

Information for students, parents, staff affected by S.L. Fires

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The safety of our students, staff and parents is our immediate and top priority. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been displaced by the Slave Lake fires. We request that staff call Central Office at 1-877-523-3337 to let us know that you are safe. Please provide a phone number where we can contact you and let us know if there is anything that we can do to assist you at this time. The following is information that may be of interest to you.

School Closures

- Kinuso School and Kinuso Outreach will be closed until Tuesday, May 24, 2011.
- Slave Lake schools remain closed. Keep checking here for updates.
- High Prairie and Jousard Schools re-opened Tuesday, May 17th.
- All staff will continue to receive pay and benefits for period of time that their school is closed. If you are not able to report to work after your school has been re-opened, please call Central Office to discuss.

Status of Buildings

We can report that HPSD's four schools in Slave Lake are still standing. Our Facilities Department was given very limited access to enter the buildings to turn off the mechanical systems today. It appears that damage to the buildings is not extensive.

Student Programming

- Students from HPSD's Slave Lake and Kinuso schools will not be required to write the Provincial Achievement Tests scheduled for this week.
- Parents may wish to enroll their children temporarily in any public school division school in Alberta. If any parent has difficulty registering in any school division in Alberta please contact High Prairie School Division at 1-877-523-3337.
- Roland Michener (RMS) and Lakeside Outreach (LO) schools' senior high students may proceed with the courses in which they are currently registered. To do so, students will need to contact the RMS Principal, Mr. Walbergs at 1-780-805-0830. Independent study course materials from the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) will be forwarded to the parents or to the students directly. Learning materials will be focused only on the uncovered course units of study. Assignments will then need to be completed and submitted to ADLC for marking. If senior high students wish to complete their ADLC assignments in a supportive school environment, they will need to let Mr. Walbergs know the name and location of the local school that they will be temporarily attending. HPSD will contact the local school to facilitate a study arrangement.
- Students evacuated to Edmonton can contact Mr. Ramsey who is now located at the Alberta Distance Learning Centre at #300, 10555 – 106 Street, Edmonton. His Telephone number is 780-843-9678. Mr. Ramsey can help students complete their courses through ADLC.

- RMS and LSO Grade 12 students registered in courses with Diploma Exams have the option (1) to complete the Diploma Exam in an official writing centre (i.e., any high school in Alberta) OR (2) to apply for an exemption from writing the Diploma Exam. Should students choose option 2, they will need to provide HPSD with a statement attesting to their personal trauma and/or the unavoidable and significant interruption that the current situation has caused to their educational program. For students choosing option 2, it is imperative that students finish their course through ADLC by the diploma examination date. ADLC will verify course completion to HPSD.
- Changes to the above will be communicated on this website. We are developing a Facebook page; please keep checking High Prairie School Division on Facebook.