



October 2021

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

Paul Rowe Recognizes and Honours Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day



Staff & students wore orange in recognition of the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.

In June the Canadian government passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day is intended to recognize and honour residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. It also ensures that public commemoration of residential schools' tragic and painful history remains a vital component of the reconciliation process. Following this announcement, PRSD board of trustees voted to designate this day as a non-operational day and declared September 27 to October 1, 2021 as Truth and Reconciliation Week in PRSD schools.

Our school community recognized this important week of observance by taking part in various learning activities including:

- playing O'Canada in Cree each morning;
- reading the Treaty 8 land acknowledgement daily;
- Viewing videos from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Video topics of treaties and why "We Are All Treaty People".
- wearing orange shirts;
- committing to reading one of the 94 Calls to Action for Truth and Reconciliation on our announcements each day for 94 days.

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- * PRSD Board of Trustees Election for Our Area
- * Awards Day Ceremony
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Upcoming Events:

October:

- * 7 Awards Day Ceremony for 2020-2021 School Year
- * 8-11 No School (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- * 19 School Council Meeting
- * 25 No School for Students (ATA PD Day)
- * 27 Parent/Teacher Interviews

November

- * 4 School Photo Retakes
- * 5 Mail Out
- * 10 School Remembrance Day Ceremony

Parents and Guardians:

In Your Family's Mailout:

- * Powerschool Parent Portal login information
- * Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Information
- * Study Key/Solaro Ordering Info.

Important Messages:

*The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows parents/guardians to access all of their child's information in one place, including grades and attendance. Individual login information has been included in the October mail out.

Prefer to receive your newsletter by E-mail?

Please contact Bobbi Lewandowski via the Staff Directory on our school website: www.paulrowehigh.ca.

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Upcoming Events

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, October 27 from
4:00—7:00 PM
by appointment

OPTIONS:

- 1) In person with Covid precautions
- 2) By phone

Please call our school office at (780) 836-3397 to book appointments with your child's teachers.



Virtual School Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 19
at 7:00 PM

All parents/guardians of Paul Rowe students are encouraged to attend.



Please contact the school office at (780) 836-3397 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM to request the Google Meet link.



Awards Ceremony for 2020-2021

Thursday, October 7 at 2:20 PM

Due to Covid safety precautions, we will be holding a virtual ceremony for students. Unfortunately, we are not able to host a live ceremony at this time. A video of the slideshow will be posted on Facebook and our school website following the event.

Paul Rowe Has a New Youth Education Support Worker



We are happy to welcome Mrs. Vanessa Ristesund as our school Youth Education Support (YES) Worker! In this role, she will work with students and staff, focusing on universal supports for the promotion and prevention of Mental Health.

She will be at our school for half days on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Thursdays and Friday afternoons.

SCOER Has Started a Canteen!

SCOER has started a canteen! It will be open everyday at lunch time. Currently we are selling; juice boxes, vitamin water, goldfish, fruit snacks, veggie straws, beef jerky and granola bars. Suggestions are welcome! All proceeds go towards student activities and prizes for SCOER events!



We feel that it is important that our parents and guardians are kept informed of school announcements and events.

For the most up-to date information please:

- Listen to Automated Phone Messages & read Emails from our school
- Follow our Facebook page: [PaulRoweHigh](#)
- Visit our school website regularly: www.paulrowehigh.ca

Meanwhile in Class...



Grade 7 and 8 Science students have been busy demonstrating the concepts of “center of gravity” and “external force” through the building of their own structures using spaghetti, marshmallows and eggs!



Grade 7 students are studying direction and location of a force in Science class! Here are some pictures of their straw and spring scale experiment!




Casting an arm sculpture base for an Art 30 tattoo style art project. This project idea is all down to this student’s creativity!

Special thanks to:

- Reanna and Shelly for their donation to our lunch program;
- Snap-On Tools (Ken Ewach & Jessica Lay) and Kenna and Sverra M., Tave R. and ATA Local 13 for the gifts of Smile Cookies.

THANK YOU!




Food for Thought would like to recognize **Reinders Logging (2017) Ltd. & Pine Ridge Chippers Ltd.** for their donation of \$6,000!

Food for Thought would like to recognize **Manning Petroleum Association & CLH Bid.** for their generous donation.

The three schools in Manning will benefit from this donation. Breakfast is served to the students by our Food for Thought volunteers two days a week.

DID YOU KNOW?



The **Food for Thought Breakfast Program** serves about **600 breakfasts per week** to students in Manning at a cost of approximately **\$16,000 per year?**

By providing the most important meal of the day, Food for Thought helps give kids the energy they need to **learn and play**. But we cannot do it without our wonderful volunteers and sponsors!

If you are interested in supporting our Program, please contact your school for more information or send donations to:

**Food for Thought
Box 1046
Manning, AB T0H 2M0**

Thank you!

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.

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Election to be Held for Local Representative for Peace River School Division Board of Trustees



Peace River School Division (PRSD) nominations for the Board of Trustees have concluded with six acclamations and two nominations in Ward 3 (Rural Peace River, Weberville, Dixonville, Deadwood, Manning and Hawk Hills). Ward 3 nominees are Kendall Russell and Lacey Buchinski.

As two nominations were received for Ward 3, an election will take place on October 18, 2021. Polling station information will be advertised in the coming weeks, and PRSD encourages Ward 3 residents to vote.

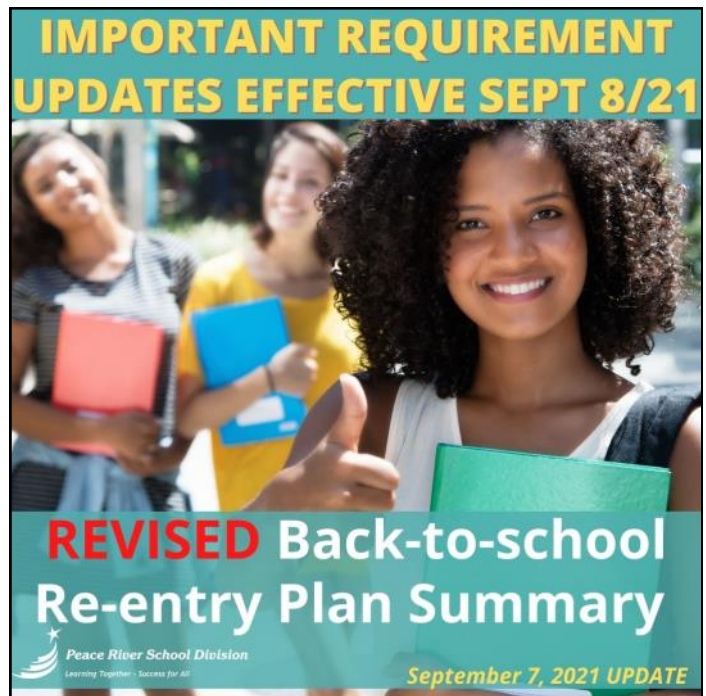
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This important work is supported by the vision and passion of the Board of Trustees, and through the work of PRSD's management staff, Indigenous Education Program Coordinator, Indigenous Support Workers, school-based Indigenous Education leads, teachers, 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
Peace River School Division No. 10*

For the most up-to-date information and announcements from Peace River School Division, visit our school website at www.paulrowehigh.ca and scroll down to "Division News."





OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 *SCOER Thanksgiving Word Scramble begins	5	6 *SCOER Flannel Day	7 *Awards Day Ceremony for 2020-2021 See page 2 for details *SCOER Thanksgiving Word Scramble ends	8 No School (Day in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews)	9
10	11 No School (Thanksgiving Day)	12	13	14 *Study Café 3:30-4:30 PM	15	16
17	18	19 VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM	20	21 *Study Café 3:30-4:30 PM	22	23
24	25 No School for Students (PD Day - Alberta Teachers Association)	26	27 *PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS 4:00—7:00 PM See page 2 for details	28 *Study Café 3:30-4:30 PM	29 *SCOER Spirit Day: Halloween	30
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