

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

Fort Assiniboine School/ 780-584-3751

Message from Administration



I have only been at the Fort Assiniboine School for a month and I have found the students, staff and parents extremely supportive. This school is like an extended family. Everyone gives of themselves to make this school what it is! Although there are many people who have given to the school, I would like to especially thank Peter Kuelken for the countless hours he has given to keep the high school alive. He has attended countless meetings, researched data until his computer collapsed, visited different communities to find solutions. In my mind, he has gone beyond the call of duty and we own him a vote of thanks. On behalf of the students, staff, and parents of this community, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Basketball ends in March but before that happens, I would like to thank those who have gone the extra mile with Basketball for the students in our school. For coaching the elementary students – Mrs. Assenheimer, Junior High Boys – JJ Pattyson, Curtis Fraser and Jon Cross, Junior High Girls – Jenna Robinson and Mrs. Breitreitz as the staff supervisor for the junior high teams, Senior High girls – Mr. Darren Lee, Senior High boys – Mr. Devin Williams and Mr. Dustin Williams. For organizing the league games, scheduling buses, attending games and tournaments, a special thanks to Miss. Barton. For driving to many of the games and tournaments with a smile on her face Mrs. Lorna Penchuk. It is commitment from people like these that have made the Fort Assiniboine School a feared opponent on the court.

March has two events that I would like to highlight. The first is COOL Camp which will be held for our students on March 14th and 15th. This is a grade eight activity where older teens (usually grade twelves) with leadership qualities and training from qualified adults, teach younger teenagers how to be safe when dealing with sexuality, alcohol and drugs. What is unique this year is that to save parents travel time to Barrhead we are going to hold the parent information session on our school via video conferencing. This parent information evening is scheduled for 7:00 pm March 1st. I will also be available at that time to answer other questions parents might have about the program.

The second event in March that I would like to bring to your attention is the parent teacher interviews. It has been proven that students who have parent involvement in their educational growth tend to do better in school. Because of this I would ask every parent to contact the office to book a meeting time. They are scheduled for the evenings of Wednesday March 16th and 17th. I am looking forward to meeting each and everyone those nights.

Yours in education,

Kerry McElroy

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March School Calendar and Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Grade 5 and 6/Jr. High Ski Trip</i>	2 Gr 5 and 6 Fieldtrip to Legislature	3	4 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	5
6	7	8 <i>Grade 5 and 6/Jr. High Ski Trip</i>	9	10 <i>Grade 5 and 6/Jr. High Ski Trip</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16 Parent Teacher Student Conferences 4-8 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Jr/Sr Drama Classes to Citadel "Hunch'Back" Parent Teacher Student Conferences 4-8 pm	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21	22	23 Early Dismissal 2:30	24	25	26 Spring Break
27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Spring Break	30 Spring Break	31 Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break

Other Important Dates Coming Up:

May 6 – Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 May 7 – Highway Clean Up/Sports
 Teams and Parent Society
 May 13- Whole School/Classes Pics
 May 20 – Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 May 23 – Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
 May 25 – Early Dismissal
 June 3 – Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 June 28 - Last Student Day
 June 30 - Grad 2010

Important dates in April:

April 4 – Classes Resume
 April 8 – PD Day No School
 April 13 - Spring Concert
 April 22 – Good Friday
 April 25 – Easter Monday
 April 27 – Early Dismissal

WHAT'S NEW?

Over the past few months there have been several incidents in Pembina Hills and our school where bus students were dropped off at the wrong home on the afternoon runs. This bothers us so much because bad weather or unsettled marital situations might place our kids in dangerous situations. So to try to protect our children even more ,we have created a new policy, called the "RECALL PROTOCOL". When parents phone into the school and ask us to place their child on another bus or send them to a different home, we will be asking for a verification phone number. We will then return the call immediately to verify the information. We ask that parents be patient with us because depending upon where you are phoning from, reception might not exist. If this occurs, we will be having your child delivered to the normal drop off spot. Thanks for your support, remember your child's safety is a priority for us!

This and That

School Council Meeting

Fort Assiniboine School

Parent Council Meeting

Sometime before the
16th of March

Please watch for notices being
sent home with the students

7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Peter Kuelken – Chairperson
Kim Cross – Recording Secretary

Everyone Welcome to attend

Student's Union
Green Day March 17
Wear something Green
that day!

**Thanks to the great efforts of
the Elementary Classes \$858
was raised for the Heart and
Stroke Foundation through the
Jump Rope for Heart Campaign
in early February.**

Driver Education

Course offered through Regent
Driving School

Dates: TBA and depending if
there is enough interest

Cost \$595 plus GST

Please call Regent Driving School
@ 780-709-5461

For more info or to register

**Fort Assiniboine Elementary
Recycling Program Successes**

A Great Thank you to our community for supporting our school's recycling program. Our elementary recycling program is registered with Alberta School's Beverage Recycling Program. Our present standing in the category of school's with student populations of 200 or less shows we have redirected 11200 beverage containers away from landfills this school year. That amount equals 74 containers per student in the elementary classes. We are currently #7 for all of Alberta in our category. Considering our small community, this is wonderful support. Thank you Fort Assiniboine.



Barrhead Rotary Music

Festival Thursday March 17

- 11:00 – Preschool/Kindergarten – Mice
- 11:08 – Grade 1 and 2 - Cookie for Snipe
- 11:16 – Choir – Lazy Little Hippo
- 11:21 – Grade 5 and 6 – In the Jungle
- TBA – Grade 3 and 4 - Au Claire de la Lure

All in the BES Amphitheatre

*Zone action for both
team will be*

March 11 and 12.

in Westlock

From the Bears Den

Fort Assiniboine Senior Boys Bears Basketball Report. Submitted by Dustin Williams, assistant coach.

On the weekend of Feb 4/5 the team traveled to Mayerthorpe and played three games. We had two disappointing losses, by the third the guys had calmed down and played much more as a team and with way more confidence to come out with a dominant win! The next weekend the Bears had another tournament at Saint Mary's School in Westlock Feb 11 and 12. It started off with a tough game against Parkland. The guys started and finished strong but didn't get the win. The final score 45-66 in favor of Parkland. Going to the B-side of the tournament, our next game was the following morning against Gerard Redmond. Defense was key in this game and they played very aggressive on offence as well. The Bears came through with a demanding win of 84-59 to continue on to the consolation final against Concordia.. This game gave us a chance to try a new style of defense and it worked quite well. Despite their efforts and adjustments, it just wasn't enough to earn the win as we fell short 45-55. The Fort Assiniboine Bears basketball team finishes well in an Edson tournament Feb 18 and 19. The first game on Friday the 18th was too close as the bears were down 18-35 at halftime against Harry Collinge JV and had an amazing 54-44 comeback win. The next game was on the 19th against County Central, the bears fell short even though they played relentlessly. Their final game of the tournament was for 3rd place against Gerard Redmond. The Bears finished with a win of 58-42.

Next tournament action will be March 11 and 12 in Westlock at Zones for both teams.

League news: Semi final playoff game for senior boys – Tuesday March 1 at Fort Assiniboine

Final Play-off Game - Thursday Mach 3 (if boys win Tuesday night Fort Assiniboine will host)

JUNIOR BEARS

Our Junior High Girls Basketball team had a great season. They will finish their season off with the Divisional Finals in Barrhead this coming weekend March 4 and 5. The girls were quite successful with their league games but came up against some tough comp at a Tournament in Whitecourt on Feb 25/26. Congratulations for a great season.

Our Junior High Team members were: McKayla Cross (grade6), Kalie Breitreitz, Rebecca Breitreitz, Sara Dean, Jordyn Fenske, Chelsey Lee, (all in grade 8), and Cindy Dean (grade 9)

Coaches included: Jenna Robinson with staff supervisor Mrs. Debbie Breitreitz.

Our Junior High Boys Basketball team also had a great season. They finished their season at Divisonal's in Barrhead on March 5 and 6 as well. Congratulations for a great season and thanks to their high school coaches for a great job that they did with the boys as well.

The Junior High Team members included: Albert Brouwer, Aaron Clasper, Riley Lawton(all in grade7) Dawnaven Olosn, Colin Wilson (grade 8) Conrad Appel and Michael Kummer (both in grade 9)

Coaches were: JJ Pattyson, Jon Cross, and Curtis Fraser with staff supervisor Mrs. Debbie Breitreitz.



BADMINTON BEARS

Bears Badminton afterschool the week of March 14 please watch for posters around the school and listen for morning announcement for more details. There are two tournaments that we are looking at entering teams into.

We are looking at hosting some Recreational Volleyball

On Wednesday's from 7-9 pm

Fort Assiniboine School Gym

If you are interested let Deb know at 584-2636

\$2/person 12 years and up ONLY

DID YOU KNOW?

As I had said in the February Newsletter, each month I plan to answer questions people might have on the operation of the school. This month the question is "Sometimes my child comes home and talks about a rubric, what is that?" Many people use checklists or "To-Do" lists when something needs to get done. In schools, we use the term rubric synonymously with checklist. In school, checklists are used to help students check what they have done in an assigned piece of work or project. Using a checklist enables students to see if they meet the necessary standards for their work and it helps to give them a better understanding of what is expected. All students want to do well, so providing them with a checklist is a helpful way to support them doing the best work possible.

Parking Headaches!!!

Every high school every spring usually has parking issues and we are no exception. With more students driving to school at this time of year, we have had to clarify the parking arrangements.

Staff are asked to park on the north side of the building. The reason being is that younger students who live behind the school are often crossing there, some classes use that area for staging cross country skiing, and many of our classes use that area to access the sports fields. The reason we ask staff to park there is that they usually arrive at school before school starts and do not move through the day, which makes that area safer for all. We ask that students not park there because they tend to come and go at different times of the day which puts our young students safety in jeopardy. Students and visitors are asked to use the parking area to the east side of the school. Just a reminder that there is a handicap parking spot near the man gate – please respect that designation. Thank you for your understanding!!

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See us at:
www.fortschool.ca

STUDENT PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Wednesday March 16 from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday March 17 from 4 -8 p.m.

STUDENT NAME(S): _____

PARENT'S NAME and PHONE NUMBER _____

I will be able to attend Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences at approximately :

Wednesday March 16 at _____ p.m. or Thursday March 17 at _____ p.m.

I would like to set up a conference with the following teachers:

We will try our best to set it up so that parents with multiply children see their child(ern's) teachers all on the same night

"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: _____

Please turn in the entry form no later than March 25, 2011