

# THE STORM



## 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 PRMS to those students, families, and school staff who are new to Prince Rupert Middle School, and welcome back to those returning to us for another great year. We hope everyone had a restful, fun summer and are ready to do some hard work and get back into routine. PRMS has high expectations for all students and school rules are expected to be followed. Our STORM acronym is a guideline for specific behaviours for all areas of PRMS, it stands for Safe, Trustworthy, Organized, Responsible and Mindful. We hope to have a wonderful year!

#### School Bells

8:45	<b>WARNING BELL</b>
8:50	Advisory
9:28	Period 1
10:24	Nut Break
10:39	Period 2
11:35	Period 3
12:31	Lunch
1:11	Period 4
2:07	Period 5
3:03	School Ends

**\*Every Wednesday students are dismissed at 2:05pm**

#### Wednesdays

8:45	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:50	Period 1
9:42	Period 2
10:34	Nut Break
10:49	Period 3
11:41	Period 4
12:33	Lunch
1:13	Period 5
2:05	School Ends

#### Supervision

The school is opened at 8:15am.

### **Breakfast Program**

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

### **Lunch Program**

Our school district offers a lunch program available to all students. Please fill out the form if you would like your child to be on the program. Forms are sent home with students or are available for pickup at the office. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-624-6757.

### **Subway Day and Chinese Food Day**

Subway and Chinese food days will begin in October.

### **Dropping off/Picking up Students**

Please visit our website for directions of how to enter our school. With all the construction students should be dropped off and picked up at the Civic Center parking lot. There is too much congestion on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave after school with the city bus and our school bus. Students are often crossing the road without using the crosswalk, when parents are parked across the street. If it is absolutely necessary for pick ups on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, please encourage your child to use the crosswalk.

### **Sick/Absent**

If a student, staff, or adult is sick, they must not enter the school. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Please also call the school 250-624-6757 to report a student absent. Also, if you are requiring homework, please give the teacher advance notice.

### **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.

### **Cellphones**

Just a reminder that students are not supposed to have cellphones at school. If they bring them to school, they are required to be kept in their locker for the day. Please do not text or call your child during the day. If you need to get a hold of them, please contact the school. If students are caught with their cellphone, they will be asked to put it in their locker, or the teacher will take the cell phone away for the day and they can retrieve it from the office at the end of the day. If they are caught with their cell phone out of their locker 3 times, a parent guardian will be contacted to pick up their cellphone at the office. PRMS is not responsible for lost or stolen cellphones. Please encourage your child to keep their cellphone in their locker or at home where it is safe, this will alleviate any concerns about lost or stolen cellphones.

### **Supplies**

Students are required to have their own school supplies. If you need a copy of the supply list, please visit <http://prms.rupertschools.ca/> for a copy or pick up a copy at the office. Due to the unexpected closure of Walmart, we are offering partial supply packages available for purchase. Cash or cheque only please.

### **Indoor Shoes for the Gym**

Students are required to wear non-marking indoor shoes while in the gym. Please remember to send a pair of shoes with your child(ren) to wear during their PE time, or at breaks when their grade group is allowed in the gym.

### **Band Rental Night**

September 15<sup>th</sup> at Lax Kxeen school. Notices will be sent out soon with more specific information.

### **Hockey Academy**

Hockey Academy starts on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Craig Munro if you have any questions at [craig.munro@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:craig.munro@sd52.bc.ca)

### **Basketball Academy**

Basketball Academy starts on September 8<sup>th</sup> and this is the schedule:

Term 1- Grade 7 and 8 – Mondays afterschool, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:15 am.

Term 2- No Basketball Academy

Term 3- Grade 6

Just a reminder this is a class, and a registration form must be filled out before the student can attend. Attendance is mandatory like any other class.

For more information contact Ben Mark at [ben.mark@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:ben.mark@sd52.bc.ca)

### **School Spirit Days**

Every Wednesday/Friday students and staff are encouraged to wear their STORM school spirit clothing. Each month other fun spirit days will be created by our grade 8 leadership team. We will have these advertised at the school and in each monthly newsletter.

### **PRMS Open House**

PRMS will be having an Open House on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Come into the school to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. A magnet for the school year calendar will be available and door prizes.

### **Terry Fox Run**

September 24<sup>th</sup> PRMS will participate in the Terry Fox run in the afternoon.

### **Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**

Our first PAC meeting for this school year will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the PRMS lunchroom area. Without the help of our PAC, clubs and extra curricular events would be difficult to continue. Please join our meetings to help support our students.

### **Implementation Day**

On Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> PRMS will be closed for students.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

On September 29<sup>th</sup> students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts. This is to honour and uphold Survivors and intergenerational Survivors of the residential school system, and to commemorate those who didn't return home.

### **National Day Truth and Reconciliation**

There will be no school on September 30<sup>th</sup>. On this day, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools. The day honours the survivors, their families, and the many who never returned home.

### **Students leaving at Lunch**

PRMS has a closed school policy. Students can not leave at the lunch unless they have permission from a parent/guardian. Please notify the school if your child goes home regularly for lunch. McDonalds is off limits unless students are taken there and returned by an adult.

### **Allergy Aware School**

PRMS School is an **Allergy Aware School**, we do allow normal allergens in the building. Please encourage your child to be aware of any students in their class that may have any serious or life-threatening allergies. Any students who do have serious or life-threatening allergies, please be aware of your surroundings and any food others may have that may cause you difficulties. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Storm Clothing Orders**

Parent/guardians are now able to order clothing directly from Stuck-On-Designs through a special online store. Please check out our website for access information. A portion of the cost of the clothing will go to support the school.

### **Classroom Changes**

Requests for classroom changes will not be considered. If you have concerns, please contact a PRMS counsellor.

**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**

- September 8 – Hockey Academy Starts
- September 8 – Basketball Academy Starts
- September 15 – Band Rental Night at Lax Kxeen
- September 17 – PRMS Open House 6-7 pm
- September 23 – PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- September 24 – Terry Fox Run
- September 26 – Implementation Day No School for Students
- September 29 – Orange Shirt Day at PRMS
- September 30 – National Day Truth and Reconciliation No School

Please check the school website regularly for any updates or information at <http://prms.rupertschools.ca/>

Thank you,

Kerri Levelton

Lori Leighton

Principal

Vice-Principal

*PRMS would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Ts'msyen and of all the Sm'algyax speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.*

*The land is very important to Ts'msyen peoples and is ingrained in language and culture. It is also a connection between ancestors, the present and the future.*

*As guests of the territory, PRMS acknowledges the responsibility to learn more about Ts'msyen culture and relationships to the land and will commit to pursuing ongoing learning*

