



Beaverlodge Regional High School Newsletter



To report a student absence email:

brhsreception@pwpsd.ca

WE ARE PROUD

CONTACT US: (780) 354-2189



Boys Volleyball

Boys Volleyball - Tryouts will be Tuesday Sept 29, Thursday Oct 1, and Tuesday Oct 6 if an extra day is required. all tryouts will run from 3:30-5:30. Practice and competition schedule to follow if and when applicable.

If you are unable to attend these dates due to sickness, but you are interested in playing, please email Myles Edgar to discuss other arrangements.

More information will follow when the team has been selected.

Girls Volleyball

Girls Volleyball - Tryouts are Monday Sept 28 and Wednesday Sept 30 from 3:30-5:30. We will practice as a team 1x or 2x/week for the moment and get ready for the season. Hopefully we will get approval for competition soon.



Dates to remember

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| Sep. 30 | Orange Shirt Day | |
| Oct. 5 | Early Dismissal 2:46pm | |
| Oct. 9 | Progress Assessment | |
| Oct. 12 | Thanksgiving – No School | |
| Oct. 21/22 | Parent Teacher Interviews 3:16-6:46pm | |
| Nov. 2 | Early Dismissal 2:46pm | |
| Nov. 4 | Quarter 2 begins | |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day – No School | |
| Nov. 20 | PD Day | |
| Dec. 4 | Progress Assessment | |
| Dec. 7 | Early Dismissal 2:46pm | |
| Dec. 18 | Last Day of Classes | |
| Jan. 4 | Return to School
Early Dismissal 2:46pm | |
| Jan. 11 | Diploma Exams begin | |
| Jan. 21 | Non-Diploma Exams begin | |
| Jan. 29 | PD Day | |

The LINK Centre

The Link Centre, BRHS's Indigenous-centred space, hosted a "welcome back" tie-dye event from September 21st - 24th. Students tie-dyed a face mask for themselves. All materials were being provided courtesy of BRHS and the Link Centre. We are looking forward to meeting the new grade 10 students and reconnecting with the returning grade 11 and 12 students. We will also be organizing this year's Orange Shirt Day activities. All students are invited to participate on September 30th by wearing an orange shirt, or getting an orange shirt sticker from the Link Centre. Everyday at lunch in the week surrounding Orange Shirt Day, we will be streaming the Gord Downie documentary "The Secret Path," which details the story of Chenie Wenjack's tragic experience fleeing a residential school outside of Kenora, Ontario. We will also live stream the events that are broadcast by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. We will be hosting more events throughout the school year so please keep an eye on the school facebook page and the newsletter for information regarding upcoming opportunities.



Student Leadership

STAY TUNED...



Work Experience

Students who are currently working should see Ms. Dixon about signing up for Work Experience Credits. For every 25 hours worked, one credit is earned and a total of 35 Work Experience Credits are available throughout your years in high school.

The prerequisite for high school Work Experience credits is HCS3000, a job safety module, which all grade 10 students are required to complete.

Terry Fox Run

The 2020 BRHS Terry Fox Run will look a little different this year. We will be running a Terry Fox Week! From September 28 to October 3 teachers will choose a day and take their students out for a Terry Fox Walk to show our support this year. On the official day of the Terry Fox Run, students will be able to get a snack at our concession during lunch hour. We are still raising money for Terry and cancer research this whole month and would love the support. Donations can be made at <http://www.terryfox.ca/BeaverlodgeRegionalHigh> or by scanning the QR code



Free Snacks & Hot Lunch

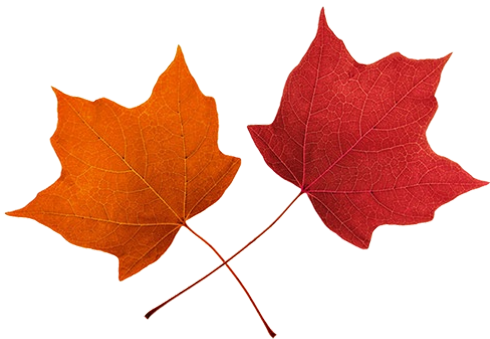
Students will now be able to enjoy free snacks and hot lunches at BRHS!

Last Thursday, Ms. Nelson and Mrs. Calvert surprised students with free Tim Hortons doughnuts and a juice box delivered to their classroom.

Snack baskets are now available in every classroom and students are invited to help themselves as needed.

Starting in October, BRHS will also be providing all students with a free hot lunch every other Thursday and a free snack on the alternating Thursdays.

Watch our Facebook page to find out what's on the menu!

**Parking Lot Reminders:**

Be respectful of the noise - We have neighbours, please respect them.

Pick up all garbage

Smoking and vaping are **NOT** allowed on school property. This does include inside vehicles in the parking lot. If this happens, the result will be an In School Suspension.

If you drive to school, you are required to fill out a parking pass. Parking passes can be picked up at the office and must be signed by a parent/guardian.

Royals' Spirit Wear

Watch for details...

Dungeons & Dragons Club

The D&D Club will have a meet and greet Friday, October 2nd at Lunch in room 176. Club meetings will be held Thursdays this year at lunch and then after school until 5:00 starting October 8th.

**School Fees**

are now due

\$52.00

Please pay by cheque or cash at the office

ORANGE SHIRT DAY:

REMEMBERING
HONOURING
EDUCATING
ADVOCATING

**Parent Reminder**

Don't forget to update your students information on InfoSnap!

Parents will have received an email with instructions and a link to complete the

Returning Student Demographic Form

This **must** be completed as soon as possible. Please call the office if you have trouble with it.



COVID-19 INFO

STAY AT HOME GUIDE

STEPS TO TAKE IF YOUR CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS



Students with symptoms must not attend school. Keep your child at home. Call Health Link 811 or your child's doctor, and fill out the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) to determine if your child should be tested for COVID-19.

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

Call 911 immediately if your child experiences severe symptoms of COVID-19, including difficulty breathing, severe chest pain, feelings of confusion or loss of consciousness.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS:

- Fever
- Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

NEXT STEPS:

- Call Health Link 811 or your child's doctor, and fill out the [AHS Online Self Assessment](#) to determine if your child should be tested for COVID-19. *(If you are viewing a printed copy of this document, the link is included at the top of the page).*
- Health Link 811 or your child's doctor may direct you to isolate your child for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until they resolve, whichever takes longer.
- In a family with more than one child, only those with symptoms are legally required to isolate.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative for COVID-19:

- If you know your child **had contact** with someone who has COVID-19, they must be isolated from others for a minimum of 14 days (one incubation period) from the last date of exposure. How to isolate: www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx
- If you know your child **did not have contact** with someone who has COVID-19, they can return to school once their symptoms resolve.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19:

- AHS will provide instructions for your child and the rest of your family.
- You are legally required to isolate your child for a minimum of 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.
- Your child can return to school after their isolation ends.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE OTHER SYMPTOMS:

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

NEXT STEPS:

- Call Health Link 811 or your child's doctor, and fill out the [AHS Online Self Assessment](#) to determine if your child should be tested for COVID-19. *(If you are viewing a printed copy of this document, the link is included at the top of the page).*
- Keep your child at home. Minimize contact with others.
- Once your child is free of all symptoms, they can return to school. No student with symptoms is allowed in school.

I believe my child's symptoms are due to allergies or a pre-existing medical condition.

1. Have your child tested for COVID-19 **at least once** to establish a baseline health status for your child.
2. Make sure the school has a record of any pre-existing conditions.
3. As long as the symptom is always the same and does not get worse, your child can attend school.

Source: Student Illness, www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-school-re-entry-2020-21-school-year.aspx. Retrieved on September 11, 2020.

RETURNING STUDENT UPDATE FORM



If your child is returning to the school they attended last year, or transferring from a PWPSD feeder school, you will need to complete the **Returning Student Update Form** to update existing demographic information currently on file, such as your home address and emergency contact numbers.

In September, watch your email for a Snap Code. You will need it to complete the form.
If you have not provided your email address to your school, please contact the school office.

WHY SHOULD I COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT UPDATE FORM?

Three important reasons:

- 1 It is mandatory.**
The *Education Act* requires that a Board maintain a student record for each student, and that the information is updated annually.
- 2 In the event of a crisis or an emergency.**
School staff may need to act quickly. It is critical to have current contact information for parents and guardians. For the 2020-21 school year, Alberta Health will also need contact information to conduct contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 case at a school.
- 3 To meet your child's needs.**
To best serve the specific needs of your child, up-to-date medical, custodial, and other consents are required.



DETERMINING WHEN TO CANCEL BUSES

PWPSD exercises care and caution during inclement weather.



1

During times of inclement weather, PWPSD's Director of Transportation, and a Transportation employee located in the northern end of the Division are both on call. Between 4:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., the Director consults with local weather reports and Alberta 511. By 4:30 a.m., and over the course of the next two hours, both employees drive the primary and secondary highways throughout PWPSD's attendance boundaries, covering approximately 150 to 200 kilometers each, while performing braking tests to determine skid conditions.

2

As the delegated authority to shut down all bus routes, or a section of routes, the Director will make a decision by 6:30 a.m. and then notify the Superintendent.

3

Local radio stations report updates from PWPSD's online and e-mail-based bus route notification system. Each year, families should sign up to receive notifications at

<http://transportation.pwpsd.ca>

...or, scan the QR Code:



4

Regional and division-wide cancellations are posted on PWPSD's website and Facebook and Twitter feeds.



5

A bus driver who has made a reasonable attempt may cancel their specific route, under consultation with the Director of Transportation.

Some bus drivers may make calls to individual homes, and PWPSD may opt to send out automated messages to homes using PowerAnnounce telephone notification software.

Please provide your current daytime telephone number to your bus driver and the **Transportation Office, Grande Prairie:** (780) 532-7734, or the **Spirit River Sub-Office:** (780) 864-3741.



REMEMBER:

- **Students:** Dress warmly for the weather.
- **Parents:** It is your decision to allow your child to ride a bus during inclement weather. Share your decision with your bus driver and the Transportation Office in Grande Prairie or the Spirit River Sub-Office.
- **Safety:** According to the American School Bus Council, school buses are the safest method for transporting children to and from school.
- **Varying Conditions:** PWPSD covers more than 16,000 square kms – weather and road conditions can vary.
- **Visibility Issues:** Bus drivers will not stop on primary or secondary highways when there is limited or no visibility. The Transportation Office will notify parents by telephone. Parents, please call your driver or the office if you feel your stop is dangerous.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** If buses are cancelled when travel to extracurricular events is planned, please check with the school on the status of the trip. Inclement weather en route or at the destination may also impact the decision to allow students to travel.
- **Know your Zone:** PWPSD is divided into seven zones based on high school attendance areas. All buses associated with a particular high school attendance area are cancelled at the same time. Any or all seven zones could be cancelled at any time. Parents of elementary students need to know which high school is associated with their area, as outlined in [Policy EFAF – PWPSD Buses and School Operation during Inclement Weather](#).

COLD WEATHER
CANCELLATION

**-40°
CELSIUS**

excluding wind chill, or
-48 with wind chill

(Source: Weather Network)

SCHOOL BUS

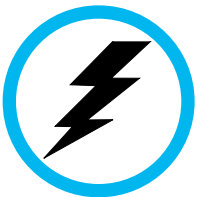
BE PREPARED

FIVE MAIN PROTOCOLS USED FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE:



EVACUATION:

- A response to a possible danger INSIDE the school.
- Staff will escort students to a safe area, away from the school.
- If necessary, students will be transported to the school's predetermined safe location.
- The Student Release and Pick-Up protocol (see below) is used to release students.
- Examples: Strong odours, fire, chemical spill, gas leak, etc.



SHELTER-IN-PLACE:

- A safety measure used when there is an environmental emergency in CLOSE PROXIMITY to the school, outside the school on school grounds, or unrelated to the school.
- The situation demands immediate shelter within the school.
- Examples: Tornado, dangerous goods spill, wildlife.



HOLD AND SECURE:

- A response to an unrelated threat and/or incident in close proximity to the school, taking place OUTSIDE the school.
- School life continues as normal inside the school, however, the precautionary measure to lock school doors is taken to ensure staff and students are safe, and to reduce activity while officials conduct their work.
- Access to and from the school is restricted and carefully monitored. The Hold and Secure is lifted when emergency personnel advise that the situation has ended.
- Examples: Nearby police activity, a threatening animal.



LOCK-DOWN:

- A response to a threat and/or incident INSIDE or APPROACHING the school building.
- The goal is to protect people behind locked doors.
- Students and staff are locked inside secure areas. School does not operate as normal. All cellular phones are turned off. No one can enter or leave the school.
- Students are only released after the school receives police approval to do so, using the Student Release and Pick-Up protocol (see below).
- Examples: Intruder, active shooter.



STUDENT RELEASE AND PICK-UP:

- Schools must ensure that students are united with the parent(s), guardian, or other designated persons shown on the school records as having authority to pick up the students.
- A record must be kept of all students who leave the emergency site, and with whom they leave.



PWPSD

PARENTS: WE NEED YOU

CORE ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOL COUNCILS

School Councils support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations.

- Advises the Principal and Board on educational issues that pertain to the school.
- Establishes and reviews School Council's goals, objectives, action plans and procedures.
- Communicates and consults with parents and the school community.
- Meets regularly.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Each School Council must include the school Principal, teachers, parents of students enrolled in the school, and students (high schools only), with parents forming the majority of members.

PWPSD GENERAL SCHOOL COUNCILS' MEETINGS

Through School Councils, Albertans have the opportunity to advise the Principal and the School Board respecting any matter relating to the school. Aside from regular meetings at their schools, the Board hosts an annual General School Councils' Meeting for all PWPSD School Councils.

ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION (ASCA)

The ASCA provides a wealth of resources and information for School Councils, including a resource manual, School Council regulations, an online community where members can network with others, workshops and webinars.

WHAT SCHOOL COUNCILS ARE NOT

As the primary role is advisory, School Councils are not eligible to incorporate as societies. It is not the primary intent of School Councils to fundraise or lobby. School Councils do not get involved in school governance, management and employment issues, nor is it their role to listen to complaints.

**Contact your Principal
today about joining
School Council.**

MEET THE 2017-2021 PWPSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OUR VISION

Peace Wapiti Public School Division inspires all learners to become confident, collaborative and ethical citizens motivated with a passion to achieve a sustainable future.

OUR MISSION

Educating Today for Success Tomorrow.



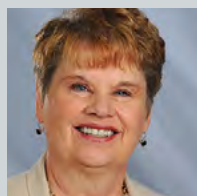
**PWPSD
BOARD**



KARI SCHEERS
Chair, Ward 1:
Eaglesham, Rycroft,
Woking



LORI GRANT
Vice-Chair, Ward 3:
Beaverlodge,
Elmworth



**SHARILYN
ANDERSON**
Ward 2: Bonanza,
Savanna, Spirit River



KIM MOODIE
Ward 4:
Hythe, LaGlance



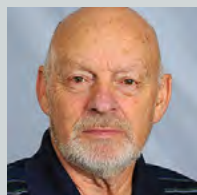
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Prairie West,
Wembley



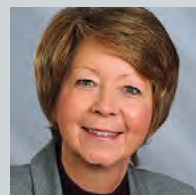
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Ward 6: Sexsmith,
Teepee Creek



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CLARKE**
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Grovedale



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Ridgevalley



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Clairmont, Bezanson

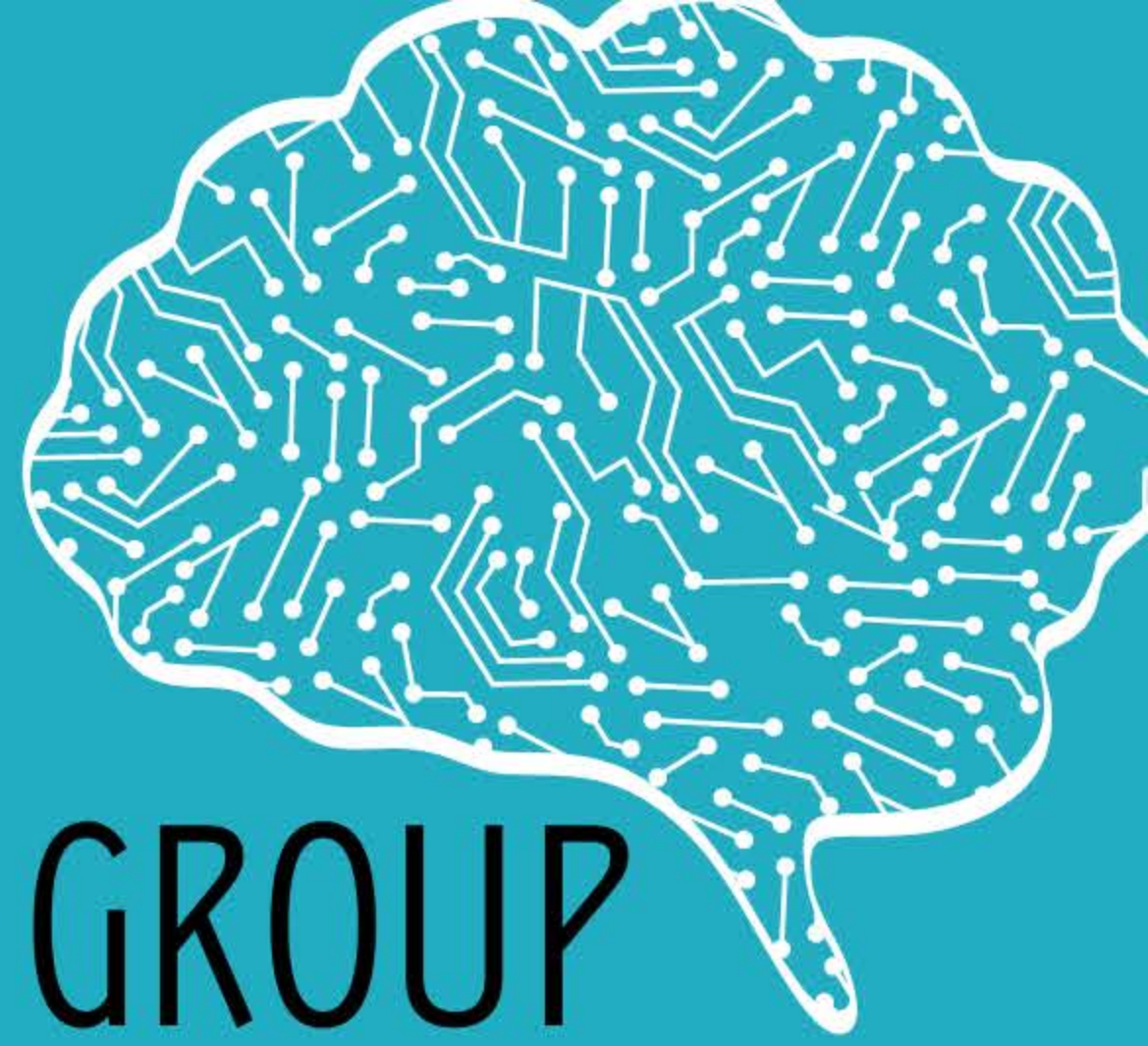
ABOUT THE BOARD

Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWPSD) has nine subdivisions, known as wards, each of which is represented by a trustee elected to the board.

The school board, as a representative of the people, is a decision-maker – one that must integrate information from all the forces which impact the board, and then process and evaluate that information to make decisions compatible with the system's beliefs, values and knowledge. The board must keep in mind the interests of all students within the school jurisdiction, rather than the interests of a few students in a particular school or geographical area.

For more information about the school division, visit the PWPSD website at www.pwpsd.ca.

Find trustee contact information and ward maps at www.pwpsd.ca/Board/boardmembers.



THE PHOENIX YOUTH GROUP

Are you a preteen between the ages of 9-11 who could use some more coping skills?

The Preteen Workshop is fun, interactive and a great way to meet other youth while discussing important

topics such as:

Feelings

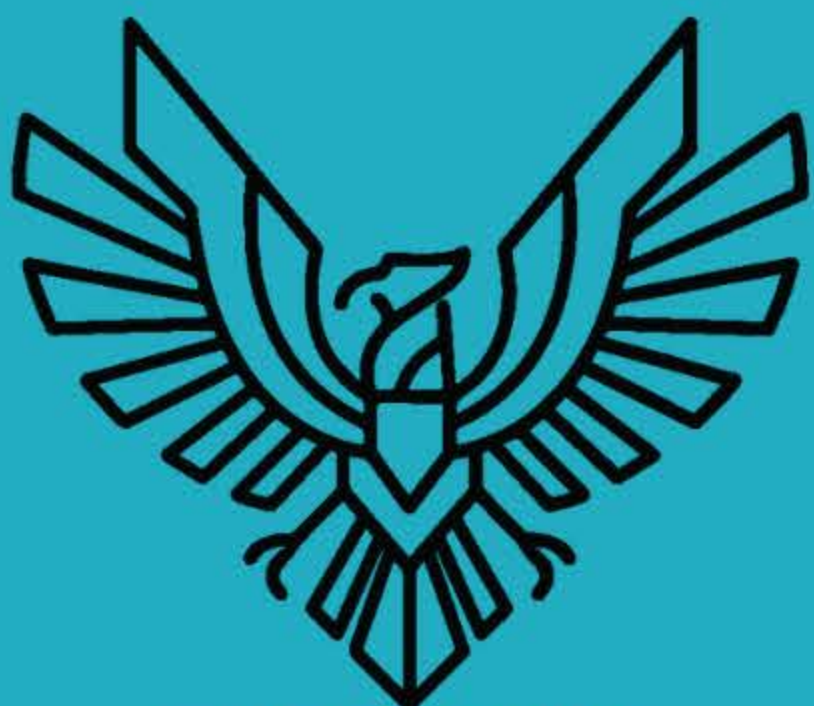
Thoughts

Compassion

Stress

Anyone can refer a youth to our FREE programming

Please call/email for more information on how to make a referral



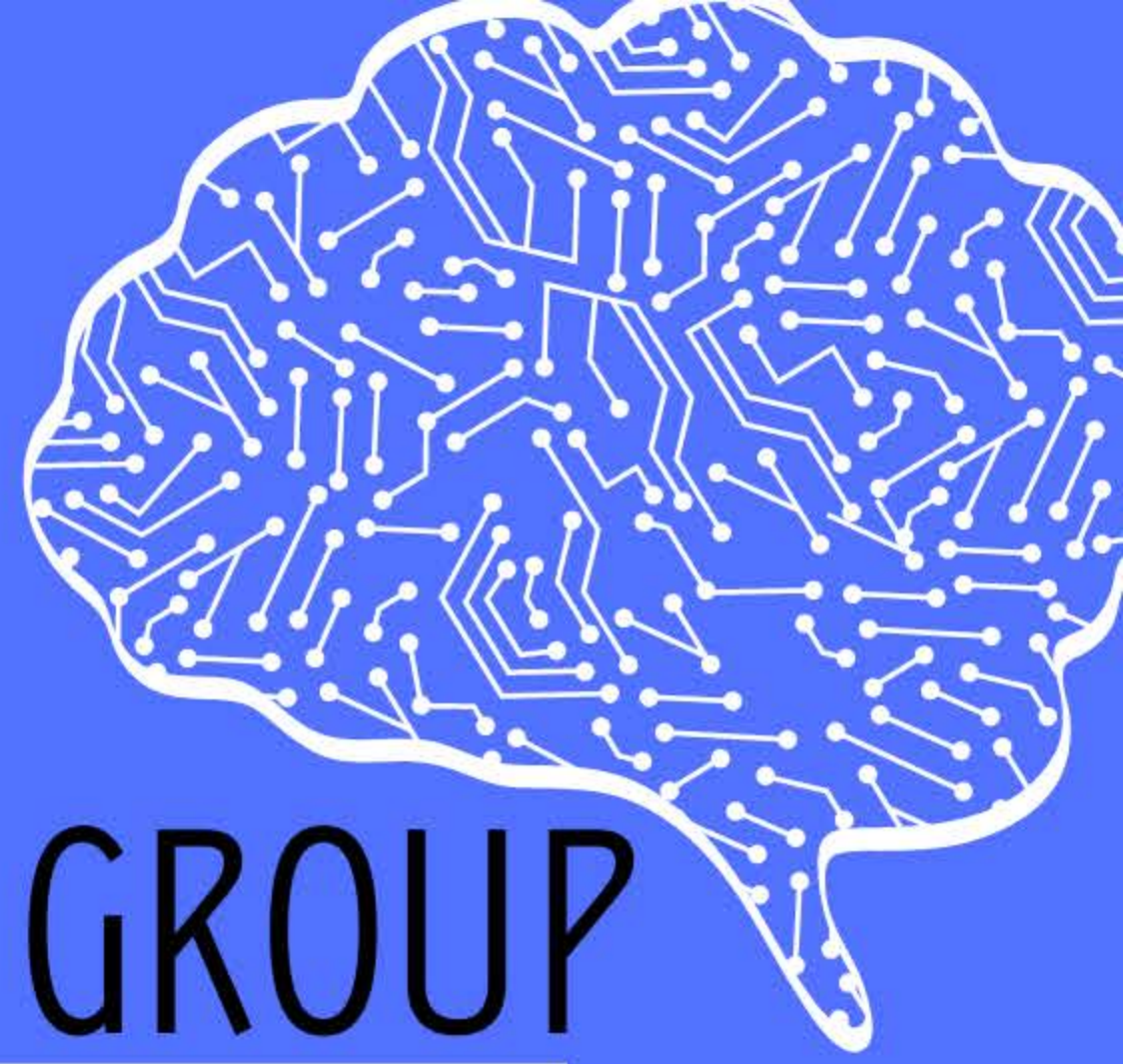
THE PHOENIX
YOUTH GROUP

Phone: 780-539-7142

Online: www.sp-rc.ca

Email: youth@sp-rc.ca

Text: 780-402-1579



THE GRYPHON YOUTH GROUP

Are you a teen between the ages of 12-18 who could use some skills to cope better with teen life?

The Teen Workshop is fun, interactive and a great way to meet other youth while discussing important topics such as:

Thoughts and Emotions
Stress & Anxiety
Drugs & Alcohol
Depression & Suicide
Technology Safety

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FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BREAKFAST CLUB