



September 2015

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

Paul Rowe Welcomes Students & Families

Many Events Planned for September and October



The staff at Paul Rowe welcomed students back for the 2015-2016 school year.

The new school year is underway, and it is off to a great start! Staff and students are very excited about new initiatives including High School Redesign. The most exciting part about High School Redesign is the opportunities students have to personalize their educational experience. This will be achieved through the use of daily SOLE Time, where students have the opportunity to receive extra help with their academics, enrichment or take part in extracurricular activities such as student council. (See page 3 for more information.)

Plans are also in the works to continue to encourage the

school community to show their school spirit and citizenship.

Events planned for September and October include the:

- Back to School Student BBQ/ Tim Horton's Coffee for a Cause
- Meet the Family BBQ and Social)
- School Council Meeting
- Terry Fox Run
- Awards Day

We encourage family and community members to take part in these events. As well, we always welcome volunteers! Together we can make 2015/16 be great!

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Upcoming Events:

September

- * **7 No School (Labour Day)**
- * **9 CFSA Checks in Manning**
- * **10 Back to School Student BBQ/ Coffee for a Cause** 11:24 a.m. (lunch hour)
- * **10 Meet the Family BBQ & Social** 5:00 p.m.
- * **11 Care to Share Collection Ends**
- * **16 School Photos** 9:00 a.m.
- * **26 School Council Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
- * **28 No School for Students** (PD/Staff Meeting Day)
- * **30 Terry Fox Run** 10: 15 a.m.

October:

- * **2 Mailout**
- * **8 Awards Day for 2014/15**

Parents and Guardians:

In Your Family's Mailout:

- *Parent Handbook & Bell Schedule
- *School Photo Order Forms
- *Youth Education Worker Information Sheet/One-time Visit Consent Form.

Messages to parents:

- *Please return any outstanding student registration forms to the office as soon as possible.

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Superintendent's Message: WELCOME!

It is my great pleasure to welcome students, staff, parents and guardians back for the 2015-2016 school year. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break.

To our new families and staff, welcome to the Peace River School Division family. We are a public school system committed to supporting students to reach their full potential in safe and caring learning environments.

Our goal is to nurture the unique talents and gifts of our students while we provide a broad range of engaging academic and extra-curricular programming. To achieve this, we have adopted an Inclusive Education system. An inclusive education system takes responsibility for all students, ensuring each student belongs and receives a quality education no matter their ability or disability, language, cultural background, gender or age.

In addition, equal emphasis is placed on safety, wellness, community involvement and relationship building. We are thankful for the relationships shared with our parents, guardians, community members, businesses and organizations that bring greater opportunities for our students and most of all – demonstrates to our students that they are supported by their community.

Parents play an important role in education and we welcome, value and appreciate your involvement and input. We understand that parental involvement looks different based on many factors and will continue to ensure parents are informed of ways they can be involved and feel at home in our schools. We look forward to celebrating parents during PRSD's annual "Parents Matter Appreciation Week" this November.

Our staff are committed and passionate individuals that put student needs first and our schools are families that work together as a team. Whether you are a student, staff member, parent or community member, you are an important part of the Peace River School Division family and we wish you a rewarding and enjoyable 2015-2016 school year.

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



Welcome to New Staff!



We are happy to welcome Mr. Andrew Bullen, Ms. Britt Anderson and Mrs. Audrey Dittrick to our school community!

Mr. Bullen is our new Science teacher for grades 9-12.

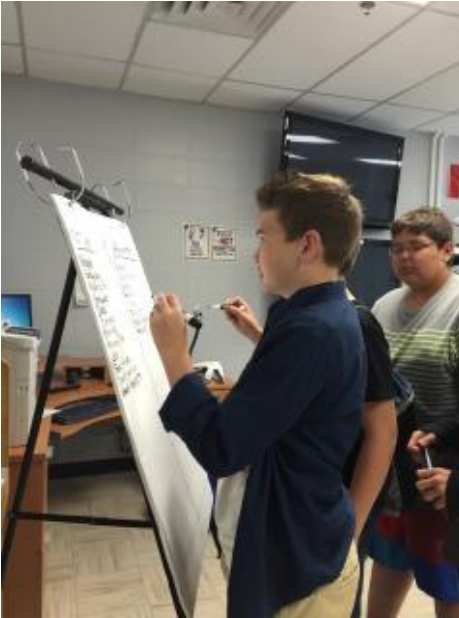
Ms. Anderson will be teaching French and English until Ms. Thornton returns from her maternity leave at the end of the month. After this we expect to see her back as a substitute teacher.

Mrs. Dittrick is our new Educational Assistant.

Did you know that Paul Rowe has many ways of communicating school news?
Check us out on our website, Facebook page or Twitter!

High School Redesign: All PRSD High Schools are Offering Flexible Learning Environments!

Article courtesy of Peace River School Division:



During the 2014-2015 school year, the board of trustees approved that all PRSD high schools move to integrate Flexible Learning Environments beginning in September of 2015.

Integrating Flexible Learning Environments means that students are provided with time that allows for focused or extended study in class such as extended science labs, targeted help in various subject areas, time for various student meetings such as mentorship and leadership groups, study time, credit recovery and teacher led workshops based on student needs.

Flexible Learning Environments is a part of an Alberta Education Initiative "[High School Redesign](#)" that supports the transformation in our education system and the changing needs of students.

"Opening up the timetable and providing students with flexibility and choice, while under the guidance of staff, allows them to be more responsible and engaged in their learning and overall educational experience" says Deputy Superintendent Karen Penney.

"This leads to changes that facilitate greater student engagement, achievement and provides our staff with opportunities to grow their practice, collaborate deeply and expand their horizons as educators. As educators we need to guide and grow with our students in order to prepare them for our changing world."

Flexible Learning Environments were introduced at Grimshaw High School (GHS) and Peace River High School (PRHS) in September 2014.

Comments from PRHS and GHS students regarding the implementation of flexible learning time in their school includes: "I like the fact that there are different classrooms open every day to get help for different things", "You get to choose your own environment" and "I like how we can work on what we need to."

Pictured above: Grimshaw High School students providing input through a focus group discussion on the implementation of Flexible Learning Environments at their school.



Asset Tip #1 - Improve Your Child's "School Climate"

"School climate is the feel of a school—the mood you sense the moment you enter a school building." If a school feels "warm" in a caring way, it's easier for students to learn.

How can you make a difference? Volunteer at your child's school! It is amazing how a helping hand and smile can change the school climate!

Learn more about the 40 Developmental Assets:
<http://www.search-institute.org/research/developmental-assets>





You are Invited to Paul Rowe's "Meet the Family" Evening

***The staff at Paul Rowe are excited
to meet our students families!
Please join us for our BBQ and social!***

***September 10th
5:00 p.m.***

*Burgers, hot dogs, salads, juice.
Gluten-free options will be available as well.*

Tim Hortons

**'Coffee for a Cause'
mobile coffee van is coming
to Paul Rowe!**



**Thursday, September 10th
11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

All community members welcome!

Paul Rowe's proceeds will be donated to: Care to Share, Habitat for Humanity and our Twin School in Kenya through Farmers Helping Farmers.

STUDENT BACK TO SCHOOL



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
AT LUNCH!**

*Hot dogs, salads, juice.
Gluten-free options will be available as well.*

Study Café

*Receive extra help in an
informal atmosphere.*

*Every Thursday at 3:45 p.m.
Starting September 17th.*

Snacks and refreshments provided.



'Care to Share' Clothing & School Supply Drive is September 8-11



Throughout the week, students are encouraged to bring at least one piece of gently used or new clothing and/or new school supplies to help those in our area who have not received new clothes or supplies for school. The school supplies will stay within the school they were donated in and all clothes will be given to the Yellow House to be passed on anonymously.

As a thank-you to the generous donors, the movie "The Drop Box" will be shown at the Aurora Theatre Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30pm. All students will be granted free admission to this movie. Proceeds from the adult ticket sales will be forwarded to the charity that supports "The Drop Box".

Thank you to the Hawk Hills AG-Society for sponsoring the movie.

School Photos Are September 16th!

School Photos will be at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 16th!

Envelopes for ordering have been mailed home to all families. If you would like to order, please complete one envelope per child and return the envelope(s) with payment to the school office by photo day.



Online ordering is also an option. If you choose to order online, please send the confirmation sheet to school with your child.

Families with more than two children may be eligible for a family discount. Please refer to the order form for more information.

Photography is by Lifetouch.

The Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research



A single dream. A world of hope.

September 26
2:00 p.m. at Raider's Field
Everyone is welcome to join us!

Help Us Celebrate Student Achievement at Awards Day!

Families and community members are invited to help us recognize students for their hard work, dedication and contributions to our school community!

The Awards Day Ceremony for the 2014-2015 school year is

Thursday, October 8

2:00 p.m.

Paul Rowe Gym



Class 7/5 Driver Training



Saturday, Nov. 7 & Sunday, Nov. 8
Call Manning & District Adult Education
at (780) 836-2664 for more information.



Manning Tri-School Band Bottle Drive Happening Now!



Please phone Ashley Nichiporik
(836-0840) or Jen Collins (836-3447 or 5796)
for pick-up or drop-off.

Final collection day will be on September 12th.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/paulrowehigh>



Coaches!

Community coaches are needed for many of our extra-curricular athletics programs including volleyball, basketball and badminton! For more information, please contact Mrs. Jackie Ristesund at (780) 836-3397.

Food for Thought Breakfast Program Helpers!

Parents, community members and students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to volunteer for our Food for Thought Breakfast Program.

Volunteers would help out some Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:00 a.m. Please contact Mrs. Bobbi Lewandowski at (780) 836-3397 if interested.

Hot Lunch Program Helpers!

The hot lunch program is very popular with students, but help is needed to help keep the program running. Most hot lunches are “pick ups” and only need to be delivered and handed out to students. If you are able to volunteer any Thursdays at lunch beginning in October, please contact Terra Goodzeck at (780) 836-3268.

Tutors Needed!

Families are looking for tutors for Academic Courses (gr. 7-12), technology and English as a Second Language. If interested, please contact the Paul Rowe school office at (780) 836-3397 or Manning Community Adult Learning at (780) 836-2664.

School Council!

Would you like to have a voice in your school? We are looking for students and parents interested in attending School Council. See article at top-right of this page for more details.

Have Your Say! Attend School Council!

School Council provides an opportunity for parents, guardians and students to have input into school based decision making. They are also working hard to increase family and community involvement at Paul Rowe!

Consider coming to a meeting to see what it is all about! The first meeting of the year is **September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

For more information about School Council, please contact Mr. Matthew Taylor, Principal or Terra Goodzeck, Chair.



Volunteer Screening for Student Safety

The safety of students and student privacy is of utmost importance. Therefore, PRSD Policy 10.12 is in effect:

- All volunteers who are privy to student information must sign a pledge of confidentiality;
- Where a volunteer works with students unsupervised by school staff, the following are required:
 - Criminal Record Check
 - Child Family Services Authority (CFSA) Intervention Check.

CFSA checks can be done at the Manning Hospital Wed. Sept. 9 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.





SEPTEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 School Resumes	2	3	4 *Mailout	5
6	7 No School (Labour Day)	8 "Care to Share" clothing & school supply drive begins	9 *Fruit & Veggie Day *CFSA here for Child Intervention Record Checks Manning Hospital 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	10 *Student BBQ *Tim Horton's Coffee for a Cause van at Paul Rowe 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *Meet the Family BBQ & Social 5:00 p.m.	11 **"Care to Share" collection ends	12
13	14	15 *Camo Day **"Care to Share" thank you movie at Aurora Theatre. Free admission for students. 7:30 p.m.	16 *School Photos 9:00 a.m.	17 *Study Café 3:45 p.m.	18	19
20	21	22 *School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.	23 *Class of 2015 Organizational Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Paul Rowe Library	24 *Hillbilly Day *Study Café 3:45 p.m.	25	26
27	28 No School for Students (Professional Development & Staff Meeting Day for staff)	29 *Orange Shirt Day for Residential School Awareness	30	October: 2 Mailout 8 Awards Day for 2014-2015 9-12 No School (Thanksgiving Long Weekend) 13 School Photo Retakes (1:00 p.m.) 15 Parent/Teacher Interviews 21 Career Fair		