Palliser Beyond Borders May/June 2017 Issue

Principals, Students and Parents:

Registration Open Now for Summer School July 4- August 1

- Registration closes July 4
- **Grade 9 students may enroll in a 3 credit orientation course NOW to complete before the end of JUNE so they are ready to start core courses in grade 10**
- August diplomas start August 1
- Earn credits while you work (applies to Rutherford Scholarship and 30 level credits for diploma)
- Limit of one core course
- Plan on committing 5 hours/day to complete a 5 credit course by June 27 (Humanities) August 1 (math and Science)
- Must complete or have completed 3 credit online orientation course
- Students will experience a delay in access to their online course if they do not have a Palliser @prs26.ca account
- Students must authenticate their Palliser mail to Moodle before they can access courses
- Register and see instructions here
- More information **pbb.registrationpallisersd.ab.ca**

Outreach Sites closed:

- **May 15 and 23 and June 21**

Notes from your Palliser Beyond Borders Principal

Successful online students have a strong learning and teaching relationship with their teachers

Students: There are 30-40 days before Semester 2 deadlines!

Students who are successfully completing their courses have two characteristics in common:

- They know their teachers and how to communicate with them
- They attend the Blackboard Collaborate Study Halls each week to ensure they are on track, get help with learning, schedule exams.

If you are not attending Blackboard Study Halls please refer to this schedule and attend. Remember we have Tuesday nights staffed online to help those of you with full daytime schedules. See the schedule on the Moodle dashboard.

Best Regards

Alison Hancox

Alison Hancox, MET. Principal, Palliser Beyond Borders

Finishing Semester 2

Course Deadlines:

- **Diploma Courses: June 2, 2017**
- **Non-diploma Courses: June 9, 2017**

Students must not assume they can continue into the summer semester unless the student re-registers for the summer semester. If students do not re-register for summer, and are not completed a course, marks will be reported incomplete to Alberta Education and will show on the student transcript.

Please be in touch with your teacher(s) directly before this date if you have questions or concerns.

We will be doing major upgrades to our server this summer. All courses must be completed by June 9 to ensure that student work can be assessed for credit before changes are made to the courses over the summer.

Writing Course Final Exams

1. Be in touch with your teacher to book your exam writing. Organizing final exams requires a little coordination with your school to ensure we have a Palliser staff who will supervise and that the exam and password are made available to your school site.
2. The Palliser Beyond Borders teacher will confirm that the student has met all the prerequisite skills in preparation for the summative assessment. This is also true for diploma exams.
3. Students must work with the teacher through the teaching, learning and assessment process which includes both formative and summative assessment. Students cannot hand in assignments the day before an exam or diploma exam and expect that permission will be granted to write a final exam or diploma exam. Teacher feedback and opportunity for improvement is part of the learning process before summative assessments take place.

You may be expected to use a lockdown browser which ensures the integrity of the exam and reassures universities that final exam marks are legitimate and our teaching and learning community exercises academic integrity. Universities also use lockdown browsers in their invigilation as well.

If you need a reminder about using the lockdown browsers watch this video available on our website under Exam Policy

YOU MUST BE DONE ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND IN-CLASS EXAMS BY JUNE 2 IF YOU PLAN ON WRITING AN JUNE DIPLOMA.

Diploma Exams: Start June 15

Diploma Course Reviews: The discrepancy between our diploma marks and course marks closed quite significantly last year. The common factor was that students made sure they had the time to participate in diploma course reviews either online or face to face. Part of our course expectations is for students to attend these course reviews. Review dates are posted on our website

On Exam Day: Arrive 30 minutes early to the site you at which you plan to attend to get settled and to log on to a computer if you are writing part A of Social Studies or English using a word processing tool.

If you need to reschedule please contact the admin assistant at the site you plan to write.

See these resources to help you prepare for exams and diplomas

Diploma preparation is available from www.rockthediploma.com in Calgary and Lethbridge. See the website for details.

Alberta Education Diploma Information

Diploma Exams Schedule: June 2017

Diploma exams **must** be administered according to the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams, **except** those that are **asterisked**, **remain secured** after administration

Thursday, June 15	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Friday, June 16	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Monday, June 19	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Part A*
Tuesday, June 20	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Wednesday, June 21	National Aboriginal Day – No Exams Scheduled	
Thursday, June 22	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Friday, June 23	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Monday, June 26	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Tuesday, June 27	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Wednesday, June 28	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Thursday, June 29	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Physics 30 Science 30**

Note: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 is Aboriginal Day—no diploma exams are scheduled

**June 2017 is the only diploma exam administration in which *sciences 30* in French is administered

If you are unable to write your diploma as planned please let your teacher and lola.mix@pallisersd.ab.ca know.

Off Campus Programs @ Palliser Beyond Borders

We offer the credits in the following off campus programs:

- Work Experience
- Registered Apprenticeships
- Green Certificates

Grade 9 – 12 Students may earn credits over the summer if they have HCS 3000 successfully completed. (Contact us if you need that credit. You can complete it before June!
For more information contact Jennifer.Nieboer@pallisersd.ab.ca

How is news shared at Palliser Beyond Borders?

- Regular newsletters such as this one are posted on our website under
  - news on the homepage and
  - news under current students
  - These are simultaneously posted to Facebook and Twitter. Please like and follow us.
  - The twitter feed is on the home page of each course
- Newsletters are emailed home to parents via an automated synervoice messaging service. Be sure we have your parent email on file if you are not receiving them.

- For Students:
  - Newsletters and messages are posted to our Moodle dashboard for students http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/ Be sure you click on the links to open the announcements.
  - automated synervoice messages are emailed to student @prs26 accounts.

- Copies of our newsletters are shared with Palliser Schools and linked on their school websites.

- Paper copies of our newsletters are available at our Outreach campuses.

News from the Outreaches:

Schools & Students Return Textbooks: June 28

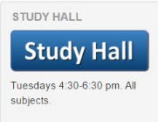
Registrations and academic meetings can be booked at our sites. Site based instruction varies with each site.

Location	Site based instruction Ask for more Info!
Palliser Beyond Borders at Picture Butte **334 Highway Avenue** **Box 1280 Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0** **Phone: 403-732-5810** **Administrative Assistant: Lola Mix**	**Programming Raspberry and Arduino** **RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate**
Palliser Beyond Borders at Calgary **Suite 120, 2635 37 Avenue NE** **Calgary, AB T1Y 5Z6** **phone: 1-403-291-0584** **Administrative Assistant: Elvira Pagsanghan**	**RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate**
Palliser Beyond Borders at Vulcan 102B First Street South **Box 390 Vulcan, AB T0L 0B0** **Phone: 403-485-6180** **Administrative Assistant: Shila Provost**	**RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate** **Foods and Volunteerism Mentorship Program**
Palliser Beyond Borders at Coaldale **2016 19 Street, Coaldale, AB T1M 1L8** **Phone: 403-345-4421** **Administrative Assistant: Kourtney Skipworth**	**RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate** **Sports Analytics pilot**

Graduation Dates are being planned for sites with Graduates. Ask your site Admin Assistant for more details

Our Teachers Teach Live Online!

	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday
	English Social	Math Science	Synchronous Instruction	English Social	Math Science	Synchronous Instruction	English Social	Math Science	Synchronous Instruction	English Social	Math Science	Synchronous Instruction	Synchronous Instruction
8:30-9 am				French 10-3Y/20-3Y Synchronous (at VOS) 8:55-10:05	Science 30 Synchronous (at VOS) (8:55-10:05)	Programming (at PBO)				French 10-3Y/20-3Y Synchronous (at VOS) 8:55-10:05	Science 30 Synchronous (at VOS) (8:55-10:05)		
9-9:30 am													
9:30-10 am													
10-10:30 am													Science 30 Synchronous (at VOS) (10:15-11:05)
10:30-11 am		Math 30-2 Synchoronous Online							Math 30-2 Synchoronous Online				
11-11:30 am			Psychology				Social 20-1			Social 30-1		Math 10C Menno	
11:30-Noon				Social 10-1									
Noon-12:30	Stephanie Krammer	Bruno Castelli	Science 30 Synchronous (at VOS) (12:35-1:45)	Jacob Fraser	Jennifer Nieboer		Funmi Olubiyi	Bruno Castelli	Science 30 Synchronous (at VOS) (12:35-1:45)	Jacob Fraser	Lee Porath	Ken Kroeker: 12:30 - 1:15 by appointment	
12:30-1 pm													
1-1:30 pm	Funmi Olubiyi	Jennifer Nieboer	Forensic Science (1:51-2:34)	Steven Wornell	Lee Porath	Forensic Science (1:51-2:34)	Jacob Fraser	Jason Doerkson	Forensic Science (1:51-2:34)	Jacob Fraser	Steven Wornell	Social 20-1 (12:30-1:15) Social 30 (1:20-2:00)	
1:30-2 pm													
2-2:30 pm	Steven Wornell	Katherine Pritchard	Math 10C Trinity (2:33-3:33)	Funmi Olubiyi	Lee Porath		Jacob Fraser	Ken Kroeker	Social 10-1	Michael Shain	Katherine Pritchard	Forensic Science (1:51-2:34)	
2:30-3 pm													
3-3:30 pm													
4:30-6:30 pm				All courses: drop in Study Hall Keith/Bruno									
Rotating Block	Connect Block - Sychronous with Keith Harrison: Kate Andrews Day 2 & Day 4 - Block C												

- **Blackboard online drop in schedule https://goo.gl/B0AGKc**
- **You can use Blackboard on your mobile device**
- **Students using Chrome books:** We now have the ability to teach from a web based format of Blackboard. Let your teacher know before you start a session so he or she can set up a web based instructional session and send you a link.
- Students in cohorts from Brant, Noble Central, Trinity Christian, Menno Simmons have instructional times timetabled outside of this schedule. Your teacher has the details posted in your courses.
- 

Online **Study Hall** - help in all subject areas**.** Look for the link at http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/

Information Sessions about Palliser Beyond Borders

- Information Sessions and an online Open House are monthly every second Tuesday at 5:30 - 6:30 pm Location: online meeting room (click here)

School Advisory Committee meets online monthly

More information about Palliser Beyond Borders and our programs are available at these meetings or posted here.

Information is posted in your courses and here on the website

Palliser Beyond Borders 2016-2017 School Calendar

School calendars vary slightly across our division. Please refer to our calendar linked on our website to know when teachers are available to work with students.

Palliser Regional Schools Board approved calendar is available to download from here for 2016-17 school year.

Outreaches and PBB

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Board Approval: June 6/16

AUGUST 2016				
1	2	3 D	4 D	5 D
8 D	9 D	10 D	11 D	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

3/3

SEPTEMBER 2016				
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

18/21

OCTOBER 2016				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

16/20

NOVEMBER 2016				
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7 D	8 D	9 D	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

19/21

DECEMBER 2016				
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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

15/16

JANUARY 2017				
2	3	4	5	6
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23 D	24 D	25 D	26 D	27 D
30 D	31			

15/17

FEBRUARY 2017				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

14/19

MARCH 2017				
		1	2	3
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

21/23

APRIL 2017				
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10 D	11 D	12 D	13 D	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

13/14

MAY 2017				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

JUNE 2017				
			1	2
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12	13	14	15 D	16 D
19 D	20 D	21	22 D	23 D

JULY 2017				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Registration and Student Academic Planning

Aug 29, 30, 31,

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Division-Wide PD Days	Staff Planning/Collaboration/ Site PD	Prof. Development (ATA)
Opening Ceremony Sept 1, 2016	Sept 2, Sept 23, Oct 7, 24 and 25	Teachers' Convention -
October 11, 2016	Dec 5, Nov 10,,Jan 19, 31, Feb 6, April 13 , Mar 14, May 15	February 23 & 24, 2017
November 14, 2016	May 23, 2017 (AP- survey results/school goals)	
March 13, 2017		
May 1, 2017		**Parent-Teacher Days Off in Lieu**
		February 21, 2017
		February 22, 2017

School will officially close at normal closing time on December 22, 2016 for Christmas Break.

School year begins: August 29, 2016	XX	No Staff/Students
First day for students: September 6, 2016		Non-Instructional/Prof. Dev. Days (No Students)
Semester 2 begins: February 1, 2017		Parent-Teacher Interview Lieu Days (No Students)
Last day for students: June 28, 2017		Summer Break PBB regular teachers not available but sub will finish off summer students who are late completing. no new courses assigned to students.
Summer School begins July 4 and all work for reporting on transcripts by September must be done by August 4. Diploma courses by July 27		summer school for PBB

Palliser Beyond Borders 2017-2018 School Calendar

Next year's draft is available to review and provide feedback below.

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August 2017				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

September 2017				
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October 2017				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

November 2017				
		1 (D)	2 (D)	3 (D)
6 (D)	7 (D)	8 (D)	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

December 2017				
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January 2018				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16 (D)	17 (D)	18 (D)	19
22 (D)	23 (D)	24 (D)	25 (D)	26 (D)
29 (D)	30 (D)	31		

February 2018				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

March 2018				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

April 2018				
2	3	4	5	6
9 (D)	10 (D)	11 (D)	12 (D)	13 (D)
16 (D)	17 (D)	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

May 2018				
	1	2	3	4
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

June 2018				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14 (D)	15 (D)
18 (D)	19 (D)	20 (D)	21	22 (D)
25 (D)	26 (D)	27 (D)	28 (D)	29

July 2018				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Instructional Days: Aug 28, 29,30 2017,

Division-Wide PD Days
Opening Ceremony
October 10, 2017
November 13, 2017
March 12, 2018
May 14, 2018

Staff Planning/Collaboration
June 28 & 29, 2018

Site PD Days
(DIP/PAT) Sept 1, 2017, Sept 25
Oct 19, 20,27, 2017
Dec 4, Jan 19, March 9, April 23,
May 22, 2018 (AP- survey results/school goals), May 28, Jun 11

Prof. Development (ATA)
Teachers' Convention -
February 22 & 23, 2018
Parent-Teacher Days Off in Lieu
February 20, 2018
February 21, 2018

School year begins: August 28, 2017

Instructional days Aug 28, 29,30 2017, (finishing summer school and concurrents)
First day for students: September 5, 2017

XX	No Staff/Students
	Instructional Days
	Non-Instructional/Prof. Dev. Days (No Students)

Semester 2 begins: January 31, 2018
Site based PD days
Last day for students: June 27, 2018
Summer School

182	Instructional Days	91	Semester 1
16	Non-instructional Days	91	Semester 2
198	Total Operational Days	182	Total Instructional Days

Achievement Tests (A)	Gr. 6	Gr. 9
January 2018 (written response)		January 17-23, 2018
January 2018 (multiple choice)		January 24-31, 2018
June 2018 (written response)	May 7-11, 2018	May 7-11, 2018
June 2018 (multiple choice)	June 11-28, 2018	June 11-28, 2018

	Parent-Teacher Interview Lieu Days (No Students)
	Site based PD days
	Summer Break

English LA 30-1 & 30-2A	1	11	9	13
English LA 30-1 & 30-2B	3	23	11	20
Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2A	2	12	10	14
Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2B	6	24	12	22
Math 30-1 Math 30-2	7	25	13	25
Physics 30	8	30	16	28
Chemistry 30	7	29	13	26
Biology 30	8	26	16	27
Science 30		30	17	28

Please note:Diploma Exam schedules are as of December 5, 2016 General Information Bulletin published by Alberta Education.

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