15 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 Math PAT (Bill's Room) • Chemistry 30 DIPLOMA (Library) • Elementary Awards Day
Monday, June 27, 2011	9:00 to 10:20 a.m. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 Social Studies PAT • Physics 30 DIPLOMA • Social 8/9 Final Exam • Social 20 Final Exam • Distance Learning Exams
Tuesday, June 28, 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of School for Students

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
- 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). Calculators on phones **are not** permitted.
- 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
- 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.

Examination Rules (cont'd):

Grades 6-9 Students: These students may not leave the school during exam times. Students in grades 7-9 may leave *during lunch* if a note from a parent is provided for each occurrence. **Students have regular classes when not writing exams.**

Grade 10 Students: Please note that the open campus form that some parents signed at the beginning of the school year refers only to the time between 11:48-12:37. Special permission must be granted by a parent for a student to leave school at any time other than this. This permission must be given daily and have a specific time noted on it. Parents may instead sign one form that covers the entire exam period; these are available in the office.

Grades 11-12 Students: Students with open campus privileges do not need to be in school when not writing exams.

Grade 10-12 students may need to be at school every day all day until June 27, 2011 to ensure CTS hours are met for credit requirements. It is the students' responsibility to check with their CTS instructor. Students may be receiving instruction in courses until the exam has been written.

Students who have permission to leave the school bear the responsibility for returning on time for their next exam. Students who come to school without a note or form will be supervised in an assigned location during non-exam times.

Students who miss their exam or achievement test 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.

Edmonton Trip

On behalf of the students and staff of Hines Creek Composite and Worsley Central School we would like to extend our gratitude for making the University Campus tour trip possible.

Clear Hills County, the Worsley Recreation Board, Cleardale Agricultural Society, and Hines Creek Agricultural Society all contributed to an amazing experience for the students and volunteer supervisors. With your generous contributions we were able to experience firsthand the university culture. The group stayed in the dorms on the U of A campus. We then took a tour of the facilities and met with academic advisors. Then our group attended the Provincial Skills Competition. While at Skills, the students were able to actively participate in a trade, some of which included culinary arts, welding, woodworking, and cabinet making. Other activities consisted of touring Concordia University College and Telus World of Science.

Without your generosity the students would not have been able to participate in such an eye-opening experience. We look forward to repeating this trip in future years, and providing all students with the opportunity to gain insight in post secondary schooling and helping them in making informed decisions for their future.

Switchback Flats Motocross Races

1 pm August 6 – Practice Races

9 am August 7 – Races

Dirtbiking class may be available on August 6th, with practice bikes available.

Any fundraising groups interested in flagging, please contact BJ at 780-835-0099



Conversations Toward Student Success ONLINE

Discussion Topic #2: 'Safe and Caring Relationships'

Peace River School Division

'Conversations Toward Student Success Online' is an initiative that invites community input and engagement on educational topics through the use of technology.

Connecting with our community is important to us. 'Conversations Toward Student Success Online' encourages a dialogue between the community and the division."

Our primary goal is to engage, connect and gather input from our communities on the education of our youth. Education is everyone's business.

What is 'Conversations Toward Student Success ONLINE'?

This is an exciting initiative that invites community input and engagement on educational topics through the use of technology.

Students, staff, parents and community members can post their input and have conversations online with others on educational topics through a discussion board, and through Facebook.

How did the first ONLINE initiative go? ('Superintendent for a Day')

It has been awesome. The division is thrilled with the overwhelming response, especially from our students. Almost 70% of the ideas posted have come from students in the division. This is very empowering for our students, as they are having a voice in their own education, and we are being provided with input on how we can make their educational experience even better!

There have been over 1000 visitors to the site and 251 people have submitted ideas on what they would do if they were superintendent for a day. An outstanding 4000 votes have been cast on ideas posted.

What did we find out?

Very valuable information has been gathered on a variety of topics. The most common and prominent posts surrounded technology, positive relationships, healthy habits at school, programming, tutoring support and the desire to have an increase in the Superintendent's presence in our schools and classrooms. We have already moved forward in several of these areas and are thrilled to have collected this rich information.

A summary of the findings from the ideas posted and how the division is moving forward has been made public, and is available online at www.prsd.ab.ca.

What is the Next Discussion Topic?

'How can we foster safe and caring relationships at school, and how can we deal with and help to put an end to bullying? We are approaching this in a proactive and positive way.

We are asking....

"What could be improved, removed or changed so that students have a safer learning environment and can be treated with greater respect and dignity?"

Fill out the survey and enter the draw for an iPad. The draw is open to anyone who posts online.

*The **Superintendent for a Day** discussion is still open to the public, and we encourage everyone to keep the conversation going. Discussion topics will continue to remain open. This means of engagement is now a part of PRSD's culture. Both discussion questions and all future questions will continue to be available on the division's website and Facebook page.*

SCHOOL BUS REMINDERS

Eligible Students (more than 2.4 kms from their designated school): If your child is eligible and requires transportation, please register early. If your child currently rides a bus they will be automatically registered for the upcoming year.

Bus Pass Students (within 2.4 km radius of their designated school): You may register early and purchase a bus pass at Peace River Transportation Office anytime throughout the year. EE Oliver School in Fairview, Manning Elementary, Kennedy Elementary in Grimshaw, Menno Simons School and Lloyd Garrison School in Berwyn will be open for bus pass sales the week before school begins. VISA and Mastercard are accepted over the telephone.

School of Choice Students: Transportation approval to school of choice may expire annually, please refer to your letter of approval and apply online if necessary. Students must be approved before they may be registered to ride the school bus. *School of choice procedures are currently under board review and may undergo changes for September.*

Interschool Students: All interschool students must register annually. Interschool spaces are limited and registrations are accepted on a first come first served basis. Register early to ensure seat availability.

New Students and Siblings: Students must be registered before they will be permitted to ride the school bus.

The transportation office is open and staff are available over the summer, register your child online at www.prsd.ab.ca or by phone at (780) 624-3006.

Summer Swim Program

The Red Cross/Lifesaving Society is holding a Summer Swim Program

1. August 2 – August 12
2. August 15 – August 26

Moms and Tots and **Level 1 – 10** **\$35 per child** Instructor: Alyssa Peters

Register soon. Call Lily Peters: 780-685-3965





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



Summer Adventures for the 21st Century Learner

The end of the year is once again upon us and many summer adventures lie ahead! Here are some ideas for fun learning adventures to experience over the summer holidays:

- ❖ Check out the website <http://www.buddyproject.org/backpack/default.asp> for on-line literacy backpacks filled with story related activities to do. Take a trip to your local library to borrow the books and DVDs and work as a family on the backpack activities and adventures.
- ❖ While at your local library you may also want to check out their summer reading programs for kids and teens.
- ❖ Check out the website <http://www.buddyproject.org/capers/archive.asp> for on-line Summer Computer Capers. These problem solving activities will keep your brain and body active as you solve the mysteries.
- ❖ Want to stay active outdoors? Try some of these activities:
 - Create an outdoor treasure or scavenger hunt
 - Build an obstacle course that has a station to work every part of your body
 - Take a nature walk...see if you can identify some of the wonders you see
 - Organize relay races in your backyard or at a nearby park
- ❖ For more summer activities go to <http://www.buddyproject.org/jfy/kids/articles/default.asp> and look at the article '*Top 10 Ways to Avoid Summer Boredom*'

Check out <http://docushare.prsd.ab.ca/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-193> and open the folder '*Summer Literacy Backpack Activities and Computer Caper's*' to find some of the literacy back-back activities and computer capers already downloaded for your convenience.

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

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