



# HCC *Tiger Talk*

## Important Dates in September

- Sept 6 - Labor Day - no school
- Sept 14 - Picture Day
- Sept 14 - Meet the Staff 6-7 pm
- Sept 14 - School Council AGM 7 pm
- Sept 20 - PD day



## *Principal's Message*

I am so grateful to be back to school! While I love summer vacation, I always look forward to the first day back. Seeing everyone again after two months and hearing about what has happened while we were apart are my favourite parts! I am particularly thankful that we are able to return to "normal"! I am looking forward to celebrations together, school sports, and group work! I want to take the time to welcome back our students, staff, bus drivers, parents and community. I'd also like to welcome all new students and families to the Hines Creek Composite family.

We have a lot of work to do in the next 10 months so let's roll up our sleeves and get to it. At HCC we will be focusing on Numeracy and Literacy as well as promoting positive mental health for all. We have a new-ish delivery method for some of our high school classes. While HCC students are very familiar with video conferencing/blended learning delivery, the division has implemented a new Virtual Education Program (VEP). I am excited for this program to get underway. I know the teachers that have been hired for the VEP program are eager to meet our students, build excellent relationships and provide the best education they can.

The past year and a half have been tough, to say the least. Safety remains a priority at HCC and we will need to support each other as we transition back to

school. I am eager to move forward, develop positive and supportive relationships, and enjoy being back together again.

I wish everyone a safe and prosperous school year!

*Mrs. MacDowall*

## Superintendent Message

Welcome back to our students, families, staff, and school communities. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are ready to start an exciting new school year. To our new families and staff, welcome to the Peace River School Division family.



As you may be aware, my name is Adam Murray, and I am the new Superintendent for the Peace River School Division. I very much look forward to working with our students, staff, families, and communities to continue to provide high-quality educational experiences in safe, caring and inclusive schools. I believe that no dream is too big, and I am very passionate about ensuring our students are supported, engaged, and nurtured so that they can reach their goals and their full potential.

As outlined in our [Education Plan](#), numeracy, literacy and student health and wellness are top priorities for PRSD, in addition to providing students with a broad range of academic and engaging extra-curricular programming. Wellness in our schools is also a top priority as we know that students need to feel happy and well for students to reach their full potential. Encouraging our students to be a part of a team, a group at school, or in the community is essential. These opportunities help to grow and develop important life skills and attributes such as teamwork, community-mindedness and shared responsibility.

Of course, our parents and guardians play a crucial role in education, and we welcome, value and appreciate your involvement and input. We understand that parental involvement looks different for many families, and as a division, we will continue to ensure parents are aware of ways they can be involved and feel at home in our schools. This November, we also look forward to celebrating our

parents and guardians during PRSD's annual "Parents Matter Appreciation Week."

I would also like to take this time to reassure our families and school communities that we take the safety and well-being of students very seriously. We will continue with enhanced cleaning in our schools and facilities, and encourage thorough and frequent hand washing. We respect and support any student or staff who want to continue wearing a mask in school, we will continue to encourage our students and staff to stay home when they are not feeling well and, we are committed to work with Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Government should the nature of the pandemic change. We understand that for some of our families, in-person learning may not be the preferred choice. For our families that would like to learn more about online learning options, please be aware that we offer virtual learning programming for students from grades 1-12 by skilled and dedicated teachers, support staff and our District Principal. Please visit our website at [prsd.ab.ca](http://prsd.ab.ca) to learn more.

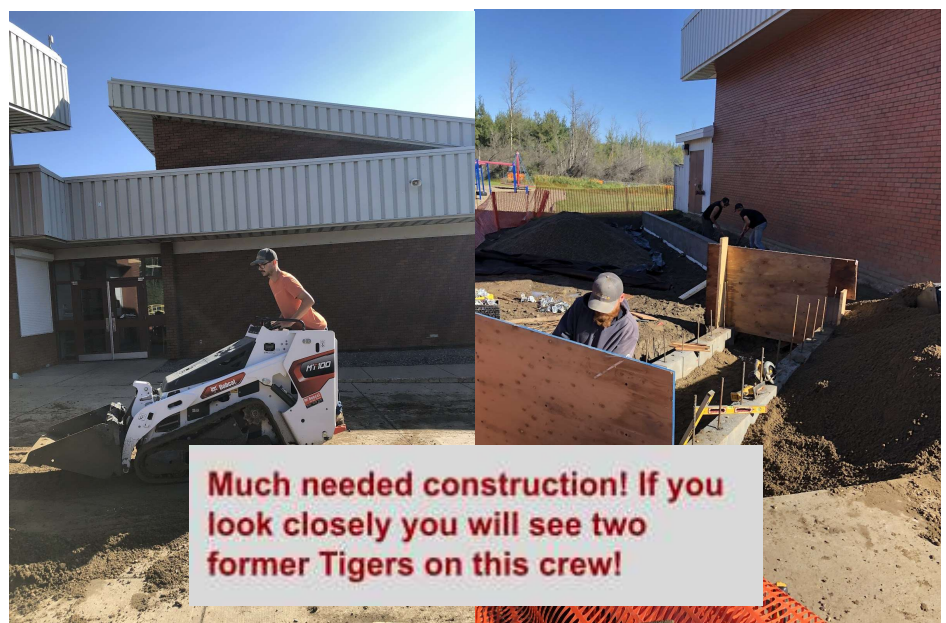
Schools are the hub of our communities, and our students make up the communities of tomorrow. Together as educators, parents, support staff, community members, organizations and businesses, we are given an incredible opportunity to encourage, empower and enable students to develop their unique talents and gifts. Thank you all in advance for your support and involvement in student learning and well-being.

I wish you all a wonderful 2021-2022 school year.

Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools

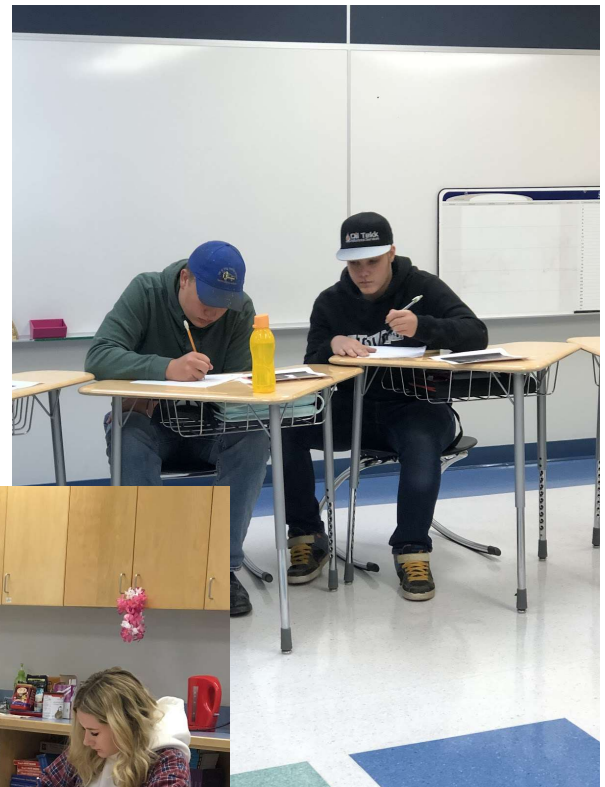
*Cracking the  
Whip! First week  
back and students  
are hard at work!*







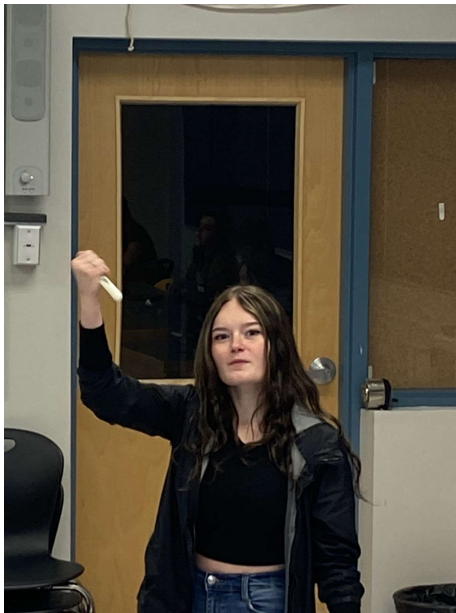
Two sides to Grade 12 - serious and silly! {they picked their own costumes}



Grade 11s analyzing visuals from Macbeth



Grade 10s "awesomely"  
engaged in their work!



Grade 9s are experimenting in Science class.

Grade 8s slaying some Social Studies with  
Mr. B







Grade 7s just finished some classic  
90s breathing aerobics for their  
fitness break! Some ♥ it, some  
🗨 not so much!



Grade 4/5 went on a nature walk for Science class







Grade 2/3 chillin' on the playground.

Grade Ones making some terrific patterns!



## School Council – what is it?

"School councils are an important forum through which members of school communities play an advisory role in school improvement planning. Key factors in collaborative relationships are building meaningful, two-way communication and supporting respectful interactions among education partners.

School council is a structured group of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and

community representatives whose purpose is to advise the principal and the school board respecting matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.

A school council is a vehicle to support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations. School council provides the venue for parents to reflect the wishes of the broader community for the education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal in the operations of the school." (Alberta School Councils' Association)

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. **The AGM meeting is on September 14 @ 7 pm in the library.** Topics on the agenda for the first meeting include: Playground upgrade, ECS class size, non-HCC students commencing with HCC grads, and the PACE Sexual Violence Awareness Program.

**Hotlunch**

Forms will  
be sent  
home later  
this month.



The hot lunch program will be starting in October!

To see this, and all newsletters in colour please visit  
<https://www.hinescreekcomposite.ca/documents>





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## FINAL 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2021

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Month	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	5	2
September	21	20
October	19	18
November	20	19
December	13	13
January	20	19
<b>SEM 1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>91</b>
February	19	18
March	18	15
April	19	19
May	21	20
<b>K-9 JUNE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>10-12 JUNE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>K-9 SEM 2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>10-12 SEM 2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>K-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>10-12 TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>182</b>

- August 25 Staff Meeting/Professional Development (PD) (No Students)
- August 26 PD Day Kick-Off
- August 27 Operational Day
- August 30 First Day of Classes
- Jan 4 Students Back
- Feb 1 2nd Semester Begins
- June 24 Last Day of Classes - K-9
- June 28 Last Day of Classes - 10-12
- June 28 Last Operational Day K-12

### APPROVED HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	September 6
Thanksgiving	October 11
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Break	December 20 - December 31, 2021
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
New Years Day	January 1, 2022
Family Day	February 21
Teachers' Convention	March 10-11
Spring Break	March 21-25
Good Friday	April 15
Easter Monday	April 18
Victoria Day	May 23

### LEGEND

Blue	STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
Green	PD DAY (NO STUDENTS)
Orange	FIRST/LAST DAY OF CLASSES
Yellow	OPERATIONAL DAY (NO STUDENTS)
Red	TEACHERS' CONVENTION
Pink	NON-OPERATIONAL DAY (NO TEACHERS OR STUDENTS)
Grey	CHRISTMAS / SPRING BREAK
Light Blue	DIPLOMA EXAMS



Best wishes to the class of 2021 in their next chapter!

Just remember...

Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger ♥