

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The first three months have come and gone and we have a great deal of thanks to our students, parents, and staff for a great start to the school year. There are a number of tokens of gratitude that need to be sent out to staff, parents, and students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for the wonderful Christmas decorations in our school and the student's union for their dedication to improving school spirit. We would like to thank our Parent Council and Parent volunteers for their continued dedication and support for the benefit of our students, staff, and community. We also want to thank all of our staff for the commitment and dedication they show every day when working for the benefit for the students at Fort Assiniboine School.

We are inviting all our parents and community members to attend our Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm on December 15th. There are a number of families in the area who are experiencing financial hardships during the holiday season, and at our concert, there will be boxes set up for food and toy donations. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated by those who are in need during this holiday season.

In the month of December, we continue to look forward working with our students, parents, and community stakeholders to build our culture of excellence in learning. As we move closer to the holiday season

and the unofficial midpoint in the school year, there is a great deal to be happy with. There are many successes and achievements experienced and made by our students that are to be celebrated among the school community. At this time on behalf of the staff of Fort Assiniboine School, we want to wish everyone a restful, joyful and safe holiday season and we look forward to seeing and working with you in 2012! If you have any questions or concerns surrounding the programming for your child, please feel free and contact the school.

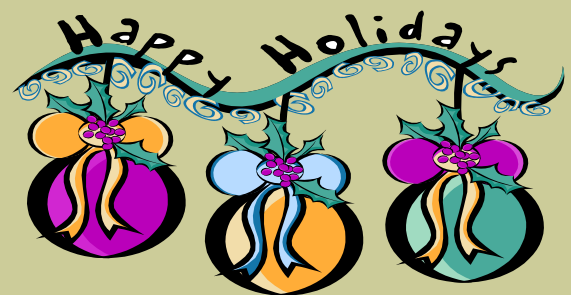
Please check out the following Christmas Links:

<http://www.portablenorthpole.tv/home>

http://www.janbrett.com/trim_a_jan_brett_christmas_tree.htm

<http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/personal/santa/default.jsf?LOCALE=en>

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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL PD Day	2 NO SCHOOL PD Day	3
4	5	6 School Assembly 9:00 am	7 Grade 9 - Citadel Theater – "A Christmas Carole"	8	9 NO SCHOOL Bear Alternate Day	10
11	12	13	14	15 Christmas Concert 7:00 pm 	16 NO SCHOOL Bear Alternate Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL Bear Alternate Day Christmas Break Begins - > Jan 8	24 Christmas Eve 
25 Christmas 	26 Boxing Day 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 New Year's Eve 
	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 Classes Resume Monday January 9

Classes resume January 9, 2012
January 13 - NO SCHOOL Bear Alternate Day

This and That/Sports Report

Virtue of the Month

" Generosity "

Generosity is the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return. It can involve offering time, assets or talents to aid someone in need.

Call for Toys and Food Donations:

Many of us are very fortunate have a great deal to be thankful for as we move towards the holiday season. Unfortunately, not every family is in that situation. If you wish to donate to FCSS and food or toys for the holiday season, please drop the donations off to the school by Wednesday December 15. There is an opportunity to donate at our Christmas concert. This will provide sufficient time to allow donations to be distributed to families in need. We thank all those who donate in advance.



**Santa's Toy and Food Bank Boxes
Will be set up at the Christmas Concert
Wednesday December 15.**

If you are aware of a family in need, whether it be your own or someone else's that could use a food hamper or bag of toys please call the school at 780-584-3751 and ask to speak with Charlene Assenheimer(school councilor) or Lorraine Lovelock (FCSS family liaison). All calls are confidential.

Cookie Bake Sale

December 15 before and after
The Christmas Concert

\$.50 and up

All proceeds go towards covering costs for
Outdoor Ed Camp.

This is great way to finish off
Your Christmas Baking.

DARE Graduation

Grade 5 and 6

December 8, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

Sports Report

Basketball Season is just around the corner for the Junior high teams. Thanks to this seasons coaches:

Elementary.....TBA

Junior Boys/ Junior Girls.....

.....Stephanie Breikreitz/Sadie Breikreitz

Lead Teachers: Mrs. Kluin, Mrs. Breikreitz, and
Mr. Davison

Thank you in advance to the our community members and Senior High Students for helping out with the coaching.

Your support in keeping the basketball tradition at Fort Assiniboine in greatly appreciated.

Be sure to come out and cheer the Bears on victory at their home games



**Public Skating/Shinney Hockey
at Fort Arena Saturday's 1-4 p.m.**

Student's Union Report

HOT LUNCH for December will be Spaghetti and Meat Sauce on the 15th. Watch for pre order forms to come home.

With the Christmas Child campaign we were able to collect over 40 shoes boxes. All these boxes are being sent to Haiti this Christmas. Thank you very much for your support.

On November 10 and 11 the SU held a wake-a-thon in which 20 students participated in. The group raised \$285.00 in which they are donating to the Veterans Fund. Thanks to the parents, community members and teachers who volunteered their time and putting up with that many tired and whining teenagers.

The Junior High Students have been invited to the Barrhead Composite High Jr. High Semi Formal Dance on December 16, consent and permission forms will be sent home prior to the dance. Watch for more info.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with Students Union, if you can help out please leave your name and number with Maureen at the office.

Still Looking for that Perfect Christmas Gift. Why not give a gift that comes to your mail box once a month.....a magazine.

As our major fundraiser this fall, we have once again chosen to offer you the magazine subscription fundraiser. The "Family Reading Program" is run by QSP (Quality Service Programs), a subsidiary of Reader's Digest of Canada, Ltd. Your involvement in our fundraising campaign is appreciated and needed. The profits raised will go towards activities that will benefit all of our students.

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

- There are **over 500 titles** to choose from.
- Current **subscriptions can be renewed now** (with payment) and will extend your subscription.
- We **guarantee the lowest price**. If you have a publisher's offer lower than our price, simply attach that offer to the white order form and pay the lower price.
- Some seasonal magazines may take up to 12-14 weeks for delivery if NEW subscribers.

ON-LINE ORDERING: Order all your subscriptions on-line all year long. Simply go to www.QSP.ca, click "Parents" and create your account. Use **Our School Group #361 and shop on line**. Buy/renew your magazines, and our school earns the profit. It's that easy!

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Thank you to the Fort Assinboine Legion Branch 210 for the generation donation presented to the school at the November 11 Remembrance Service. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

General Assembly

We will be holding a general assembly on Tuesday December 6 at 9:00 a.m. Items on the Agenda include: Legion Poster, Essay and Poems Contest winners, Rural Crime Watch Poster winners, Fort Assinboine Fire Department Coloring Contest. All parents are welcome to attend.



Parent Council

There were approx. 15 people were at the November 21 Parent Council Meeting. Election of Officers results:

Chair – Leah Holmes Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasure – Jamie Baker

Thanks to Peter Kuelken and Kim Cross for standing as executive - through so many tough years.

Next Parent Council Meeting is set for
January 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm in Room 4

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Leah Holmes at 780-584-3905 or

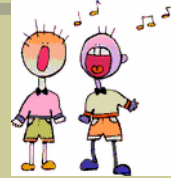
you can reach Mr. Schffrick through e-mail at dschaffrick@phrd.ab.ca or by phone at 780-785-2779.



Christmas Concert 2009



Christmas Concert December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

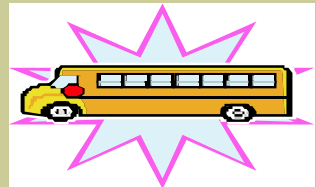


**Donations to the Santa's Toy Box or Food Bank
Greatly Appreciated. Please be sure to let
grandparents/aunt and uncles know as well**

FROM THE SCHOOL BUS LANE...

Now that winter is almost upon us, so are the cold temperatures. Although our buses are thoroughly inspected and maintained, breakdowns may occur. All students are required to wear, or have available to wear, proper winter footwear, outerwear, headwear and gloves/mittens. Although we may operate in what seems to be inclement weather situations, the decision is still left to the parents to use their discretion as to or not send their children to school on such days. In the event that school buses are not running, every effort will be made by your driver to contact you. In the event of school buses not running division-wide, radio broadcasts will be made on local stations.

Please contact your child's bus driver in the event they are not going to be on the bus for the morning pick up prior to 6:30 am. Due to safety reasons, drivers cannot answer phone calls on their cell phones while driving their routes.



"PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL"

In order to encourage the reading of the newsletter, after you have read the newsletter, fill the location below out with the name of your child from a draw for "Pizza with the Principal." One student will be chosen each month for this draw where he/she and one of their friends will have a chance to have a free pizza lunch with the Principal. Ballots are only valid with a parent or guardians signature.

I, _____ have seen and read the Fort Assiniboine Newsletter. I give permission to my Son/daughter _____ to participate in the Pizza with the Principal draw. Please list any food allergies your child may have:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

