

# FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

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## Kindness All Around Us

### School Council

Thank you to our dedicated group of parent volunteers who have signed on for another year of volunteer service. The 2019 Executive includes: President Penny Price, Vice President Charlene Fleming, and Secretary/Treasurer Teresa Dekker. An extra thank you to "retiring" VP Jamie Baker who stayed on an additional year to help with transitioning.

### Sharing a Meal Together

Buddy Lunches is another wonderful tradition of kindness at our school. Look for letters coming home with your child's lunch buddy for Valentines and St. Patrick's Day.

### Surveys - Your input is important

It is that time of year when Alberta Education and Pembina Hills Public Schools contacts parents, students, and staff to provide feedback about our school system. Thank you for taking the time to share your opinions.

### Parent Society

Do you know how much our Parent Society contributes to our students? Over \$20,000 is provided each year for our students in extracurricular busing, art and music supplies, field trips, guest speakers, and much more. Please stay informed and support our Parent Council. They organize our annual Highway Clean-up and Casino fundraisers.

### Choir Group

We have some keen musicians in our school and Mrs. Dekker has volunteered to play piano for an optional noon hour singing program for K-9. Our first session will be on Mon. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Fort Assiniboine School

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.fortschool.ab.ca](http://www.fortschool.ab.ca)

### **Parent Society** **Annual General Meeting**

Fort Assiniboine School

Parent Society Meeting

Tuesday February 26 @ 7:30 p.m

Kristin Machuk – Chairperson  
[freedomcalls@me.com](mailto:freedomcalls@me.com)






February's Character Trait Focus  
is:

## Kindness

**Find** THE TIME  
**Take** THE TIME  
**Make** THE TIME  
TO SMILE, TO SPEAK A KIND WORD,  
TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER PERSON.

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# February 2019

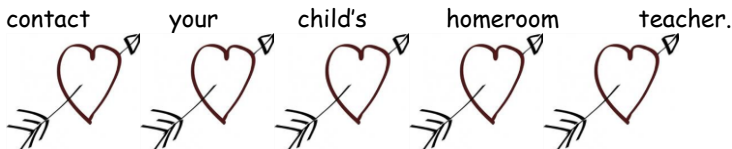
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Attendance</b> Please info the office if your child is going to be away from school or is sick. Please call at any time and leave a message. <b>780-584-3751</b></p> 						<p>1 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</p> 
3	4	5	6	7 Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	8 Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	9
10	11 Jr High Basketball @ Clyde 	12	13 Elem. Basketball @ Swan Hills 	14 Buddy Luncheon Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart 	15 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL National Flag of Canada Day 	16
17	18 Family Day NO SCHOOL 	19	20 Random Acts of Kindness Week Youth Group Canvas Art	21 Elem. Basketball at Westlock 	22	23
24	25 Junior High Tournament Basketball Tournament 	26  <b>Pink Shlrt Day</b>	27 Early Dismissal at 2:52 PM	28 Gr.5/6 Basketball Tournament  Hot Lunch TBA	March 1 Sledge Hockey Demo Jr High 	

## Other Important Dates Coming Up:

March 6 and 14.....Evening Celebration of Learning Conferences  
 March 8 ..... PD NO SCHOOL  
 March 13 – 14 .....Cool Camp – Grade 8's  
 March 15 .....NO SCHOOL  
 March 20..... Early Dismissal (2:52)  
 March 22 .....BEAR Day NO SCHOOL  
 March 25 – 29.....Spring Break  
 April 1 .....Classes Resume

## Valentines/St. Patrick's Friendship Luncheon

On Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten's through Grade nine will be sharing a special Valentine's Friendship Luncheon. Each student will be randomly partnered with another student. One student will be designated to provide a special lunch for themselves and their partner. The students will then reciprocate this act of friendship by providing a special lunch for their partner on St. Patrick's Day. Each student will receive a note informing them if they are providing the lunch for Valentine's Day or if they are receiving the lunch that day. Another memo will go home for St. Patrick's Day informing students if they are providing or receiving a lunch that day. If you have any questions with regards to this luncheon, please contact



### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

Thursday, February 14 in the Gym at 1:30 p.m..  
We believe that every child has the right to grow up healthy, where they live, learn and play – and our school can help us make this vision a reality.  
<http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca/>

### Anti-bullying Day is February 26th.

Wear pink to support the victims on this day and to send a message of no tolerance to bullies.

**New T-shirts have been ordered for students and staff this year**



### Basketball season has the Bears Den Rockin' at Fort Assiniboine School!

#### U of A Trip

Unfortunately, the Feb. 2 trip had to be cancelled due to extremely cold weather and poor road conditions. We are looking into attending a playoff game later in Feb. More details to come soon.

#### Bears Basketball

The cold weather has changed a couple of events, but it hasn't slowed us down much. The Jr. High Girls have played 8 games in Dec. and Jan. with an impressive 5-3 record. Both Elem and Jr. High have 3 league games and the Divisional tournament left in the season. Please note some new dates below:

Feb. 11 Jr High Travel to Clyde for a 3:00 game WES - Parent Volunteers needed (bus not available)

Feb. 19 - Elementary host Swan Hills at 1:00 and Jr. High host RF Staples at 2:30

Feb. 21 - Elementary travel to WES - Parent Volunteers needed (bus not available)

Feb. 25 - Jr. High Divisional Tournament

Feb. 28 - Elementary Divisional Tournament

Go Bears Go!



# School Board News

## - Nominate a Student for a Citizenship Award!

The school board's mission is to deliver an excellent education to our students so they become ethical and responsible citizens. The board therefore recognizes students who make positive contributions to their school and community.

We are looking for citizenship award nominations of deserving K-12 students. There are no limits to the number of awards that can be given, and the nomination process is ongoing throughout the school year! A student can be nominated by a staff member, community member, or other student.

Here's how you can nominate a K-12 student for an award - online or by printed copy:

1. Go to [www.pphschools.ca](http://www.pphschools.ca)
2. Click on the *Schools & Programs* tab and you will see *Student Citizenship Awards* listed third on the drop-down menu
3. Click on the page and it will provide you with the criteria, process and nomination form

There is also further information about the annual Gr. 12 awards (by application) on the page.

Follow me on Facebook or Twitter. Check out the 'Board News' in the Barrhead Leader!  
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# AGM

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th  
 7:30 pm @ School Room#4

The Parent's Society organizes and manages fundraising for the school and community and we are always looking for more volunteers. -MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK -

Board Meetings are held approx. every two months and the time commitment is very minimal. We hold 2 fundraisers per year. Highway Clean Up in May, and a Casino in Fort McMurray every 18 months or so.

We also care for the school flower beds during the summer months.

In 2017-2018 we were able to raise nearly \$50,000!!!

To hear our societies annual report and to find out more about where these funds are allocated and to have a say in how we spend the money raised be sure to attend February's AGM.

Elections will also be held, all board positions are a 1 year term and our current executive are letting their names stand but we are still accepting nominations for all positions, including a new member at large. If you'd like more information or to nominate an individual please email the society

President- Kristin Machuk  
 freedomcalls@me.com

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Vouchers before the end of the school year – June 27.

Vouchers can be to submitted to Parent Society treasure Jenni Williams before June 20 to ensure re-imburement before the end of the school year  
 May 2018 vouchers expire June2019

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 19 – 7:00 P.M. ROOM 4



Thanks to the Parent Society we were able to bring in Mr. John Dunn, an Arctic Explorer, to give our students a presentation on January 24.

## Parent Council Updates/Highlights January 15 Meeting

- Staffing updates and increase in enrollment since the end of October
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini Pumpkin Walk well attended
- Woodlands County donated turkeys for our Whole School Christmas
- Woodlands County has been busy clearing snow around the school, building snow hills and cleaning the sidewalks to the Library
- Planning a trip to watch U of A Basketball on Feb 2
- Arctic Explorer John Dunn to visit the school on January 24 for talk to the students about goal setting, problem solving, health living and the environment.
- No schools considered for closer next year

Please visit the school website for the complete Agenda and Minutes for the January School Council Meeting.

Check out our website at <http://www.fortschool.ca/> or follow us on Facebook – Fort Assiniboine School for the latest school news and pictures.

#fortschoolrocks

## Check out the Fitness Workout Room

Monday – Thursday

From 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m

*Except Holiday Mondays, or when a Professional Development Day is scheduled for a Monday*

For alternate times please call the school

**PARENTS** Please stop in and check out our lost and found bin. Lots and lots of clothes in the bin, some really nice pieces too. At the end of February any clothes left behind will be donated to a New and Used store.



### AboutKidsHealth



Be sure to visit the great website AboutKidsHealth, a health education resource for children, youth and caregivers that is approved by health-care providers at The Hospital for Sick Children. Mental health resources cover well-being, anxiety disorders, mood disorders and much more.

[Learn more about AboutKidsHealth.](#)

## Celebration of Learning – Parent Teacher Conference

Wednesday March 6 from 4:15 -7:15 p.m. and Thursday March 14 from 4:15 -7:15 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 6 \_\_\_\_\_ or Thursday, March 14 \_\_\_\_\_

The school office will be call those that returned this form first and then fit in other appointments where available.