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March 25, 2021 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

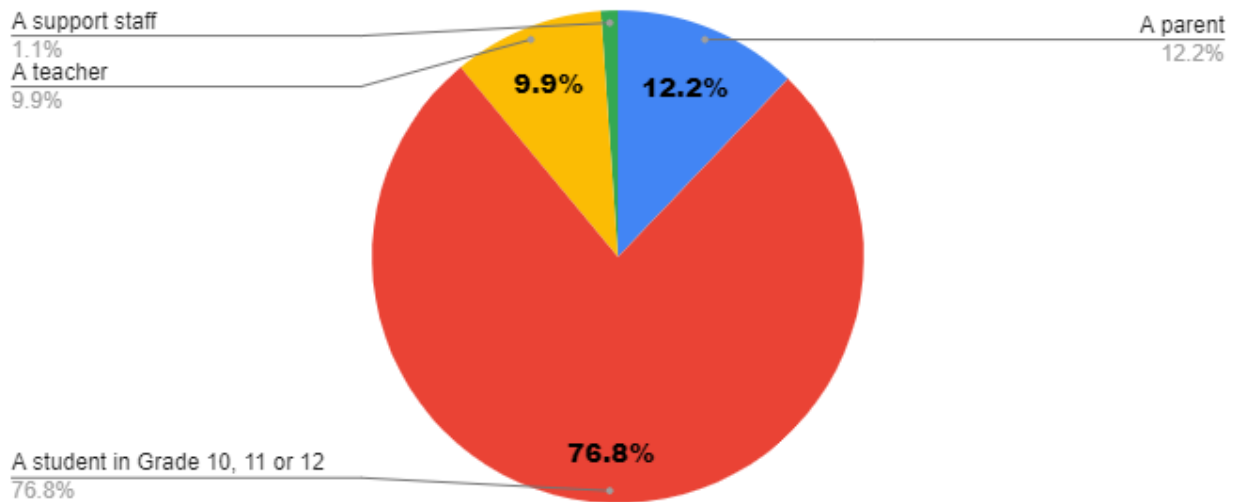
Before we head into spring break, I just wanted to provide you with some updates and information.

I hope that your child's online learning experience is going well. I know our teachers are certainly working hard to engage our students and keep them moving ahead in their studies. I also know how hard it is to coordinate and keep your children on task with their learning from home, especially when you have multiple children trying to access devices and wifi at the same time. Thank you so much for your continued efforts as we navigate school in a pandemic. I have been made aware of additional positive cases since we made the decision to shift to online learning, which had we been in school would have resulted in further isolations, and thankfully has not. The current plan is to be back in our building for in person instruction following spring break, so students should plan to be **back in school for Tuesday April 6, 2021.**

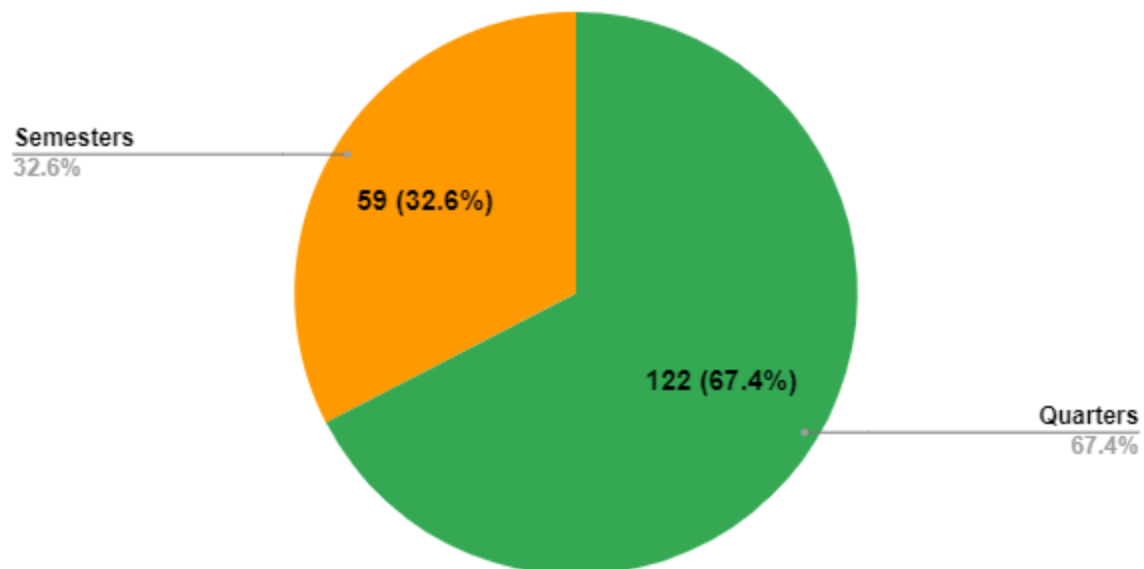
Survey Results Regards Quarters or Semesters

I had sent a survey out to parents in my March 4th principal's message asking for feedback in regards to the semester system vs the quarter system. I wanted to take a moment to share some data from that survey with you.

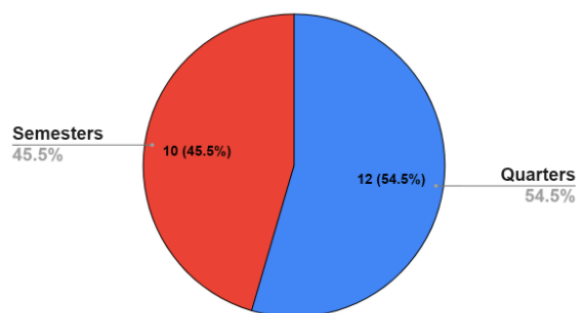
Respondents - 181



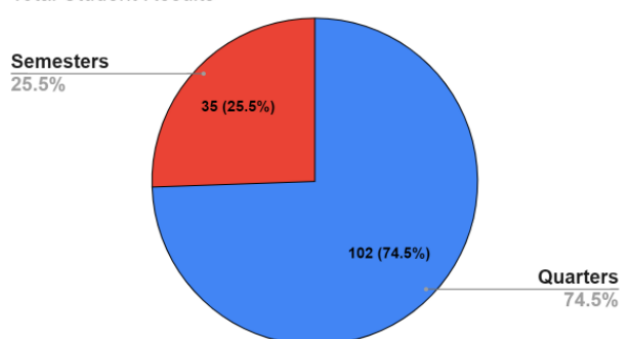
Would you prefer quarters or semesters for the 2021-2022 school year



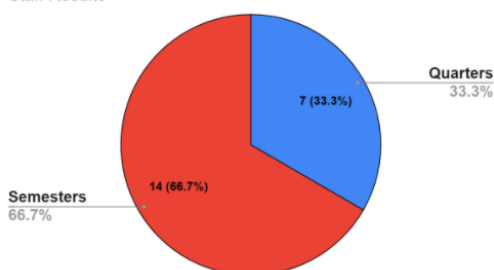
Parents Choice



Total Student Results



Staff Results



Based on this data, a comparison of achievement data from final marks and final exam marks, investigation into quarter system successes in other school divisions, and the uncertainty of next fall's possible continued restrictions, Ponoka Secondary will be in the quarter system for grades 10-12 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Attention grade 7 & 10 parents:

Students (grades 7 & 10), parents (of students in grades 7 & 10) and staff will all be asked to fill in an Alberta Education Assurance survey. The purpose of this is to gain some data about how our school is doing in relation to our 3 year goals. Staff and students will be surveyed in the school, however PSC will need parents to complete the survey as well.

Here are the steps to complete your parent survey:

1. Keep your eyes on your mailbox! A random access code will be mailed to you starting March 25. Once you receive your code you will be able to complete our AEA survey.
2. Go to our PSC webpage <https://psc.wolfcreek.ab.ca/>
3. Scroll down and you will see a link for an "Alberta Education Survey" Click here and you will be directed to the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. Last day to submit a response will be April 23, 2021.

Alberta Education Survey

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Every year Alberta Education sends out a survey to parents of Grade 4, 7 and 10 students. This information is collected and calculated and then as a school we get a summary of the survey results. This information is like a report card for our school so we can see how we are doing and any areas we need to address.

Survey Access Link <https://public.education.>

Grad 2021 Update

Grad Photos Retakes: On March 15, any graduate with a confirmed grad photo retake appointment, was sent a confirmation email with notice of the date change. Your photo appointment time has remained the same. Photos will be taken in the theater on April 15.

The school has been made aware of two more scholarships as well; Scott School Community Award and Ellis Bird Farm Environmental Scholarship have both been added to the scholarship package.

Kathy