

Important Dates April 5 - Jr/Sr Drinking and Driving presentation April 14 - SU Easter Egg Hunt April 15 - 18 - Easter break April 21 - SU Float sale (pre-orders will be sent home) April 22 - School Declamation Contest is *back*! April 22- Jr/Sr Report Cards will be live (PTIs to follow on May 5)

### Principal's Message

March seems to be a blur to me right now. Time changes, weather changes, science exploration, hundred day parties, shipbuilding, first field trips in ages, glow dance party, dress up days, timbits and hot chocolate and a well deserved break too!! So much happened this past month. We are wrapping up our accountability surveys with our students this week. Parents of Grade 4-10 students, you too would have received a survey in the mail. I hope that you were able to take a moment and fill in this important survey. The information you share is used to help make improvements where needed and maintain the things that we are doing well at. This isn't your only chance to have your voice heard. Our school council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. All parents and guardians are welcome to join in. We host the meeting both in person and virtually. I send a google meet link out once a month for this meeting. If you'd like to get on the Remind list to receive the link just send me an email and I will forward the instructions (macdowalls@prsd.ab.ca).

Report cards will be going home later this month for Jr/Sr High students. You do not have to wait until the report's comments go live to be informed on how your student is doing. Parents all have access to PowerSchool and can see assignments and grades as they are updated by teachers. You are not only welcome to, but encouraged to stay in touch with teachers via phone calls and emails to touch base as well. We all want what's best for our students, and working together is the very best way to make sure that happens!

I wish for you all a very happy April! As part of the Irish blessing goes "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face..."

### Mrs. MacDowall



### Superintendent's Message

#### **Alternative Education**

To ensure the success of all students within the Peace River School Division (PRSD), we have created the Alternative Education Program that supports students and families through an adaptable, multi-faceted approach to education. At the forefront of this program, we have placed

one of our most flexible educators, Saxon Butte, to facilitate and lead the Alternative Education Program.

With this program, more students are able to receive and access education in ways that break the traditional mode and support their specific learning styles. This allows them to experience more success within a dynamic setting.

The PRSD Alternative Education Program educates around 600 students throughout various programs and locations within the Peace River School Division and beyond. Available programs include Peace Home Learning Connections (parent directed education), Virtual Educational Program, Peace Regional Outreach Campus, Fairview and Area Learning Store and Hutterite Colony Programming.

For parent-directed home learning, the Peace Home Learning Connection allows parents to educate their children with support from the PRSD Home Education Coordinator, Golda David, and Marian Johnson-Higgins, the Home Education Facilitator.

PRSD has several geographically distanced, smaller schools with high school programs that have required a dynamic shift in practice to ensure students' success. The Virtual Education Program allows students to access high quality instruction for all necessary high school courses that are typically available in larger centres. This approach gives students a broader range of educational courses, resources, and specialized teaching to guarantee their graduation from high school.

To further support high school students, the Peace Regional Outreach Campus and Fairview and Area Learning Store offers flexible learning hours and high-quality instruction that accommodate students' family commitments, work schedules and any other needs they may have.

With these Alternative Education options, Peace River School Division truly is the first choice for students! Creating ways for ALL students to succeed is our top priority.

Adam Murray Superintendent of Schools Peace River School Division



I do not have a lot of pictures to share from St. Patrick's Day this year, but I was able to capture the Grade 12's participating in English class. We had all shades of green represented - in the most creative ways!



Goal setting is an important part of our everyday lives. One of the most important ways to get to our goals is to create a plan to get there. For example, if you want to get a high mark on your next math test you might need to study ahead of time. You might need to ask a classmate for help and the teacher for some extra practice questions. Maybe you have a bigger goal, such as going to

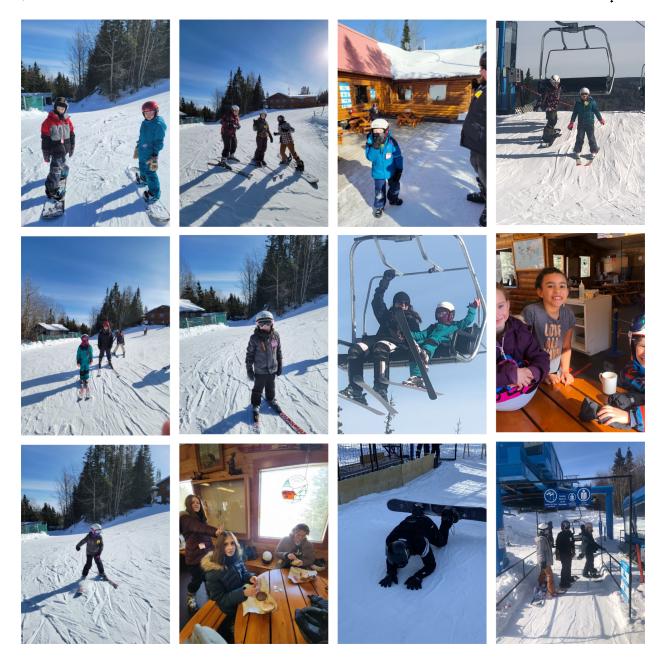
University or College for a trade. You may need to meet smaller goals in order to accomplish the larger one at the end. Smaller goals will also be encouraging as some goals may take years to accomplish.

Here some other tips to follow when goal setting:

- 1. Write down your goals and put it somewhere you can see.
- 2. Have someone help you or keep you on track to meet your goals.

3. Think of your obstacles that might prevent you from achieving your goal and come up with possible solutions.

### FIRST FIELD TIZIP IN A LOODONG TIME ... WHISPETZING PINES!



## Making memories!!























A beautiful day for a ski trip. Thank you **Clear Hills County** for your contributions to this outstanding event.



### Ms. Lawrence's PE class took a trip to the pond.



Mrs. McEwen's class celebrated 100 days of school.



### Verna Olsen Grade 1 Nominated by Mrs. Portsmouth

Q: How does it feel to be nominated for student of the month? A: Very nice.

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

A: I like science because we learned about boats and got to make one.

Q: You were nominated for being helpful to those who need it. Who else do you think deserves recognition for things that they do here at school?

A: Haley Hoffman opens the door for people and she helps to clean the classroom at the end of the day with me.

Q: What extracurricular activities do you do? A: I like to play on my Nintendo Switch at home.

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

A: My favorite song is "Black Sheep" by Palley Royale

Q: What is your favorite thing about HCC? A: I kinda like everything!

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to other elementary school students what would it be? A: Just keep trying.



Q: Tell me something about yourself that people might not know. A: I like to sing.



Jocelyn Bean Grade 10 Nominated by Mrs. Przybylski

Q: How does it feel to be nominated for student of the month? A: Pretty cool.

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

A: English because I'm good at writing essays, and I enjoy writing them.

Q: You were nominated for displaying exceptional school spirit when supporting others and great sportsmanship on the basketball team. Who else do you think deserves recognition for things that they do here at school?

A: My whole basketball team was very supportive and very sportsmanlike.

Q: What extracurricular activities do you do? A: Music and basketball.

Q: What is your favorite book, movie, tv-show or song and why? A: My favorite movie is "Just Mercy" because it's a really good movie.

Q: What is your favorite thing about HCC? A: The people and the teachers and of course the basketball team!

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to other high school students what would it be?



A: Try your best and if you don't succeed try and try again! LOL

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

A: I had trigger thumb when I was a baby and I had to have surgery to correct it. I'm good now.



Mrs. McEwen's class built their own boats and tested them on the open seas (the classroom sink







The Student's Union hosted an elementary neon dance party. Students had so much fun dancing in the gym. Afterwards they were treated to a buffet of snacks. Fun times!



# **APRIL 22, 2022**

DECLAMATION CONTEST IS BACK! CLASSROOM POEMS & SPEECH WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO APRIL 22 WHEN THE SCHOOL DECLAMATION WILL BE HELD. ST. THOMAS MORE WILL BE HOSTING THE REGIONAL CONTEST THIS YEAR ON MAY 5, 2022 @ 7 PM. LET'S DELIVER THE SPEECHES AND RECITE OUR POEMS

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### March Tiger Award Winners

BR: Kloee Kobbert, Emma King, Daisha Smith, Calla Blake, Sawyer Bjornson, Stephanie Grove, Hudson Thompson, Everley Basnett, David Kuntz, Marissa Campbell, Sydnee Basnett, Sheldon Chaykowski, Jaxton Dibb, Jace Hoffman, Keira McEwen, Trishkenn Adoviso, Rayna McEwen

MR: Keegan Kowal, Brianna Frizzell, Maddi Smith, Arabella Ostrem, Jaden Bennett, Rylan Chalmers, Tawny Blake, Anthony Bjorklund, Maverick Campbell, Thomas Duggan, Samantha Kuntz, Destyn McAllister, Noah Mei-Ning

FR: Austynn Duggan, Tayen Schischikowsky, Shiloh Skoyen, Brooklynn Frizzell, Olivia MacLachlan, Dalton Kehler, Sebastian Olsen, Ethan Wall