

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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APRIL'S

Character Trait

Focus is

INTEGRITY

Integrity is
doing the right
thing when no
one is
watching
- C.S.Lewis

Spring has Sprung ☺

Telus World of Science Rocks!

Thanks to the hard work of our Parent Society we had the Telus World of Science come to visit us. All our students participated in hands-on science projects on April 4th. Our Jr. High designed a roller coaster. Gr. 5&6 explored Flight, grade 3&4 learned about Light, and K/1/2 did Building.

Jr. High Leadership Conference

On April 5th, five of our Student's Union members will be attending the first Pembina Hills Jr. High Leadership Conference hosted by RF Staples School in Westlock. Our students will get to hear some great guest speakers and participate in team building activities and bring back some awesome ideas for our school activities.

Student Vote April 15th

Last year our grade 5-9 students participated in an election simulation for our County elections. We will be doing the same for this year's Provincial Election. Students will learn about the leaders, the political parties, and their campaigns to help make an informed choice. Could make for some interesting dinner conversations. Democracy includes healthy discussions.

Bach to the Beatles April 18th at 2:30

Our Parent Society is sponsoring another musical presentation for K-9 students. Please join us in the gym for some melodies from classical to rock and roll.

Highway Cleanup May 4th

Be a part of our Parent Society annual fundraiser that benefits the clean-up crew, the environment, and the school. Money raised from clean-up can be used towards any school fees including field trips. Please contact Kristin Machuk or Jenni Williams for more details.

Please contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or great ideas. Your input is appreciated.

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal



Spring Concert

Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring performances from each of the Elementary Classrooms

April School Calendar and Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL Fool's Day Classes Resume after Spring Break	2	3	4 Science in Motion	5 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL Pembina Hills Jr High Leadership Conference in Westlock	6
7	8	9 Dress Up – Favorite Sports Jersey	10	11	12 PD Day NO SCHOOL	13
14	15 Student Vote	16 ALBERTA PROVINCIAL ELECTION	17 Jr High Badminton Tournament @ BCHS	18 Dress Up Day – Favorite Music Artist or Band Bach to Beatles Concert 2:30 p.m.	19 Good Friday NO School	20
21	22 Easter Monday NO School	23	24 Kindergarten Pre-Registration 1:00-2:45 pm Early Dismissal 2:52 p. m.	25 Hot Lunch	26 Jr High Badminton Tournament @ Westlock Spirit Center	27
28	29	30 Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Education Concert K-2	May 1 HATS ON FOR MENTAL HEALTH	2 Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.	3 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	4 Roadside Clean UP

Important dates in May

May 1 – Hats on for Mental Health
 May 2 – Spring Concert
 May 3– Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 May 4– Roadside Clean Up
 May 7 and 9– Provincial Achievement Exams**
 May 10– Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 May 17 – Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 May 20 – Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
 May 23 – Outdoor Classroom Day
 May 24 – Jr High Track and Field Meet
 May 24 – K-2 Whitecourt Children's Festival
 May 28 – School Council Meeting
 May 31 - Bear Day – NO SCHOOL

** Parents please watch for school/classroom calendars for scheduled exam days and scheduled fieldtrips**

Important dates in June

June Swimming Lesson – Dates to Follow in Next Month's Newsletter
 June 6 – Elementary Track and Field Meet
 June 7– Bear Day NO SCHOOL
 June 12 – PHPS Board Meeting – at the Fort School
 June 14- Bear Day NO SCHOOL
 June 18 and 19 – Provincial Achievement Exams **
 June 20 – Grade 5 -9 Outdoor Survival Day
 June 20 – Awards Night
 June 21 – Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
 June 24 - 27 – Provincial Achievement Exams **
 June 27- Last Student Day

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School Council Meeting Minutes
from March 19

1. School Board Chair Jenn Tuininga report included
-Number of school bus fly-bys is up 40%
-School Board is proposing bus speed limit should be same as posted speed limit as slow buses can be a safety hazard

2. Parents were looking for ideas for **outside activities at recess**

- Mrs. Baker collected some suggestions from the Jr. High:-Climbing wall, gazebo, chin-up bar
-Parents suggested lines painted on tennis courts for hopscotch, 4 square, etc. (Neerlandia, BES have stencils)

3. Feedback about Celebration of Learning meetings

-Parents liked the student led format and lots of information
-Parents still like to be able to have private 1-on-1 time with the teacher

4. Candy - a general discussion arose about candy in school - can we be consistent and help parents out with when to bring/send candy
- Ie. Valentine's Day - some Valentine's come with candy - parents suggested we ask students to send cards only (no candy) - still okay to have baking sweets at class parties; just cut down on candy

5. Highway Clean-up will be Saturday May 4th>Contact Kristin Machuk regarding highway clean-up sections

6. Next Meeting May 28, 2019



Parent Society Fund Raiser
Highway RoadSide Clean Up

Saturday May 4, 2019

Starting at 8:00 a.m. Meeting at the school
(with Saturday, May 11 being the alternate day in the event of inclement weather)

This fundraiser will help cover the cost of bussing for fieldtrips (swimming, skiing, Telus World of Science, etc).

Participants must be 9 years or older - All Participants are required to view the Safety Training DVD

To request a section of roadside to clean please contact
Kristin Machuk at 284-3335 Or
Jenni Williams at 780-674-0537

Breakfast will be provided
More info to follow closer to May 4

Schools should thrive
— not just survive

This election... don't forget about education.

As your locally elected school board, we will urge government to invest in education and establish a funding formula that is predictable and sustainable.

Education is important to our future.

As an employer and local economic partner we want to ensure our rural communities are strong and viable into the future.



Get informed
Ask questions
Vote on April 16th

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@PembinaHillsPublicSchools
Visit us online at www.phpschools.ca

School Board News

School bus fly-by statistics are up 40%

It is illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing — the fine is **\$543 and six demerit points**. Last school year the division transportation office received a whopping **123** reports of fly-by incidents (35 in-town, 88 rural). So far in the first half of this school year, **85** fly-bys have been reported (30 in-town, 55 rural)—that's almost **40% more** than last year.

Vote on April 16th!

Don't forget about education in this provincial election. University students can vote for a candidate in their home riding at an advance poll anywhere in the province from April 9-13th. See the following link to find out each party's platform on K-12 education. <https://www.vote4kids.ca/parties>

Follow me on Facebook or Twitter. Check out the 'Board News' in the Barrhead Leader!
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**Fort Assiniboine School
Kindergarten**

Pre-Registration

Wednesday April 24

from 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Information Required:

Birth Certificate

Legal Land Location

Rural Gate Sign Address



Sports Report

Jr. High Badminton

Thank you Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Baker for organizing our badminton season.

Students will be competing in 2 tournaments this year: April 17th in Barrhead and April 26th in Westlock.

Gr. 5&6 Badminton

Swan Hills has issued us a challenge to play badminton in May. When dates have been determined a letter will be sent home.

Jr. High Track & Field

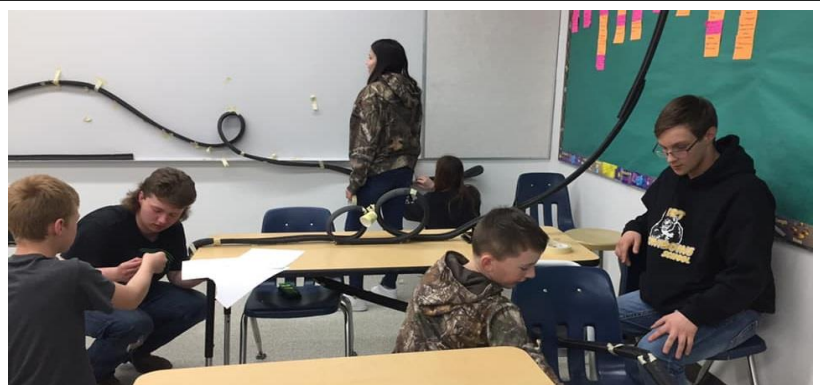
Training will begin after badminton season finishes. Pembina Hills Track Meet is Fri. May 24 in Barrhead. Top 2 finishers in each event may attend the Zone meet in St. Albert on June 4th.

Elementary Track & Field

It is our turn to host again. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with events and concession on Thurs. June 6.



Sugar Shack with Ian Porteous – Gr 3-4



Science in Motion - Jr High Building Roller Coasters



Science in Motion K-2 Build It




Science in Motion Grade 5-6 Exploring Flight

THIS AND THAT

**STUDENT'S UNION
UP-COMING ACTIVITIES**

**FORT ASSINIBOINE
FCSS YOUTH GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 10**
Zoology
AND APRIL 17
Easter Egg Painting



Hot Lunch Sale


Baked Spaghetti

Thursday April 25,
2019
Watch for Preorder Forms



Dress Up Day

**FAVORITE
MUSIC
ARTIST OR
BAND**




Thursday April 18, 2019

**Find us on:
facebook®**

Follow us on facebook
under the name:
**"Fort Assiniboine
School"**

Staff will be posting
upcoming events, what's
going on in the
classroom, parenting tips
and tricks and so much
more



**School Council
Meeting**

May 28th @ 7:00p.m

Penny Price –
Chairperson

Teresa Dekker–
Recording Secretary

- Principal's Report
- Trustee's Report
- End of Year School
Activities

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

**Fort Assiniboine
Preschool
Early Registration**

May 15
12 - 2 p.m. or 6 - 8 p.m.

At the Preschool for
3 and 4 year olds
Starting in September
Please bring
Names/Addresses/phone
numbers of Emergency
contacts, AHC#, Legal Land
Address

Phone Pre-School at
780-674-0537 for more
information

**Fort Assiniboine
Moms and Tot's**

Spring Raffle Tickets

DRAW June 2019



Jr High Jasper Ski Trip
March 21, 2019

**Hats On!
FOR MENTAL HEALTH**



can we talk?

Donate a Twonie on **MAY 1, 2019** and wear
your HAT all day in school.
All Proceeds will be donated to the Ripple
Connection in Barrhead