

# THE STORM



## PRINCE RUPERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

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Our Vision: Achieving Success Together  
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#### At PRMS We Believe

-Each of us is a unique and creative individual of value to our school community

-We have the right to learn and have fun

-We have the responsibility to treat ourselves and others with respect

-We take pride in our work, our accomplishments, our school building and our learning tools

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to November! The weather is getting colder so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. It's getting darker in the mornings as well, so make sure students are aware of traffic, and please be safe when dropping off students. We had a busy October with Parent/Teacher interviews, grade group assemblies, subway day, photo day, Sisters in Spirit day, Lester Center presentation, Thanksgiving and gr. 6 vaccinations. Grade 8 students had a Halloween dance, and Halloween was a fun day with movies, pumpkin carving by grade 8's and each class doing their own activities.

#### Supervision

The school is opened at 8:15am.

#### Breakfast Program

The school Breakfast program is available to students beginning at 8:15am each school day.

#### Parent/Guardian Visitors

If you need to see your child during the school day, you must stay at the office and the office staff will be happy to assist you. For the safety of our students and staff, please do not wander the halls of the school or enter your child's classroom.

#### Dropping off/Picking up Students

Please do not drive into the school entrance, students are to be picked up and dropped off on the street, in the side parking lot, by the golf course or the Civic Centre. When dropping off your child in the morning, please do not stop on the crosswalk. This can be very dangerous as drivers have a difficult time seeing the pedestrians. Areas painted yellow in the parking lot are no parking zones. Our student's safety is very important, please follow drop off and pick up rules.

### **Construction Zone**

With preparations started for the new seismic upgrade, please be aware of any signs, barricades, or areas that do not allow parking. Please be patient and safe when picking up and dropping off students.

### **Accessible Parking Spot**

Please be aware that the accessible parking spot outside the front doors needs to be left open for people who are needing this spot to access safe entry into our school. If snacks, messages, and lunches are being dropped off at the school, please do not block or park in the spot unless you're a person who needs the accessible parking spot and have a sign available in your vehicle.

### **Conflict Resolution for Parent Concerns**

Most concerns that arise at school can be solved through communication with your student's teacher. Depending on the concern or issue a phone call, email, or meeting must be made with the classroom teacher. If necessary and the concern has not been resolved, then the principal and vice-principal can be contacted, and a meeting can be scheduled. If a resolution is not reached at the school level with the principal, a parent may wish to contact the School Board Office. We have flyers available with more information called "Conflict Resolution Process For Parent Concerns."

### **Cellphones/Electronic Devices**

While teachers may permit the occasional use of cell phones or other electronic devices (headphones, airpods, ipads, etc) in the classroom for educational purposes, outside of these times students are required to keep their devices in their locker from 8:45am to 3:03pm (2:05pm on Wednesday), including break times. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to enable, if available, the find my device feature on their student's phone. School staff are not responsible for these devices and are unable to search for them should they go missing. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office and leave them a message.

### **Social Media**

The school is not responsible for events that take place on social media, we do not have access to students' cellphones, nor do we monitor what they do on social media. If they are using school computers or iPads, they are not permitted on social media such as Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, etc., during school hours. Please be aware of what may happen on social media.

### **Lunch Program**

Please fill out the lunch form if you would like your child to be on the program each month. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-624-6757.

### **Subway Day**

Our November Subway day will be on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Forms are due to the office on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **PAC Meeting**

PAC meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please come participate and support our PAC. Without the PAC support, many of our extra-curricular activities and clubs would not be possible.

### **Remembrance Day**

School will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pro-D**

No school for students on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **School Spirit Days**

Every Wednesday/Friday students and staff are encouraged to wear their school spirit clothing. PRMS students involved in Leadership will also be creating different spirit days for student and staff participation. Stay tuned for any new spirit days happening at PRMS.

### **House Teams – Team Color Day November 21**

We have started house teams for PRMS students and staff again. This helps create school spirit, participation, teamwork, and fun at PRMS. Our schoolhouse teams are called Blue Monsoon, Purple Hurricane, Grey Lightning, Black Typhoon, and Red Tornado. Each month classes will be given a challenge or two to complete. Participating in Storm clothing days, and team color days will also be a part of our house team challenges. November 21<sup>st</sup> will be house team color day; ask your child what color their house team is and encourage them to wear that color for house points. Points will be given to each house team when students participate in the challenges. At the end of each term, the house team that has the most points will win a treat day.

### **Allergy Aware School with Exemption to Cheese Powder Products**

PRMS School is an **Allergy Aware School**, and while we do allow normal allergens to be at school, due to a current life-threatening allergy, we are requiring that no products containing cheese powder, such as Doritos, Takis, Cheddar Goldfish, Cheesies, and Kraft Dinner cheese packets, not be permitted in PRMS. Please do not send these items to school with your child. Please help us keep our students safe by having your child follow their teacher's instructions. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

### **School Code of Conduct:**

At PRMS we are expected to follow the school code of conduct that ensures an environment of respect, safety and fairness for all. If you need more information about the code, please see <http://prms.rupertschools.ca/> for a copy of our code of conduct.

### **Newsletters**

PRMS newsletters go out each month. They are sent to families by email. You can pick up a printed copy at the school or view it on our website at <http://prms.rupertschools.ca/> under newsletters.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- November 5 – PAC Meeting
- November 8 – PRMS Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11 - Remembrance Day No School
- November 13 – Subway Day
- November 21 – House Team Colors
- November 22 – No School Pro-D
- November 26 – Seismic Upgrade Open House 5:00pm-7:00pm
- December 5 – Last Day for Term 1
- December 6 – Term 2 Begins
- December 20 – Learning Updates Will Be Sent Home
- December 20 – Last Day of School Before Winter Break
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Please check the school website regularly for any updates or information at <http://prms.rupertschools.ca/>

Thank you,

Kerri Levelton

Principal

Lori Leighton

Vice-Principal

