

FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

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This Month's Highlights:

- ✓ Open House
September 20
- ✓ Terry Fox Run
October 2
- ✓ Parent Council
Meeting September
25 at 7:00 pm



WELCOME BACK!

Staffing Updates

We have two new staff members joining the Bears Den this year. Mrs. Megan Petryshyn is a Program Assistant (PA) in grade 1&2. Mrs. Pauline Payne has a diverse teaching assignment with Jr. High LA and Social Studies and Gr. 3&4 Science, Social, PE&Health, Art, and team teaching LA with me. I have a new teaching assignment this year that includes Gr. 3&4 Math, LA, and Music. I will still be involved in the Jr. High with CTF and coaching sports. Congratulations to the newly wed Mrs. Amanda Williams; we are trying not to call her Ms. Kuschminder 😊.

How can I help at the school?

Included in this newsletter is a form for parents interested in volunteering for our school. If you would like to help with Breakfast Club, baking, hot lunches, reading with students, decorating, field trips, Christmas Dinner, etc. please let us know. Our staff and students appreciate all helpers!

School Council Sept. 25

What's going on in Ft. Assiniboine School? We do a lot of awesome things here and have fantastic community support. Do you have some ideas to share? Please join us for an evening of information, sharing, and community building. Babysitting can be provided (contact the office). Meeting is from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Looking forward to another great year at the Fort!
Lorna Hiemstra
Principal



OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY
SEPT 20, 2018

FAMILY BBQ 5-7

- SCHOOL TOURS
- POWERSCHOOL
- PARENT LOG & DEMO
- SIGN UP FOR FRESH
- GRADE APP - SEE
- YOUR CHILD'S WORK
- AND RECEIVE
- IMPORTANT INFO

Terry Fox Run

Fort Assiniboine School is proud to participate in
the Terry Fox Annual School Run
at Thunder Lake on
Tuesday, October 2 approx. 11:00 a.m.

Come out and join us to help raise funds for Cancer Research Pledge Forms
available in office or visit <http://www.terryfox.org/>

Help us meet our goal of raising \$1600.00
or \$20 per student

This year Dunstable School will be joining us to run at Thunder Lake. We will meet at the beach area and enjoy the beautiful fall scenery on our walk/ run. We will provide hotdogs and Dunstable will bring dessert. Parents are welcome to join us in the run/ walk.

Character Trait of the
Month

RESPECT

"Treat people the way
you want to be treated.
Talk to people the way
you want to be talked to.
Respect is Earned,
Not given"

- Hussein Nishah

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August 27 Office Open	28 Office Open	29 PD Day in Barrhead	30 PD Day in Fort Assiniboine	31 School Closed	Sept 1
2	3 Labor Day No School	4 First Day of School	5	6 First Day of Kindergarten	7	8
9	10	11 Cross Country Training at 3:00 p.m. Gr. 4 - 9	12	13 Wildrose Rodeo Cowboys 8:30 "Western Day" Cross Country Training at 3:00 p.m.	14 Alternate "Bear" Friday No School	15
16	17	18 Cross Country Training at 3:00 p.m. Gr. 4 - 9	19	20 Cross Country Meet in Westlock (gr. 4-9) Open House 5-7 pm 	21 Alternate "Bear" Friday No School	22
23/30	24	25 ORANGE T- SHIRT DAY (See page 3 for more details) Jr. High Soccer Tournament in Fawcett School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Magazine Fundraiser Kick -off 1:00 p.m. Assembly Early Dismissal 2:52 p.m.	27	28	29

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 2 – Terry Fox Run
 October 3 and 11 – Goal Setting Meetings after school
 October 5 - **NO SCHOOL**
 October 8 – **THANKING'S GIVING DAY –NO SCHOOL**
 October 16 – Individual School Pictures
 October 19 – **NO SCHOOL**
 October 24 – Early Dismissal – Classes dismisses at 2:52 pm
 October 26 – **NO SCHOOL**

School Council Meeting

Tuesday
 September 25, 2018
 At 7:00 p.m.

Sports Report

Elementary Soccer

The Pembina Hills Soccer tournament will be held in Busby on Thursday, Oct. 4. All students in grade 4-6 are welcome to play on the team. Practices will be held during PE classes and at lunch recess. Mrs. Hiemstra and Mrs. Breitkreitz will be coaching. Other games may be scheduled, keep posted for more information coming soon.

Jr. High Soccer

All students in grades 7-9 will be participating in the annual Pembina Hills tournament in Fawcett on Sept. 25. Mr. Wyman & Mrs. Hiemstra will be coaching.

Jr. High Volleyball

Mr. Wyman & Mrs. Hiemstra will be coaching Junior High Volleyball starting in October. League and Tournament schedule is still being determined. More information coming soon.

Cross Country Running

Cross Country training will be starting right away for grades 4-9 on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 3:45 with Mrs. Kiselyk.

We plan to attend the Cross Country Meet on September 20 in Westlock. Runners who finish in the top 30 may have an opportunity to run at the NC Divisional race in Athabasca on October 10th. There may be an additional race in Whitecourt too. More info to come.

What is Orange T-shirt Day?

Every Child Matters

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student himself.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive, and as a result of the realization that every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. Former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

We ask that your child wear his/her Orange T-shirts, that was purchased by the school last year, to show support on Tuesday September 25. We will not be purchasing any new t-shirts this year, so ask that you either wear last year's t-shirt or wear a orange shirt that you may already own. There will be a permission form sent home asking if you would like your child to participate. Please contact Mrs. Hiemstra directly if you have any questions or concerns.

STUDENT'S UNION REPORT

**Fall Magazine Campaign Kick Off Assembly
September 26 at 1:00 p.m.**

Whole School Participation

This year's goal is to sell 500 magazines.

Funds raised go to student activities.

**Jr. High Students may apply their funds raised to go to
Jasper Ski Trip**

HOT LUNCHES WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER.



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. For example, if we have a fire drill or lockdown we need to know who is in the building.

School Supplies Fees

School Supplies Fees for 2018-19 school year are:

Payable at School Cash Online (see back page to set up an account), or at the school office with cash or cheque, School Supply Fees are due October 15, 2018

Kindergarten\$25.00 (includes day-planner)
Grade 1-6.....\$45.00 (includes

Check Out Our Website

at www.fortschool.ca/
and be sure to follow/like our Fort Assiniboine School Facebook page

Latest News
Calendar of Events
-General -Athletic
-Academic - Special Events
as well as Classroom Reminders

MEDICATION: We can not administer medications such as Calamine lotion, Polysporin, Afterbite, anything with any kind of medicine in it. If a student requires to take any kind of medicine (prescription or over the counter) in to take during the day, **the medication must be brought in by a parent** to the school office. Medication should be in it's original packaging. Consent forms must be completed, medication will be kept and dispensed as directed under supervision in the office.

For those students with EpiPen, puffers, Twinject etc. please inform office and teacher, bring those items to the office to make arrangement for safe storage.



FCSS YOUTH!

IN THE FORT

WEDNESDAYS

4 – 6 PM @ THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Board games, coloring and puzzle stations, homework areas, table tennis and football games, animal nights, cosmetic programs, paint activities, musical instruments, bowling, movie nights, skating at the Agrena, karaoke, hikes around our community, splash-park games, picnics, camp fires, dances, volunteerism, and educational courses and events.

FCSS Youth! also plans activities and events in the community such as sports nights - volleyball, dodgeball, badminton, frisbee games and other recreational activities or fundraisers

For Ages 11 - 15

Registered and Drop-in Programs Available

Starts September 5, 2018

Pizza Parties, Prizes & More!

Come and drop by!

BARRHEAD & DISTRICT FCSS SOCIETY

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(780) 674-3341

barrheadfcss.youth@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/>

FCSSYouth/

Next Youth Night
Wednesday September 19



MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar/Piano/Voice

At the Fort Assiniboine School

Starting September /2018 (Friday's)

For more information or to register please call

Connie @780-674-8075

School Board News

The Pembina Hills Public Schools Board of Trustees is made up of seven locally elected trustees and is accountable to the Minister of Education. We directly supervise Mr. David Garbutt, our School Superintendent, but within Pembina Hills we employ approximately 350 teachers and 400 support staff, and are the largest employer in the area. The school board oversees a combined \$83.5 million budget for Pembina Hills and Alberta Distance Learning Centre. This is managed through a combination of central and site-based decision making.

As a school board we set the vision and direction for the division which includes creating policy, deciding how education services are delivered in our schools, and advocating for our local concerns at the provincial level. Your trustees are elected, local people who are passionate about education and doing what is best for students. Each elected trustee represents a ward and is the liaison with the schools situated in their area. The board's decisions are based on what is best for the school division as a whole.

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Violence Threat Risk Assessment

How Pembina Hills responds to threats of violence

Young people dealing with difficult situations and challenges they can't resolve may resort to high risk behavior which puts them and others in danger. Because we want to keep *all* students and schools safe, we are working with our community partners to respond to and support those students who may pose a risk.

Our school administrators have completed intensive safety training through the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. Working with Evergreen Catholic Schools, government agencies, the RCMP and community partners, we have developed a prevention and intervention protocol to guide our response to students who may pose a threat.

Fair Notice

I am sharing this message to give parents fair notice that our school will address and respond proactively to any high risk behavior and threats.

It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. However, if for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment.

Our commitment to proactively respond to threats is a key element of this protocol. As always our goal is to keep our students and schools safe. We thank our protocol partners for working with us to sustain healthy, caring learning environments for the students we serve.

If you have questions, please give me a call at 780-584-3751

Lorna Hiemstra - School Principal

More information can be found on the Pembina Hills Public Schools website at www.phpschools.ca
Under Schools and Programs

Main Doors open for students @8:00 a.m.
Classes Start (First Attendance) @8:20 a.m.
Lunch @12:15 p.m.
Afternoon Classes start @1:00 p.m.
Dismissal @3:52 p.m.
(Early Dismissal Days will be 2:52p.m.)

Parent Society Volunteers Needed For

Casino Fundraiser in Fort McMurray October 8, 9 and 10

All Expenses Paid
(Travel, Accommodations and Meals)

Funds raised pay for:

- Bussing for all fieldtrip and athletics trips for all students
- Art supplies
- PE equipment
- Music and Drama supplies
- Technology equipment
 - Almost every student in the school has their own chrome book to use
- Guest Speakers and Presentations
- Our next BIG project – an outdoor classroom
- And so much more

If you would like more information or are able to volunteer at this time
Please contact Teresa Dekker
at 780-584-2422

Without enough volunteers unable to attend we could be in jeopardy of losing this fundraiser, which in turn will cost you more funds and less opportunities for our children.

Every child benefits from the efforts of a few hours of volunteering

**THANK YOU FARM CREDIT CANADA
FOR THE \$1000.00 DONATION TO OUR
BREAKFAST FOR LEARNERS
PROGRAM**



NEEDED *In School Mentors*

Are you a caring and responsible person interested in spending one on one time with an elementary aged child? Or do you know of someone who may be interested.

By becoming a school mentor you are helping them to achieve social and academic success.

Requirements needed to be a mentor:

Be a: *positive role model *friend *listener *resource *And a guide for 1 hour per week

If interested please contact Lorna Hiemstra 780-584-3751

Fort Assiniboine Volunteer List

We need your help! How can you as a parent, grandparent or member contribute? Listed below are some ways to help our events and fundraisers throughout the year. This is not set in stone! You will only be contacted if you are needed. Please fill out this form and return to the school.

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail: _____

Baking
Breakfast Club _____ School Concert _____ Parent Teacher Interview _____

Serve Food
Breakfast Club (8:00 –9:00 a.m.) you pick a day _____ _Day_____
Turkey Lunch Day (Christmas) _____

Fundraising
Casino (Society pays for your fuel, food and hotel) _____
Highway Clean Up (first Saturday in May) _____

Classroom Activities/Field Trips/ Mentor
Reading with a student(s) _____ Math Activities _____ Art Activities _____ Mentor _____
Sharing a Cultural Experience with a class _____ Jasper Ski Trip (Jr High) _____ General help with your child's class _____

Coaching
please specify what sport(s) _____

What are some of your special skills that we could call upon if needed: **Do you?**
Knit/Crochet _____ Play Crib _____ Snow Shoe _____ Carve _____ Dance _____ Curling _____
Other _____

Parent Council: Know when meetings are _____ Interested in a position _____
Parent Society: Know when meetings are _____ Interested in a position _____

Thank you for your support!

Student Parent Teacher Goal Setting Meetings :

Wednesday October 3 and Thursday October 11 from 4:15 - 5:45 and 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. BOTH EVENINGS - 15 minute intervals

STUDENT NAME(S): _____ PARENT NAME(S) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

I, _____ will be able to attend Parent/Teacher/Student Goal Setting Meetings at approximately:

Wednesday, October 3 at _____ p.m. or Thursday, October 11 at _____ p.m.

****Please note – Mrs. Kiselyk will ONLY be available to meet with Kindergarten parents on Thursday October 11. Kindly return to the office as soon as possible or call (780-584-3751) to book a time slot**

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, **Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7** would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

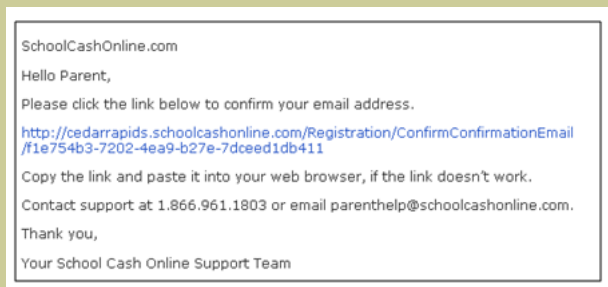
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://phrd.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items for Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ ?

School Name: Eagle High School ?

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number: ?

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date: MM/DD/YYYY *
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

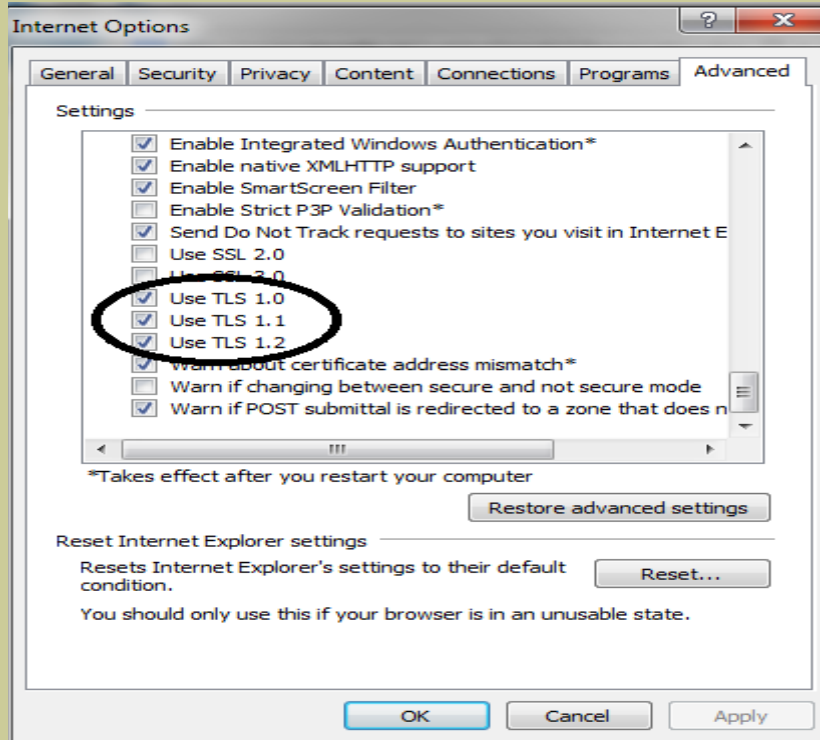
(No students? [Click here](#))

School Cash Online - Technical Issues with Internet Explorer

August 26, 2015 - Attn: Parents

If you are experiencing technical issues opening School Cash Online with Internet Explorer, please note there are two solutions which will allow you to successfully sign in or register.

1. Use **Google Chrome** or **Mozilla Firefox** instead.
2. If you wish to continue using Internet Explorer, you need to enable TLS settings:
 - o Click on the Gear in top right > Internet Options > Advanced Tab > Under the Security Section, you need to check the following boxes:
 - Use TLS 1.0
 - Use TLS 1.1
 - Use TLS 1.2
 - o Click OK



If you continue to experience difficulty, please contact your school for assistance or [send us a message](#).

To view our complete school listing with contact information, [click here](#).

Pay School Fees Online
Fast. Simple. Secure.

[Register Now](#)

SchoolCashOnline

<https://phrd.schoolcashionline.com/>