



January 2022

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

Citizenship Group Created at Paul Rowe

Students Build Community Relationships



In December, our Citizenship Group stopped by the Del-Air Lodge to spread some Christmas cheer. They delivered a personalized handmade card for every resident in the lodge. They also sang Christmas carols and had a window visit before heading back to school.

This group of student volunteers, led by Mr. Matt Taylor, meets weekly to plan and carry out initiatives that help our school, local and global communities. For example, this school year the group has collected items for the Manning & Area Christmas Hamper program, shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign and regularly hosts outreach events within the school.

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-School Council Meeting
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Upcoming Events:

January:

- * **10 Students Return**
- * **11 CANCELLED—Diploma Exams for 30-level courses**
- * **11 Virtual School Council Meeting**
- * **25 Last Day of Semester 1 Classes for Grades 10-12**
- * **31 No School for Students (Staff Meeting/PD Day)**

February:

- * **1 Semester 2 Begins**
- * **4 Report Cards Mailed**

Parents and Guardians:

In Your Family's Mailout:

- * PRSD School Re-Entry Plan
- * Alberta Health Daily Checklist
- * PRSD Semester 1 Final Exam Exemptions Letter
- * AHS Healthy Teens Newsletter

Messages to Parents/Guardians:

- * Peace River School Division has released documents regarding students' return to in-class learning. Copies of these documents can be found in your family's mailout, as well as on the PRSD website at <https://www.prsd.ab.ca/our-division/prsd-news> on the PRSD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/prsd10

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Superintendent's Message: Parent Surveys

Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta Government. Inside the letter, you will find a survey from the government that asks questions about our School Division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students, but have been known to come to parents of other grades as well. This survey is important to our school division, and we value your honest feedback.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Please refrain from answering with "I don't know", as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Central Office or please reach out to your school's principal for assistance.



Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf. Your support, along with our hardworking staff members, has allowed us to continue operations throughout a difficult school year.

I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and to showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division. We currently have a partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College for Trades Instruction — which is something we are very proud of. This initiative is making it easier for Grade 12 students to transition into fulfilling careers and pursue their academic dreams beyond high school. We have also had an increase in our 3-Year High School Completion Rate, which is an excellent accomplishment during a pandemic. Principals, teachers, and educational assistants have gone out of their way to support students and their collective hard work has paid off!

In the Division, we are still sticking to our Literacy, Numeracy, and Inclusionary culture goals. We are working hard to ensure that all students are reading and writing at or above their grade levels or meeting their individualized program goals. Extra attention is also being given to ensuring that students are performing at or above grade level in numeracy and are confident in their mathematical abilities. The Division is also focused on inclusive learning for all students, and each school is ensuring a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity. All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

I am also happy to announce that we are instituting the Learning Loss Intervention Program for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students. This initiative will be providing supports for students who may need extra assistance with literacy and numeracy and is being funded by the Alberta Government to close the gap on learning losses that have occurred due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you all for your continued support.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools

Parents of students in grades 7 and 10 at Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School will be receiving surveys in their mail soon. All recipients are encouraged to complete the survey and return it to Alberta Education using the prepaid return envelope.

Parents & Guardians: Please Save the Dates

Virtual School Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 11 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.



December School Happenings



Meet Travis Mitten and Murphy! Travis is a PRSD Counsellor who will be supporting students at our school. Periodically he may be accompanied by emotional support dog Murphy.



The "Fire and Frost" exhibition from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program was on display. Thank you to Mrs. Vikki Presakarchuk for organizing the exhibition.



The Mentorship class led the grade 7 and 8 students in some small group social activities that had a holiday theme!



Our Students Against Drinking & Driving (SADD) chapter reminded students to stay safe during the holidays and throughout the year.

Please follow our school Facebook page at facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh and/or check our website at www.paulrowehigh.ca for event updates!

Students Enjoy Christmas Celebration

The last day of school before the Christmas break was very busy at Paul Rowe! Students were grouped by class, then participated in a full day of fun, covid-friendly activities. These included:

- Sugar Cookie Decorating: students received individually packed kits containing homemade sugar cookies, icing and trimmings such as sprinkles and candies.
- Virtual Christmas Showcase: students and staff pre-recorded Christmas-themed songs and skits which were streamed via Google Meet. New this year were judging and prizes in a variety of categories!
- Christmas Dinner: after smelling turkey cooking all morning, the entire school community enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner including all of the trimmings and dessert.
- Activities and Games: students took part in various games and challenges for which they earned entries into prize draws of their choice.
- Christmas Movie: to end the day, students were treated to a classic Christmas movie.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Annual Christmas Celebration a success including:

- our fabulous SCOER student leaders and their staff advisor Mrs. Vikki Presakarchuk
- Corbin Lein for organizing the showcase
- Mrs. Bak, Mr. Taylor and their helpers for preparing and packaging up individual servings of turkey dinner
- Craig's Carpentry, Mugs and Dough and Tric's Barber Haircut & Shave Shop for their generous donations.



A very special thank you to:

- Rae McDermott for the donation of fabric
- Cheri Paulovich for the donation of fabric
- The Karpiak/Burton family for the chocolates
- Dave and Margie Erickson for the cookies
- MES and Rosary schools for the treats
- Jaimey Steppke and Liam G for the baking

Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated!!





JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2	3	4 *Staff Return to School	5	6	7 *Mail Out	8	
9	10 *Students Return to School	11 *VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM	12	13 *Study Café 3:30—4:30 PM	14	15	
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