



PRINCE RUPERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Our Vision: Achieving Success Together
Sagayt Galksa Ax'axłgit



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 December! The weather is getting colder and very wet so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. There will be days that students will be going outside during rainy and windy 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 November with a thoughtful Remembrance Day assembly, Subway day, winter clothing walk, Culture day, house team color day, grade group assemblies, and dress like a teacher/student day. School spirit participation is very important for students so they can experience school fun, school belonging and social awareness.

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 can 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, after first communicating with the teacher, then the principal, a resolution is not reached at the school level, a parent may then 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

December 18th is Subway Day. Order forms will be due on December 12th.

PAC Meeting

PAC meeting will be on December 3rd 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.

School Spirit Days

Each day our grade 8 leadership team will be hiding a Gnome. The students who find the Gnome will be given house points for their house team color. Friday December 13th is house team color day, students should wear clothing with their house team colour. December 16th is wear a Christmas sweater day. December 18th is dress someone like a Christmas tree, which will be done in the school at teachers' discretion. December 20th is wear your PJs Day.

Craft Night

December 17th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm is PRMS craft night. Please come and enjoy making Christmas crafts with your student. There will also be Christmas basket draws done by our PAC.

PAC Basket Raffle:

Please send a new item with your child for the basket raffle before Dec. 13th. Please see the attached letter with your child's theme for the baskets.

Learning Updates

Learning updates will be sent home with your child on December 20th, the last day before the holiday break.

Band Concert

The District band concert will be at the Lester Center on Sunday December 15th at 2pm.

End of Term 1

Term 1 ends December 5th and Term 2 begins on December 6th.

Port Pancake Breakfast

On December 11th employees from the Prince Rupert Port Authority will be cooking a wonderful pancake breakfast for students in the breakfast club.

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, 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:

- December 3 – PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- December 5 – Last Day for Term 1
- December 6 – Term 2 Begins
- December 11 – Port Pancake Breakfast
- December 13 – Wear Your House Team Colour
- December 15 – Winter Band Concert 2pm at Lester Centre
- December 16 – Wear a Christmas Sweater
- December 17 – Craft Night 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- December 18 – Dress Someone Like a Christmas Tree
- December 18 – Subway Day
- December 18 – Student vs Teacher Volleyball Game
- December 20 – Wear Pjs to school
- December 20 – Learning Updates Will Be Sent Home
- December 20 – Last Day of School Before Winter Break
- January 6 – First Day back after Winter Break

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