



HINES CREEK COMPOSITE

TIGER TALK

Important dates in

September:

- Sept. 1-First Day of School
- Sept. 5-No School Labour Day
- Sept. 8-Meet the Teachers 6-7 pm
- Sept.8 -Sports Meeting-7-9 pm
- Sept. 13-Picture Day
- Sept. 21-School Council/PAC – Annual General Meetings-6:30 pm
- Sept. 29-Terry Fox Run-10:30



Welcome back everyone!! I am so happy to have you all back safe and sound. I look forward to another fantastic year at Hines Creek Composite. The best thing about a new school year is that we get to hit the reset button and start fresh – in a new grade. Here are a few words from Dr. Seuss:

NEWSLETTERS...

*To receive a monthly newsletter in your email go to:

- PRSD Website
- Our Schools
- HCC
- Newsletter
- Enter Email
- Subscribe

Only the first newsletter will be sent home with all students.

You can subscribe and have one sent automatically to your email address (see above).

If you still require a hard copy please contact the office at 780-494-3510.

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in
any direction you choose.



Dr. Seuss

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:

Students should not be dropped off before 8:30 am, as they are unsupervised until that time.

Thank you

**SCHOOL COUNCIL/PARENT ASSOCIATION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Please plan to attend:

When: Wednesday, September 21

Where: Hines Creek Composite School

Time: 6:30 p.m.

We need all parents that can attend to please come to the Parent Association Meeting.

**Just parents are invited to attend.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

Mrs. MacDowall-Principal/Grade 11
Mrs. Charchuk-Vice Principal/Grade 6/I Coach
Mrs. Heasley-Kindergarten
Mrs. McEwen-Grade 1/2
Mrs. Bjornson-Grade 3
Mrs. Craig-Grade 4/5
Ms. Holtz/Mrs. Charchuk-Grade 6
Mr. McEwen-Grade 7
Mr. McLroy-Grade 8
Mrs. Przybylski-Grade 9
Ms. Coates-Grade 10
Mrs. MacDowall-Grade 11
Mr. Aldridge-Grade 12
Mrs. Smith-Home Economics

These are the assigned homeroom teachers for the first semester at H.C.C.

VC Teachers: Mr. Willis-Math 20-1
Mr. Taylor-Math 20-2

**STAFF LISTS
2016/2017**

Support Staff List

Office:

Mrs. Hrab-Student Information
Ms. Hayes-Accounts

Information Specialist:
Mrs. Portsmouth

Educational Assistants:
Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Worobetz, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dei

School Based LAN Tech: Mrs. Worobetz

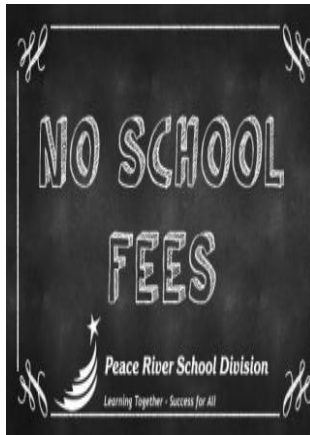
Youth Support Worker:
Mrs. Butler

SHOES

Please ensure that your children have indoor and outdoor footwear. The running shoes they use for gym must be **non-marring** so they do not leave streaks on the floor. This helps keep our school clean and provide a healthy environment for all. Students need to wear shoes at all times in case of a fire drill and for health reasons.



No more school fees for PRSD families



In the spring of 2016, the board of trustees voted to eliminate fees for Peace River School Division (PRSD) families effective September 1, 2016. This includes textbook rental fees, class workbooks, Career and Technology course supplies, locker rentals, First Aid Courses as well as physical education and curriculum based field trips.

Background:

In December 2015, the Alberta government announced that they would be looking at lower school fees for Alberta families while planning for the 2016 provincial budget. The board then took the initiative to take a closer look at what PRSD was charging and what other school divisions in the province were doing in this regard. The board looked at financials and determined if and how the board could sustain a lowering or elimination of school fees. Upon researching the practices of other school boards, PRSD noted that some school divisions charge for school fees, some charge for certain fees, and some do not charge at all. After a comprehensive review the board decided to eliminate fees for all Peace River School Division families.

For the 2016-2017 school year, schools will use their accumulated reserves (comparable to savings accounts) to offset the lack of revenue coming in for school fees. For long term sustainability, the board will be looking closely at how they allocate dollars to schools and divisional reserves to offset if required. Although we are not relying on the government to cover school fee costs in the future, we hope that they continue to explore supporting free education in our province.

Note that general school supplies remain the responsibility of families. View PRSD's school supply lists, registration forms, school calendars, school office opening dates, transportation information and other helpful school start up information on the PRSD website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

It is my pleasure to welcome students, staff and parents to Peace River School Division for the 2016-2017 school year.

Our focus remains to ensure students are provided with engaging, relevant and current learning opportunities while ensuring they learn important life skills as they grow and evolve. We will achieve this through our continued implementation of the Response to Intervention process in all our schools, flexible learning environments in our high schools, wellness initiatives, technology integration, ensuring our students are involved in the community, through leadership programs and by providing staff with professional development opportunities.



Education truly is everyone's business and we are very grateful for the support of parents, family, community members, organizations and businesses. Together we provide students with a wide range of engaging learning opportunities and experiences. We are very proud of the collaborative nature of our school communities as it models to our students that they are supported and what can happen when we work together. On this note, I invite you to review our latest 'report card' from the government. We have exceeded provincial averages in many areas and we share in this success with you.

Like our communities, our schools consist of a variety of backgrounds, cultures and religions joined together as one and we are proud providers of high quality public education. Thank you for choosing Peace River School Division, we are happy to serve your family and we wish you a wonderful school year.

Paul Bennett, PRSD Superintendent

MEET THE STAFF AND SPORTS MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

SCHOOL FOYER

Meet the Staff 6:00-7:00 pm

Sports Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come in for a casual evening to meet the staff and enjoy a coffee. Sports meeting will follow.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

For the safety of our children, please call the school or send a note when your child is unable to attend.

A note is also required if a student is not riding on their regular bus route. If a student stays after school and is not a town student, they must wait with the town students to be dismissed at days end.

We also ask that town parents wait at the end of the elementary hallway for their children to be dismissed.

All parents pulling into the loop to pick up their children after school must remain in their vehicle. Absolutely no parking and leaving a vehicle in the drop off loop.

Thank you for your help
SAFETY FIRST!!

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 First Day back for students	2	3
4	5 No School Labour Day	6	7	8 Meet the Teacher 6-7 Sports Mtg. 7-9	9	10
11	12	13 Picture Day	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 School Council/PAC Annual Mtg. 6:30 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Terry Fox Run 10:30 am	30	

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Hines Creek Composite has a breakfast program in place for students who may have skipped breakfast.

It will be set up by the canteen and students can help themselves from 8:30-8:50 a.m.



PICTURE DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

You should have received a flyer regarding photo day on Sept 13th. Our school is set up as a proof job so **no payment** is required on picture day. In about 2 and a half weeks you will receive proofs for your child(ren) that participated on photo day. Once you receive the proof packages, you will have the option and information to log on and order online. Parents can also take advantage of online ordering with their smart phones and mobile devices.

For any parent that cannot order online, the proof package offers about 14 background choices and a manual order form. The parent can submit a traditional envelope order or contact our Parent Package Inquiry Line to place an order over the phone.

