



Important Dates

January 31 - Professional Development Day - no school for students

February 1 - Second-semester starts

February 4 - Ice melt Fundraiser ends

February 10 - Dress like a Pirate Day

February 14 - Candy Grams

February 21 - Family Day - no school

February 22 - Professional Development Day - no school for students

February 23 - Pink Shirt Day

Principal Message

As always, January was a hectic month. It was also a weird month, don't you think? You know you live in Alberta when the weather goes from a deep freeze to a chinook in the blink of an eye. Throw in some rain for the heck of it and what do we get...bus days! I have to give a shout-out to our exceptional bus drivers Deanna, Karen, Lynn and Harriet! Thank you ladies for getting our students to and from school safely! You're doing a great job and we appreciate you! We'll be transitioning into the second semester next week. Timetables will be available upon student arrival on Tuesday with new classes and updates to room changes etc.



Superintendent's Message

**Safe and Caring Learning
Environments and Celebrating Pink
Shirt Day**

At Peace River School Division (PRSD) we pride

ourselves in our ability to create and foster safe and caring learning environments for our students. There are many people who play a role in this process, and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts and thank all the students, staff, parents, local partners, and community members who contribute to creating a culture of kindness and respect in our schools.

We share in the success of our work in this regard with our school communities as our latest survey results show that 87.5% of our students, staff, and parents feel that PRSD schools provide safe and caring learning environments for students. On top of that, our 3-year high school completion rate had a significant jump from 67.8% to 77.6% which tells us that students feel confident, respected, supported and safe in our schools throughout the completion of their education.

The work we do in this regard is on-going through various programs, initiatives and presentations focused on healthy relationships, anti-racism and personal well-being. Examples of such programs and initiatives include the work of our school-based Youth Education Support Workers, Success Coaches, Divisional Social Workers, PRSD Anti-Racism Committee, student leadership groups, mentorship programs, behaviour support programs, wellness programs, the focus on citizenship division-wide, daily learning incorporated into the curriculum and the meaningful support that comes from community involvement and various agencies.

Pink Shirt Day is one day per year where we wear pink in a united stand to support healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity. Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is incredibly important to us. We understand that for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy and cared for.

Thank you so much for your involvement and support. We invite you to join us on February 23, 2022, for Pink Shirt Day when PRSD students and staff will wear pink in support of healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division

Random Acts of Kindness



Nominated by Mrs. Dalke

Brianna Frizzell



Q: How does it feel to be nominated for student of the month?

A: It feels really good!

Q: What's your favourite subject, and why?

A: Art! Because I am really good at it, it's fun, and I love being able to express my feelings

through art.

Q: You were nominated for being super nice to everyone, who else do you think is super nice and why?

A: I think that Arabella, Austynn, Tayen and Aliyah are all really nice. They help me with my work, and they help me with good ideas for art.

Q: What extracurricular activities do you do?

A: I am a dancer. I do contemporary and ballet. I also like to ride horses. In the summer I like to Quad.

Q: What is your favourite book, movie, tv-show or song and why?

A: I like Harry Potter because I love magic. I like to read the books, watch Youtube facts, and collect Harry Potter stuff.

Q: What is your favourite thing about HCC?

A: I love that everybody is so nice here!

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to your peers what would it be?

A: I would say do what you believe in. Follow your heart.

Q: Tell me something about yourself that people might not know.

A: I collect too much Harry Potter 🤪





Nominated by Mrs. Przybylski
Sharlene Caballejo

Q: How does it feel to be nominated for student of the month?

A: My first time being nominated, and it feels good. It's an honour.

Q: What's your favourite subject, and why?

A: Language Arts, because I do well in it.

Q: You were nominated for being super friendly, welcoming and polite, who else do you think is friendly, welcoming and polite and why?

A: Darcie, Keira and Zoey. They are always with me when I help the elementary students and they are doing it too. They are really nice.

Q: What extracurricular activities do you do?

A: I play volleyball and basketball. My favourite is volleyball.

Q: What is your favourite book, movie, tv-show or song and why?

A: My favourite song is currently is "Ho Hey" by the Lumineers, I like 13 Reasons Why on Netflix.

Q: What is your favourite thing about HCC?

A: Everyone here is really nice, polite and kind.

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to your peers what would it be?

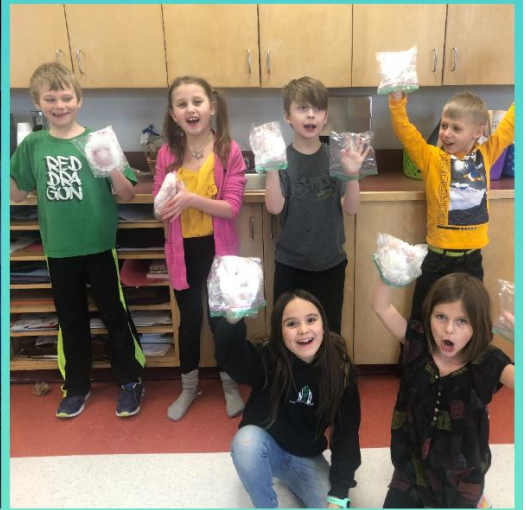
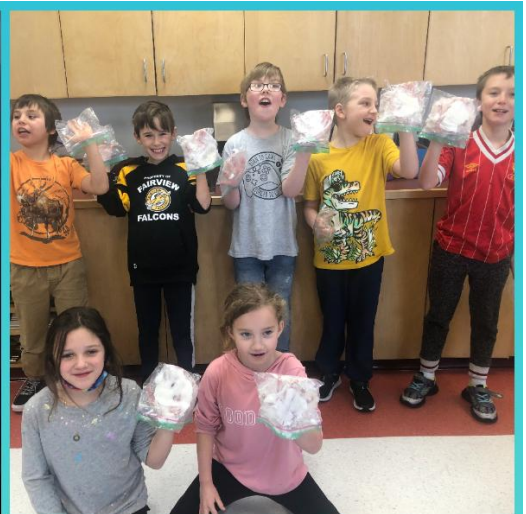
A: Don't give up!

Q: Tell me something about yourself that people might not know.

A: I'm really shy until you get to know me, and then you'll find out that I'm a lot of fun!



The Grade 2/3 class learned how blubber helps many arctic animals stay warm. To do this one of their hands was covered in 'blubber' (a baggy filled with lard) and the other hand was covered with an empty bag. They then stuck their hands into the snowbank. After only a few seconds they noticed a significant difference.



According to last year's Student Mental Health and Wellness Survey, the biggest issue facing Hines Creek Composite students is test anxiety. Many students also feared failure. So what can you do if you get nervous while taking tests? One is to study with a friend. You can quiz each other on the test material. You can also try to teach the test material to someone you know. If you study a little every day ahead of time rather than trying to cram at the last minute you will remember more and do better on the test. Another possible solution is to ask a friend, sometimes they

might be able to give an example that is easier for you to understand. If you have a question for a teacher, be specific. For example, ask them how to say a word you don't understand. Maybe you have just not seen it written before but know it when it's read aloud. You can also ask teachers for the listening version of a test.

Other tips:

- Do the questions you know first.
- Read the test (psst. teachers are sneaky sometimes they hide answers in the test!)
- Always answer all the questions, especially if it's written you might get part marks by writing something rather than nothing at all.

GRADE 2/3 WERE PAID A VISIT. BEAU'S MOM BROUGHT IN HER PUPPY TO VISIT THE CLASS.



One of our favourite days... PJ Day!



Tiger Awards for December



BR: Sophia Polukoshko, Stephanie Grove, Kasey Gorham, Kloe Kobbert, Emma King, Jaxton Dibb, Trishkenn Adoviso, Destyn McAllister, Marissa Campbell, Anthony Bjorklund

MR: Bree Schischikowsky, Austynn Duggan, Keegan Kowal, Maverick Campbell, Samantha Kuntz, Tawny Blake, Everley Basnett, Rylan Chalmers

FR: Olivia MacLachlan, Dominick Kamieniecki, Damian Kamieniecki, Beau Polukoshko



*Successful Futures
Built Together*

T- teamwork
I - Integrity
G - Giving
E- Excellence
R - Respect
S - Success

These are the characteristics of a Grrr-eat Tiger!!

Tiger Awards for January



BR: Sawyer Bjornson, Harleey Bjornson, Chloe Berg, Cheyenne Buker, Lachlan Karrys, Brayden Wagar, Michael Basnett, Shyira Walmsley

MR: Daisha Smith, Olivia Bean, Calla Blake, Darcie Fortier, Sheldon Chaykowski, Rayna McEwen, Keira McEwen

FR: Noah Mei-Ning, Samantha Kuntz, Haelyn Basnett, Roclyn Basnett, Charlee Ossum, Tawny Blake



Thank you Students' Union for organizing another round of Minute to Win It! So much fun!

A Minute to Win It

Grade 6 did some archery in PE class!

Thank you to Damian Fortier for coming to this class to help teach!



We call this installment "Getting Plastered" as the students are learning to make Greek helmets and swords using plaster. So much fun!!

