



PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Educating Today for Success Tomorrow

2023 Division Update



Academic Awards of Excellence

On February 23, Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWPSD) celebrated 17 graduates for their academic achievements throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Pictured from left to right (back row): Daci Jones, Adam Twelvtree, Delaney Lafond, Gavin Skarberg, Kiera Heitrich, Zoe Lipon, Georgia Chipps, Adeyne Bell (for Abriel Bell) (front row): Bryndal Jones and Hayley Wilkins

Guiding Our Future

In early 2023, PWPSD Administration hired Dialogue Partners, a community engagement consulting firm, to help guide a conversation around junior high programming in Beaverlodge and Hythe. The Guiding Our Future team met with students, staff, parents and community members in Beaverlodge, Hythe, and Horse Lake First Nation to hear their thoughts and collect feedback to share with the Board. A final report of what we heard will be shared later this spring.



Transportation to be offered to more students

Beginning in September 2023, more PWPSD students will qualify for free transportation to and from school. The Province announced on March 14 that the walk limit would be lowered from the current 2.4 km to 1 km for students in Kindergarten-Grade 6 and to 2 km for students in Grades 7-12. For more information about the Division's transportation services visit www.pwpsd.ca.



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Harry Balfour Replacement School

The new Harry Balfour School is beginning to take shape! Located near Five Mile Hall east of Grande Prairie, the school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.



Province approves planning funding for new high school

Earlier this year the Province announced that the 2023 budget included planning funding for a new PWPSD high school. The new high school will be located north of the city of Grande Prairie and will replace the existing Peace Wapiti Academy. [Read more.](#)



**KINDERGARTEN & NEW STUDENT
ONLINE REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**



Myles Edgar and Stacy Rorem

Passionate Heart Award Winners

PWPSD staff were recognized for their dedication and exceptional service at this year's Passionate Heart Awards ceremony in February. Mr. Edgar of Beaverlodge Regional High School, Mrs. Rorem of Robert W. Zahara School, and the Peace Collaborative Services team were all award recipients at this year's event.



Peace Collaborative Services team members Carolyn Hovey-Johnson and Heather Craigdallie

Kindergarten & new student registration now open

Kindergarten and new student registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year is now open. For more information and to register visit www.pwpsd.ca/registration.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten and New Student Registration is open!

Register online and learn more at www.pwpsd.ca/registration

Diploma Exams

April 17-24, June 12-27, August 1-10

ASCA Conference and AGM

April 21-23 in Edmonton, AB

Board Meetings

April 27, May 25, June 15

3D Charity Hockey & Soccer Tournament

Friday, May 12

Provincial Achievement Tests

May 15 & 17, June 16-27

Victoria Day

Monday, May 22 | No school, all PWPSD offices and shops closed

Graduation Ceremonies

May 6 - June 28 | Event information will be shared soon

Last day of school for students

Tuesday, June 27

Last day of school for staff

Wednesday, June 28

Update to Policy JC: School Councils

The Board has made an amendment to Policy JC - School Councils, which no longer requires school councils to provide a separate year-end report.

The minutes of the school council meetings that are maintained at the school shall now serve as the report. If applicable, the receipt, handling and use of money by the school council must be documented in the minutes.

Review [Policy JC - School Councils](#).

The PWPSD Division Update is a report on news from throughout the division, and produced for the annual General School Councils' Meeting.