



Helen E. Taylor School Home of the Knights Sept 14, 2020



Hello, HET families!

Welcome back! There have been times over the past few months that I was a little unsure if I'd get to say this in September, but I can't express how happy I am that, despite all the new changes and challenges, school is back in! It's such a joy to see kids back and filling the building with their energy.

Each new school year brings new challenges and opportunities, and this one is no different in that respect. No matter the changes, with communication and patience we will navigate the challenges and enjoy the opportunities together as a school community.

I'd like to thank the HET staff, council, and families for their efforts throughout the spring and now into September and beyond. While we have all had to adjust to our collective situation, I'm beyond proud of our extended HET family for pulling together and making the best of some trying circumstances.

I don't have any insight about what the upcoming year may bring for us; like most of us, I'm learning to roll with the changes and figure it out as we learn new information. What I DO know, is that HET is still filled with amazing kids and adults, and I think as long as we have that we will be just fine!

Best wishes,

Rob Robinson, Principal





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HET's "Stay At Home Guide"

Let's face it - it's a confusing time! Hopefully this visual guide will help families with deciding on what to do when children are ill. Please call the office at 780-766-9103 if you have further questions.

My child is ill! What do I do?

Check the symptoms:

Type 1 symptoms:

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

Type 2 symptoms:

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle/joint aches
- Loss of senses of smell and/or taste
- Conjunctivitis

Type 2 symptoms:

- Feeling unwell, fatigue, exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite

Call 811 or
access [COVID
ASSESSMENT](#)

If your child has any type 1 symptoms, they are legally required to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is LONGER. We STRONGLY encourage booking them for a COVID-19 test. This may speed up the return to school.

A child with type one symptoms may return to school once these 3 items are addressed:

1. Negative COVID test
2. No symptoms
3. No known contact with positive COVID case.

Monitor these symptoms and contact 811/AHS. It is likely that your child may return upon the resolution of symptoms.

Pre-existing conditions:

- A student with these should get tested at least once for COVID-19.
- The pre-existing symptoms become their baseline status, and provided the condition does not worsen, the student may attend school.
- Please let the school know of pre-existing conditions so that we can keep a confidential record of this info.



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New hands-free wash station!

A huge HET thank you to Pipestone Energy Corp. for their generous donation of the hand washing station!





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Important dates:

September 18 - District PD - no school for students

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day - wear orange to show your commitment to anti-racism & anti-bullying

October 2 - Picture Day -practice those smiles!!



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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Grade 4s—Welcome Back!!	Welcome Back to all our students!!			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labour Day—No school					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Early Dismissal @ 3:05 pm				PD—No school for students	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
			Orange Shirt Day			

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.





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
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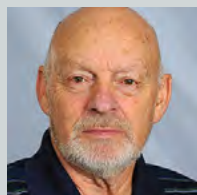
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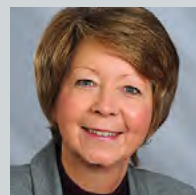
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ABOUT THE BOARD

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.