

# FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

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## THANKSGIVING

### Thankfulness

We are thankful for the many extra learning opportunities provided for by our School Council Society as they fund our busing for field trips. In September we have taken trips for cross country, soccer, gr. 9 career fair, and Jr. High Outdoor Ed.

### Security & Safety

All Pembina Hills schools must follow policy that requires all visitors to our school to sign in and out of the building. The sign in sheet is located in the office. We appreciate your understanding and our need to know at all times who is in our building. This will include enforcing no entry to the school from the public library. Please contact me directly with questions/concerns.

### Maintenance Update

Installation of our new water bottle filling has begun and should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Installation of swipe card entries on our library door and jr. high back exit are in progress. Next major project will be the remodeling of our staff room kitchen and the installation of a serving area for our breakfast program.

### School Ed Plan Priorities

Our staff are always hard at work preparing a safe and caring work environment. Our big goals continue to focus on Literacy, Numeracy, Mental Health, and learning more about FNMI history and culture. Our school PD days, including Oct. 6, and six early dismissal days will be focusing on these topics

### Bear Houses & Food Bank Drive

Last year we collected over 500 pounds of food for our local food bank. Once again, we are participating in Farm Credit Canada's "Drive against Hunger". We will be having a friendly competition between Bear Houses to see who can bring in the most food. We will have a representative come in from FCC on weigh our food at 3:00 on Oct. 13.

Lorna Hiemstra  
Principal & Teacher

## This Month's Highlights:

- ✓ Magazine Sales  
September 27 till  
October 19
- ✓ Scholastic Book  
Fair Oct 16-20
- ✓ **Early Dismissal  
Wednesday Oct  
25 @ 2:47 p.m.**
- ✓ **No replica  
weapons** are  
allowed in our  
school, including  
Halloween  
costumes



### Attendance

Please inform the office if your child is going to be away from school or is sick.

You can call at any time as we do have an answering machine.

**780-584-3751**

## Character Trait of the Month: *Thankfulness*




*Thankfulness is being grateful for what we have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. Appreciate the little things that happen around you and within you every day. Think positively. Thankfulness bring contentment.*



## Picture Day

Order forms will be sent home as soon as possible.

**Tuesday  
October 17  
At 8:30 a.m.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Elem Soccer – Gr. 5- 6 Swan Hills here 1:00 - 2:30p.m	4 <b>Cross Country Team Competition in Whitecourt</b>  PTS Goal Setting Conference 4:15 – 7:30 pm	5 Elem Soccer – Gr. 5- 6 @ Busby 8:30 -3:30p.m	6 <b>PLC Day for Staff NO SCHOOL</b>	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day 	10 <b>Safety on Board Bus Presentation</b>	11	12 <b>PTS Goal Setting Conference 4:15 – 7:30 pm</b>	13 FCC Drive Away Hunger Food Drive Weigh In	14
15	16	17  Picture Day	18	19 Fire Safety Presentations	20 <b>BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	21
Scholastic Book Fair						
Fire Safety Week						
22	23	24	25 Early Dismissal 2:47 p.m.	26	27 <b>BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	28
29	30	31   Halloween Activities	<b>Reminder: no replica weapons</b> are allowed in our school, including Halloween costumes			

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Fort Assiniboine School and Public Library

October 16-20, 2017  
 Monday, Oct. 16: 1-4 pm  
 Tuesday, Oct. 17 to Friday, Oct. 20:  
 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

The library will be open for lunch this week in order to give visitors maximum time at the fair.

We will be accepting cheques or cash only.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 3 ..... Bear Day NO SCHOOL  
 Nov 9.....Remembrance Day Assembly  
 Nov 10.....In Lieu Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL  
 Nov 13 .....NO SCHOOL  
 Nov TBA.....Picture Retakes (time TBA)  
 Nov. 20 .....PD Day NO SCHOOL  
 Nov 28.....Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Nov 29.....Early Dismissal @ 2:47  
 Dec 1 .....Bear Day NO SCHOOL



### School Goal 500 lbs

Food Donations can be dropped off at the school between Wednesday October 4 and 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bear House Weigh In 3:00 p.m. Oct 13  
(Go Spirit Bears)

- \*pasta products and rice
  - \*canned meats and fish
  - \*dry and canned soups and stews
  - \*flour
  - \*canned fruits and vegetable
  - \*breakfast cereal
  - \*canned/powdered milk
  - \*infant formula and baby food
  - \*fruit juices
  - \*pasta sauce
  - \*beans and legumes
- Please **NO** expired, open or perishable items.

For more information on FCC Drive Away Hunger, visit [www.fccdiveawayhunger.ca](http://www.fccdiveawayhunger.ca).

## Lost and Found Items

*We've been seeing an increase in the number of items, and some very expensive items, going into our lost and found box and NOT being claimed throughout the year.*

*By placing your child's name or initials on the tags, or adding labels, we can get these items returned to the student in a timely matter.*

*Thanks for your help*

## STUDENT'S UNION REPORT

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). Your involvement in our fundraising campaign is appreciated and needed. The profits raised will go towards activities that will benefit all of our students.

Our Annual QSP Fundraiser is **NEW** and **IMPROVED**. Help make awesome memories for our kids with memories of your own.

Introducing **MAGAZINES** and **Dream Big !**

- **YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN!** Magazines are a constant source for new information. Expand your knowledge with every new subscription you read
- You can **RENEW** existing subscriptions or order **NEW** subscriptions. Enter your name and address exactly as it appears on your current mailing label.
- Magazines also make **GREAT GIFTS** and can be delivered anywhere in Canada
- **With our newly expanded digital section you can read your magazines on the go.**
- **QSP Toll Free Customer Service # 800-667-2536**

### Order Online at [QSP.ca](http://QSP.ca)

- User friendly, accurate, and safe. Subscription orders placed online will arrive 4-6 weeks sooner.

- **GROUP ONLINE ID: 4973327**

### Order on Paper Forms

- Fill in the form neatly and completely – include postal code making sure the student's name is at the top
- Buyer keeps the pink copy for their records
- Due to a change in publisher policies QSP is no longer able to accept any better offer coupons.

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL

PLEASE RETURN ALL ORDERS BY: Wednesdays: OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>



## Readers Are Leaders!

> Learn more about how we are changing lives!



Fort Assiniboine School was proud to participate in the Terry Fox Annual School Run on Tuesday September 26

We would like to thank Dunstable School for hosting us for this year's run. Thank you to the families that sent all those yummy cookies and squares

Fort Assiniboine School raised \$1380.00 this year from our 80 students who took home pledge forms.

On behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation Thanks for your support.



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## School Supplies Fees

### School Supplies Fees for 2017-18 school year are:

Payable at School Cash Online (see back page to set up an account), the school office with cash or cheque, School Supply Fees are due October 15, 2017

Kindergarten .....	\$35.00 (includes day-planner)	<b>TOTAL \$35.00</b>
Grade 1-6.....	\$35.00 (includes day-planner)	<b>TOTAL \$35.00</b>
Grade 7-9.....	\$45	<b>TOTAL \$45.00</b>

#### Important Message for Everyone who Stops in at the School

We would like to ask **ALL** visitors to the school to check in and out of the building at the office. This includes dropping off lunches, picking up your child early from school, volunteering in the classroom, or just for a quick visit with the teacher. Please **DO NOT** use the Library as an entrance into the school. While the library is open to the public it is not to be used as an entrance into the school. This request is for the safety of the children, the school staff, as well as yours. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

#### Breakfast for Learners:

We are excited to offer "Breakfast for Learners" once again to our students. This program will be run by the FCSS Family Liaison Corina Zado along with some fabulous volunteers. Students will have access to a healthy breakfast every day after our morning assembly.

Studies show that a good breakfast is directly linked to better learning in school. Nutritional foods, following the Canadian Food Guide, will be offered.

Special thanks to our sponsors. A huge thanks to those that have committed to baking and serving each week. Your support is the key to the success of the program and the success of each child that benefits from breakfast each morning

Did you know...

Pembina Hills Public Schools purchases **Blanket Student Accident Insurance** on behalf of all students for coverage during the school day. This insurance covers:

- ambulance charges incurred as a result of 'injury' (no limit),
- ambulance charges incurred as a result of 'sickness and non-injury' emergencies, and related medical or dental expenses to a maximum combined limit of \$1000.

To submit a claim under the **Blanket Student Accident Insurance Policy**:

- Parents must complete the Blanket Student Accident Insurance - Info Sheet and Standard Claim Form
- Parents must contact the insurance company directly to submit their claim.
- Indicate Policy Number **100007783**.
- Ensure that the claim form is submitted within 90 days

More info about student accident insurance at [www.phrd.ab.ca](http://www.phrd.ab.ca)

#### School Board News

Alberta Education Consultations Members of the board and administration participated in the provincial consultations on the following topics:

1. Should access to an education program be extended from age 19 to age 21 as of Sept. 1st?
2. Should there be a common age of entry before entering kindergarten?
3. Education Services agreements (tuition agreements) between school jurisdictions and either a First Nation, or the Federal government on behalf of a First Nation
4. School fees - a discussion on the government's approach to school fee reductions
5. Transportation - a discussion on school transportation issues such as board and parent responsibility and the 2.4 kilometre walk limit.

The government has said it will be introducing new legislation in regards to the School Act in the fall session.

New Board of Trustees after October 16, 2017 Nomination day on September 18 resulted in 5 Trustees being 'acclaimed,' and 2 wards, Westlock Town and Westlock South hosting an election. Continuing in their roles as trustees are Jennifer Tuininga (Barrhead North), Jackie Comeau (Westlock North) and Judy Lefebvre (Town of Barrhead). Newly acclaimed include Kerry McElroy (Barrhead South) and Nancy Keough (Swan Hills). It is expected that provincially there will be a 40% turnover of trustees.

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**MEDICATION:** We can no longer administer medications such as Calamine lotion, Polysporin, Afterbite, anything with any kind of medicine in it. We will still provide bandages & ice. If a student brings any kind of medicine (prescription or over the counter) in to take during the day, the medication must be kept in the office and permission forms completed.

For those students with Epipen, puffers, Twinject etc. please bring those items to the office for safe storage.

# INFLUENZA:

Could be one less thing  
your child brings  
home this winter

**Fort Assiniboine School**  
**Free Influenza Immunization**  
**Drop-In Clinic**

**Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00- 7:00 pm**

Influenza is serious. Immunization works.  
Protect your family.

ahs.ca/influenza | Call 811



## Junior High Soccer



## Cross Country Team in Whitecourt



## Sports Report

Cross Country – fantastic results by all runners and amazing improvement over the season. Thank you Mrs. Kiselyk, Mr. Wyman, Mrs. Baker and “Grandma Peggy” for your support!

Westlock (a very cold day!) – Gr. 4 – Corbin 6<sup>th</sup>, Blake 10<sup>th</sup>, Reigan 6<sup>th</sup>; Gr. 6 Jayden 5<sup>th</sup>, Nina 1<sup>st</sup>, McKenna 4<sup>th</sup>; Jr. High Ava 9<sup>th</sup>, Jaydan W. 4<sup>th</sup>

Whitecourt – Gr. 6 – Jayden D. 9<sup>th</sup>, Keyanna 8<sup>th</sup>, Nina 2<sup>nd</sup>, McKenna 3<sup>rd</sup>; Gr. 4 – Keysha 8<sup>th</sup>, Summer 13<sup>th</sup>, Corbin 4<sup>th</sup>, Blake 5<sup>th</sup>, Ashlyn 4<sup>th</sup>, Reigan 5<sup>th</sup>; ; Jr. High – Jaydan W. 9<sup>th</sup>, Ava 8<sup>th</sup>, Megan 16<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Soccer - our first exhibition game was against Swan Hills on Oct. 2 was a great warm-up for the Busby tournament on Oct. 5 (results will be posted on FB page). The girls played great positions and won 3-1. Goals were scored by Davanna and Keysha. The boys won 4-2 with goals by Rowdy, Jayden and Wyatt.

Jr. High Soccer – the annual Fawcett tournament featured team from all over Pembina Hills. The weather was beautiful! The grade 7 team tied their first game 2-2 against Pembina North a goal by Savannah and a last second goal by Rowdy. A tough loss to Neerlandia, who were great passers, 7-1 with a penalty shot scored by Rowdy. Final game was a close 2-1 loss to Clyde The grade 8/9 boys’ team won their first game again St. Mary 4-3 and had close losses to RF Staples and Clyde.

## Jr. High Volleyball

Our first game will be in Swan Hills Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. RF Staples in Westlock Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, and the final league tournament Nov. 2.