

# Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

Fort Assiniboine School/ 780-584-3751



## Message from Administration

Spring will be coming or at least that is what we hope! Our students are getting a little anxious, wanting to get outside and enjoy some fresh air. It is my hope that the spring break scheduled for next week has warm weather so our young people can be outdoors most of the day, becoming refreshed.

As I write this message, I would ask for your help. As you know, the decision to close the high school has been made but there has also been a motion passed to try to reinstate it in three years. As I see it, I believe we need to make this transition as positive as possible for our kids. Young people are resilient but they are also very impressionable. If we are happy, they tend to be happy. If we are stressed, they are usually stressed. Although we might not agree with the decision, on behalf of our kids, I would ask that we look at each day in a positive way.

I would also ask that you take the time to support Peter Klueken and the parent council.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm the council will be meeting to discuss many items related to the schools operation and its future. For example, one of the items will be the 2011-2012 school year. With the new busing schedule, our school will need to reduce the school year by about twenty days. It is at that meeting that parents will have input. So please join us that evening and help mold the future. Help the parent council get back the high school. We might go down in history as being one of the only communities to do that, time will tell!




Kerry McElroy



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## April School Calendar and Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 27 Spring Break	March 28 Spring Break	March 29 Spring Break	March 30 Spring Break	March 31 Spring Break	1 Spring Break April Fool's Day	2 Spring Break
3 Spring Break	4 Classes Resume	5 General Meeting for Next Years Grade 10-12 students and parents 7pm	6 Parent Council Meeting 7 p.m.	7 Sr High Ski Trip April 7-9 Leaving at 3:30 p.m. 	8 <b>PD NO School</b> 	9 
10	11	12	13 Spring Concert 7:30 p.m. Individual Student Meetings 1-3 pm Tour BCHS 4 -7:30 pm	14	15 Sr High Edmonton Symphony Trip	16
17	18	19	20 Student/Parent Meeting with BCHS Admin 4 -7 p.m.	21	22 <b>Good Friday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23
24 Easter Sunday	25 <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26 Grade 1-6 Swimming Lessons Start April 26 until May 5	27 <b>Early Dismissal 2:30 p.m.</b> Kindergarten – Pre Registration	28	29 Elem Recycle Walk	30

### Important dates in May

May 1- 31 **FORESTRY MONTH**

May 2 - 6 - Spring Forestry/Energy Workshop Camp 2

May 6 – “Bear Friday” – No School

May 7 – Highway Clean UP – ALL Athletic Groups

May 13 – Class / Whole School/ Kindergarten Pictures

May 16 - Additional Transition Meeting with next years BCHS students and parents

May 17 – Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Grade 3 Language Arts

May 18 – PAT Grade 6 Language Arts

May 19 – PAT Grade 9 Language Arts

May 20 – “Bear Friday” – No School

May 23 - Victoria Day **NO SCHOOL**

May 25 – Early Dismissal

## Did You Know ?

Did you know that life as we know it or believe it to be is changing. Some recent statistics from Dr Ian Brown has made me wonder about the future of our male children. Dr Brown claims that today there are more females going to university than males and that thirty years ago it was the exact opposite. In his book he also states that 29% of males between the ages of 20 and 34 still live at home with their parents (scary isn't it !!). And that 52% of grade 7 boys in North America are spending an average of 42 hours using electronics compared to 26 % of girls. Now these statistics probably do not apply to our kids yet. But watch out!



## WHAT'S NEW?

This month I want to let you know that we will be starting swimming lessons with our grades one to six. The last week of April and first week in May, we will be traveling to Swan Hills in the afternoon to take lessons. That pool offered us a good deal and will be testing our kids for badges at the end of the lessons. It is my belief that we as parents are very busy in the summer and some years cannot arrange things so our kids can take swimming lessons. So our school has decided to help out and make this a yearly activity for grades one to six. It will cost \$25.00 per child but the transportation will be covered. Please note that there will be a permission slip coming home after the spring break with the relevant information on it.

### **School Council Meeting**

Fort Assiniboine School

Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday April 6, 2011

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

### **High School Transition Time Line**

**March 22- 24:** Classroom Presentation with Mr. McElroy

**April 5:** Evening General Meeting for parents and students in Grade 9 -11 in Room 15 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Mrs. Renkema and an introduction to a group of teachers from BCHS.

**April 13:** Individual Student Meetings: Mr. Gramlich (High School Completion Coordinator) Mr. Ferguson (BCHS) and Mr. McElroy will meet with each student to discuss their profile and plan for completing high school.

**April 13:** Tour of BCHS (Two buses have been booked for Transportations, Please call school to confirm a seat on the bus). Tour the school, stop for supper and return to school at 7:30 p.m.

**April 20:** Student/Parent Meeting: BCHS Administrators woill meet with every student and parent to discuss their plan and register with them, Please book a time with Mrs. Fleming, interviews will run form 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**May 16:** Additional Transition Meetings: Meeting with parents and students who have or need a special program to complete their high school education.

## From the Bears Den

*The Lady Bears and The Bears*

The 2010/2011 Bears season was full of both victory and defeat, but all players continued to grow and advance skills regardless of the obstacle. The Senior Bears won first place win the GCAA league bring home a new banner to hang in the gym and bright shine GOLD medals. The Senior Bears also had a dramatic finish against the guys from Parkland and at the end of it all brought home silver medals.

The Senior Lady Bears had their struggles through out the season. Often they out scored and out defended their opponents to only come up short at he end of the four quarters. Zones was a different story though and all stepped up to play their best ball of the season! Well done BEARS! You all give this community, this school, much to be proud of.

### Jr/Sr High Athletics Fund Raiser

#### Highway Clean Up

Saturday May 7, 2011

Starting at 8:00 a.m. Meeting at the school

(with Saturday, May 14 being the alternate day in the event of inclement weather)

#### All Athletic Participates are Required to Attend

This fundraiser will be help cover the cost of tournaments and bussing.

All Participates are required to view the Safety Training DVD

Lunch will be provided

More info to follow closer to May 7

Fort Assiniboine School

Senior Drama Class is pleased to Present

*A Family Reunion*

*to Die For* 

June 9 and 10

Dinner Theater

Ticket will be available mid May

#### Kindergarten Pre Registration

Wednesday April 27

1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Parents please bring your land location and your child's birth certificate or Alberta Health Care Card

Fort Assiniboine Preschool  
Early Registration

May 17, 2011  
1:30-2:30 p.m.

At the Preschool for  
3 and 4 year olds  
Starting in September  
Please bring AHC#,  
postdates cheques,  
Names/Addresses/phone  
numbers of Emergency contacts  
  
Phone Pre-School at 780-674-  
8589 for more information

**SHOWCASE OF TALENT**

For ages 18 and under

**TOPLAND HALL MAY 28**

Do you have a special  
talent? Can you speak, sing,  
dance or play an instrument?  
Do you have artwork to  
display? This is your chance  
to shine!

Please register by April 21 -  
call Jeanette at 4780-584-3984  
Or e-mail: ster3984@telus.net

**Fort Assiniboine  
Moms and Tot's  
Preschool Committee**

Will be selling

*Spring Raffle Tickets*

*In April and May*

*Phone 780-674-8589 for  
details  
We appreciate your  
support!*

**Spring Concert**

Wednesday April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Featuring performances from award winning selections at the  
Barrhead Music Festival

**And Grade 5/6 Bake Sale**

With baked goodies from \$.25 to \$1.00 each

**Students Union Hot Lunch Sale**

**Burgers and Floats Sale**

Wednesday April 20, 2011  
Watch for Pre Order Forms

**THANK YOU NEXEN INC , DEVON CANADA AND FCSS**

**FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TOWARDS**

**"BREAKFAST FOR LEARNERS"**

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**"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 April 21, 2011**