



February 2021



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Important Dates

February

15th- Family Day
16th- PD Day
24th- Pink Shirt Day
25th- Grad Picture
Retakes

March

4-5th- Teachers
Convention
11th- Parent Teacher
Interviews
17th- St. Patricks Day
22nd- PD Day



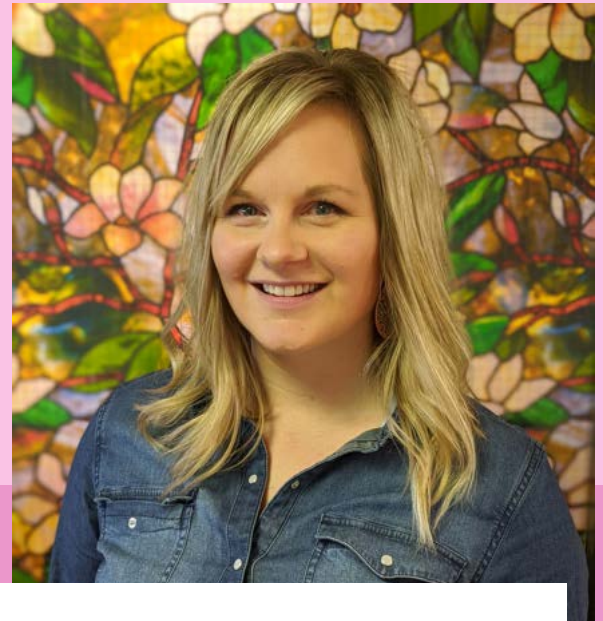
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Hello!

MESSAGE FROM
PRINCIPAL FRASER



We had a busy month of February in our school community! It began with the transition into the second semester for senior high and junior high options. This semester, we have a few new opportunities being offered at FHS. We began to offer an introductory Japanese language course to our grade 8s, which aligns with their social studies curriculum focus on ancient Japan, and for our senior high students, we began our ISLE (Independent Student Learning Environment) in-reach program. The hope for both of these is to enhance academic and interest-based opportunities for our students.

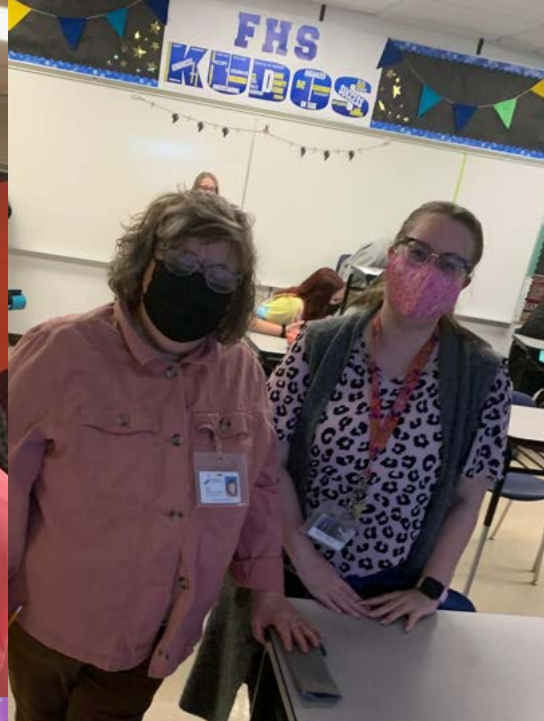
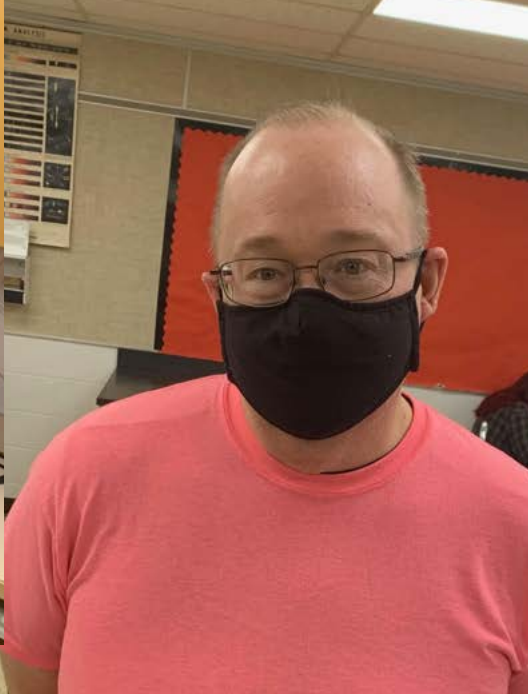
We celebrated many things this month including Valentine's Day, with pajama day, hot chocolate, and cookies provided by our Students Union, as well as Pink Shirt Day, which we recognize the importance of building a culture of kindness, love, and belonging in our school.

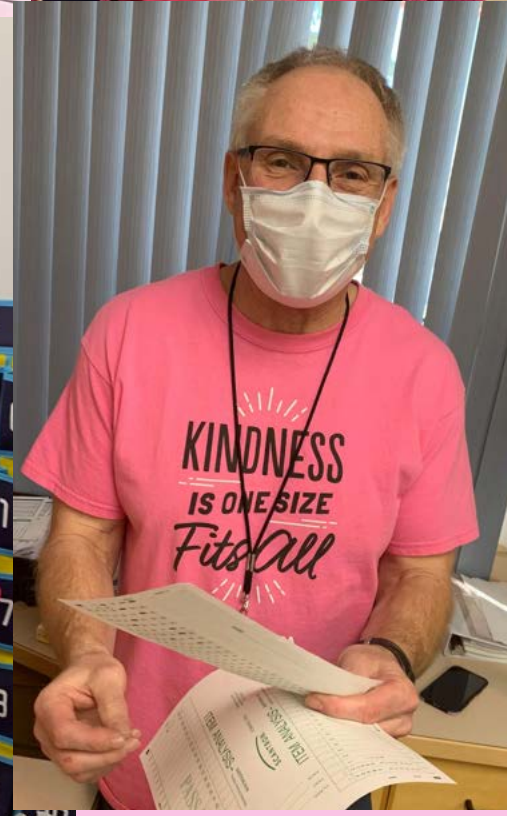
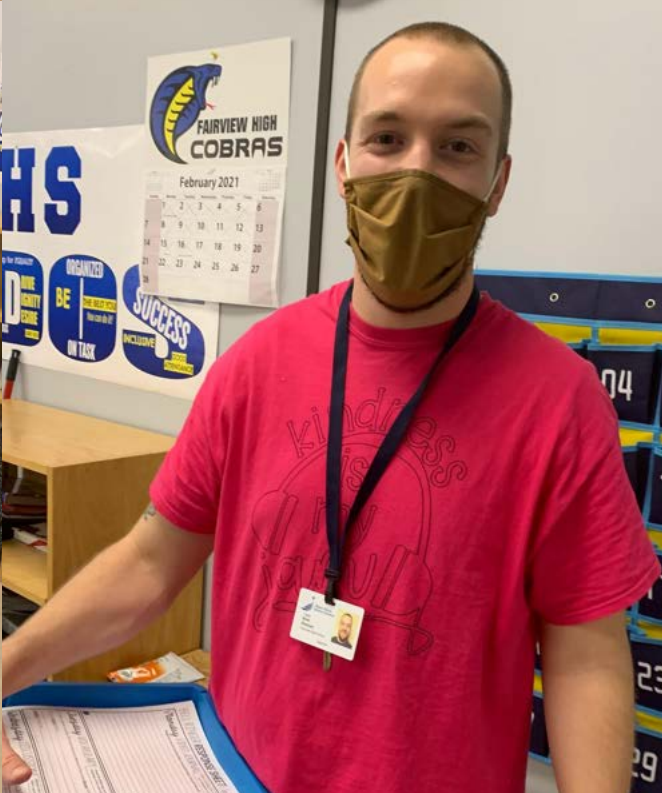
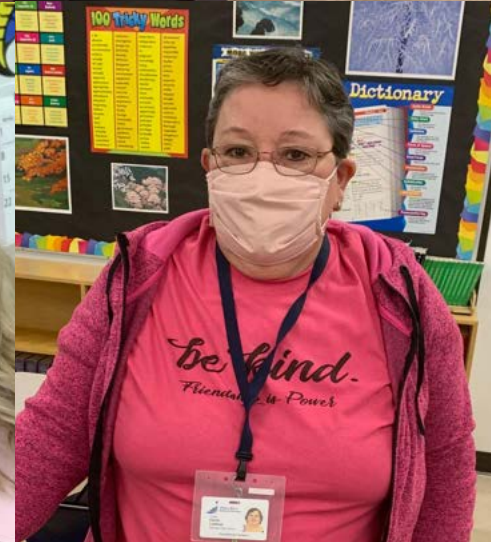
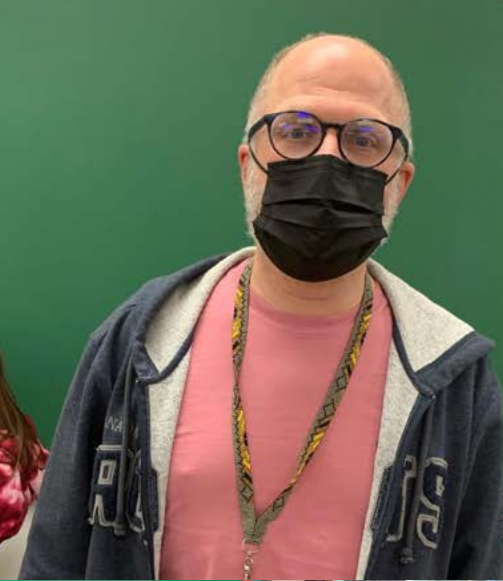
It was also a month of celebration as we awarded our first semester Jr. High Cohort Cup winners, the 9A class, with a pizza and ice cream party, for their consistent wins and good behaviour.

As spring approaches, we are all looking forward to some warmer temperatures and getting outside a bit more for some vitamin D and fresh air!











*Thank you to all of our
students and staff who
participated in Pink Shirt Day!*

*Choose
Kindness*



Pajama Day!



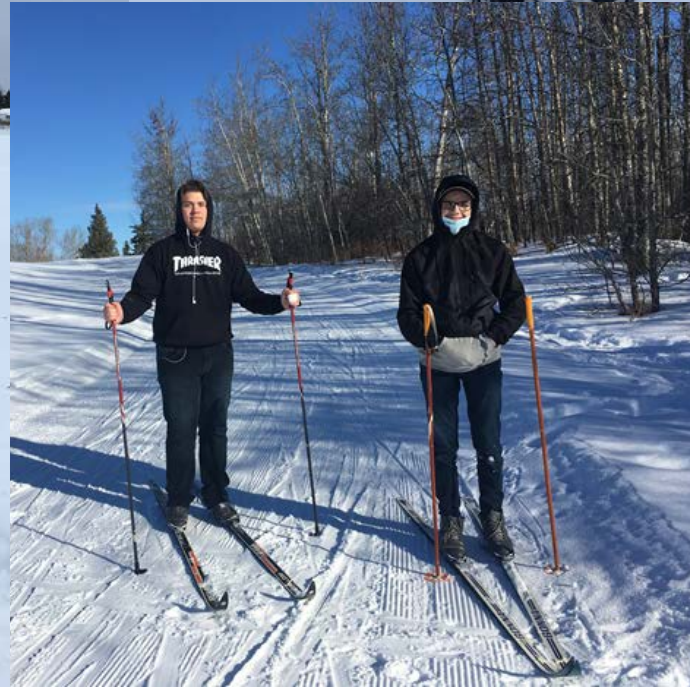


Mr. Stephen's Grade 7's working hard on their social studies project!





Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing





Snow Snake

Snow Snake is a traditional Haudenosaunee game played during the winter. Snow snakes are hand-made from a flattened or carved piece of wood. One end of the snow snake is curved up slightly and the other end is notched to make it easier to throw.

Mrs. Wiebe's PE classes enjoying some outdoor physical activity in the snow.





Cohort Cup Winner's



Each of the Jr. High classes have a chance to win points daily in each of their classes for things like on-task behaviour, engaged learning, citizenship, and being all-round good students. A Jr. High class is chosen weekly as winners based on the points accumulated, and receive recognition with a trophy and bragging rights. The big prize of a pizza party at the end of the semester was awarded to 9A for winning the most weeks during the first semester! They also got to enjoy an ice cream treat from our new Dairy Queen! Awesome job, students!



Spotlight on Health & Safety



February Safety Message – Bullying

Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is very important to us. We understand that in order for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy and cared for in a positive learning environment.

The work we do to foster safe and caring learning environments is consistent and on-going through various programs, initiatives, and presentations focused on healthy relationships and personal well-being. Mentorship and leadership programs, student groups, wellness and character education, behaviour support programs, and our focus on citizenship support a culture of respect and kindness in our schools.

In Peace River School Division, we employ divisional Social Workers, Success Coaches and Youth Education Support Workers who support safe and caring schools through regular programming, small groups, conflict resolution, one-on-one support. Our Social Workers, Success Coaches and Youth Education Support Workers also provide a link for our schools and families to access community resources and supports that may be available from various agencies.

As our Safe and Caring policy states “All those involved with the division including trustees, employees, students, parents, volunteers, contractors and visitors must share in the responsibility for eliminating bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence. The board prohibits bullying and expects allegations of such behaviours to be investigated in a timely and respectful manner.”

View PRSD’s Board Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment on our website homepage to read Policy 19 in detail.

Safety & Wellness Coordinator

We **RISE** by lifting others



PINK SHIRT DAY

February 24, 2021

Superintendent Message



Celebrating Pink Shirt Day 2021 and Safe and Caring Learning Environments

At Peace River School Division (PRSD) we pride ourselves in our ability to create and foster safe and caring learning environments. 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 90.8% of our students, staff, and parents feel that PRSD schools provide safe and caring learning environments for students, and our result exceeds the provincial average.

Pink Shirt Day is one day per year where we wear pink in a united stand to support healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity. However, the work we do in this regard is on-going through various programs, initiatives and presentations focused on healthy relationships and personal well-being. Examples of such programs and initiatives include the work of our school-based Youth Education Support Workers, Success Coaches, student leadership groups, mentorship programs, behaviour support programs, wellness programs, the focus on citizenship division-wide, daily learning incorporated into the curriculum, and the important support that comes from community involvement and various agencies.

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Thank you so much for your involvement and support and we invite you to join us on February 24, 2021, for Pink Shirt Day when PRSD students and staff will wear pink in support of healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity.

Paul Bennett
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division No. 10