

# FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

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## THANKSGIVING

### This Month's Highlights:

- ✓ Candidate Forum
- ✓ Scholastic Book Fair Oct 22-25
- ✓ **No replica weapons** are allowed in our school, including Halloween costumes



Superintendent Meeting at Ft. Assiniboine School - Tues, Oct. 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Pembina Hills School Division Superintendent David Garbutt will be at Fort Assiniboine School on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to meet with interested parents regarding Fort Assiniboine School's enrolment, educational programming and transportation. If you wish to discuss other topics related to the school at this meeting, please contact him directly at [david.garbutt@pembinahills.ca](mailto:david.garbutt@pembinahills.ca) or (780) 674-8507 so that he may add the topic to the meeting's agenda. All parents and interested community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Our October Virtue is Thankfulness

We are forever thankful to our School Council Society for providing financial support for many things – new sports uniforms, security door swipes, and partial payment for busing for field trips (mileage is covered by the Society, the school pays the cost of the driver). Thank you to all the parents who donate their time to prepare and serve a delicious and nutritious breakfast every morning. Thank you to the Levy family for providing pumpkins for the entire school and the Lawtons for their giant inflatable monsters for Halloween.

### Bear Houses & Food Bank Drive

Each year we collect over 500 pounds of food for our local food bank. We are continuing to participate in Farm Credit Canada's "Drive against Hunger". We will see which Bear House can bring in the most food, and a representative from FCC will weigh our food donations at our morning assembly on Thursday, Oct. 24.

### Student Vote & Candidate Forum

With the upcoming federal election, our students will get to participate in democracy first hand. On Tues. Oct. 8 at 10:30, we are hosting 3 of our Federal Candidates for a political forum. Busby School will join us live and several other Pembina Hills schools will join by video conference. On Wed. Oct. 16, students in Gr. 5-9 will participate in a simulated election vote at school.

Please contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or great ideas about our school.

Lorna Hiemstra, Principal

### 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 brings contentment.*



### Picture Day

Order forms will be sent home as soon as possible.



**Tuesday  
October 15  
At 9:00 a.m.**

### 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**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 CTF Canoe Trip 8:30 – 3:45 p.m.	4 <b>Non-Instructional Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	5
6	7 Author Marty Chan Visit  Jr & Sr. Volleyball Host Barrhead 3:30 – 5:00	8 Federal Election Forum 10:30 a.m.  Elem. Soccer to Swan Hills  PTS Goal Setting Conference 4:15 – 7:00 pm Superintendent David Garbutt 7:00 pm	9 Cross Country Team Zones in Athabasca  Fire Safety Presentations	10 Elementary Soccer Tournament (HOSTING)	11 <b>BEAR DAY</b> <b>NO</b> <b>SCHOOL</b>	12
<b>Fire Safety Week</b>						
13	14 Thanksgiving Day 	15  Picture Day	16 PTS Goal Setting Conference 4:15 – 7:30 pm  Student Vote Day	17 Safety on Board Bus Presentation  Jr & Sr. Volleyball at Swan Hills	18	19
20	21 Federal Election	22	23 Jr & Sr. Volleyball at Neerlandia	24 FCC Drive Away Hunger Food Drive Weigh In	25 <b>Staff PLC</b> <b>NO</b> <b>SCHOOL</b>	26
<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>						
27	28	29 Grade 8-9 Girls Volleyball at St. Mary	30 Jr Volleyball at St. Mary	31 <b>Spirit Daze</b> Halloween Activities Mini Pumpkin Walk (Library will be open and handing out candy)	<b>Reminder: no replica weapons</b> are allowed in our school, including Halloween costumes	



**School Goal 500 lbs**

Food Donations can be dropped off at the school between October 21 and 24<sup>th</sup>  
Bear House Weigh In 8:30 p.m. Oct 24

- \*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.fccdriveawayhunger.ca](http://www.fccdriveawayhunger.ca).

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov. 1 ..... Bear Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov 5 ..... Jr Volleyball Tournament
- Nov 7 ..... Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 8..... Bear Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov 11 ..... Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov 12..... Picture Retakes (time TBA)
- Nov 14..... Grade 8/9 Volleyball Tournament
- Nov. 23 ..... PD Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov 22..... PD Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov 26..... Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 29 ..... Bear Day NO SCHOOL

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Fort Assiniboine School and Public Library

Tuesday, Oct. 22 to Friday, Oct. :  
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.

Please make cheques payable to: Woodlands County Library Board  
**NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD PURCHASES**

### *Kids on the Radio*

*Our Student's Union Executive give a report on our School News every week on 105.3 FM around 10:15 am on Mondays.*

## **STUDENT VOTE/ CANDIDATE FORUM**

Students in our school are participating, along with an estimated 1 million students across Canada, in this year's federal Election through the CIVIX Student Vote program.

In order to help them with their decision making, and to give them a more personal look into our political system, Fort Assiniboine School is hosting a Candidate Forum for students in our school division on Oct. 8 at 10:30 am.

Leslie Penny from the Liberal Party, John Schrader as the People's Party of Canada (PPC) representative and Peter Nygaard from the Green Party have confirmed their attendance. Unfortunately, due to a prior commitment, Arnold Viersen of the Conservative Party is unable to make it.

This is the email sent to me by Viersen's office: Thank you very much for the invitation to the student's forum on October 8. Unfortunately, Arnold has commitments in another part of the riding on that day and will not be able to make it on the 8th.

Thank you very much once again and I apologize for the inconvenience.

Fort Assiniboine School was proud to participate in the Terry Fox Annual School Run on September 25

We would like to thank Dunstable School  
For hosting us for this year's run.

Thank you to the Parents that came out to help and run with the kids

Fort Assiniboine School raised \$1000.00  
this year from our 80 students who took home pledge forms.

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

## School Supplies Fees

### School Supplies Fees for 2019-20 school year are:

Payable at School Cash Online, the school office with cash or cheque, School Supply Fees are due October 18, 2019

- Kindergarten – Gr 2 .....\$20.00 (includes day-planner)
- Grade 3 and 4.....\$35.00 (includes day-planner)
- Grade 5 and 6.....\$50.00 (includes day-planner)

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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)

Happy  
Thanksgiving  
from our  
family to  
yours!



### Breakfast for Learners:

We are excited to offer "Breakfast for Learners" once again to our students.

This program will be run by the some fabulous volunteers.

Students will have access to a healthy breakfast every day before 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

### School Board News

#### Legal Name Change Brought Opportunity to Synchronize Names

Recently the province changed our division's legal name from "Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7" to "Pembina Hills School Division". Trustees passed a motion to change the division's communication name "Pembina Hills Public Schools" to the new legal name "Pembina Hills School Division" with an objective of removing confusion caused by having two names. Our communication and legal names are now in sync. Our branded items will be changed over as they are replaced.

#### THE BOARD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Align policies and procedures with the new Education Act
- Secure a service agreement for Alberta Distance Learning Centre
- Consider the reality of shrinking reserves and declining enrolment as we await the provincial budget
- Review of the number of trustees on the board

Follow me on Facebook or Twitter.

Check out the 'Board News' in the Barrhead Leader!  
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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.

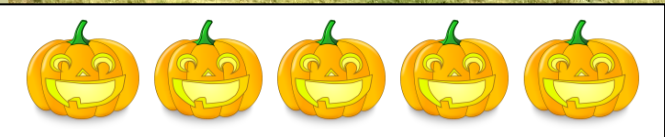


**FCSS Youth October 2019**

Wednesday – October 9  
 Explosive Science  
 Wednesday – October 23  
 Gym Time

@Fort Assiniboine Community Center 4 pm – 6:30 pm

Pictures from Terry Fox Run



**Sports Report**

**Cross Country** – Thank you Mr. Wyman, Mrs. Baker for your leadership and encouragement!  
**Pembina Hills Race @ Westlock** – Gr. 4 Layla, Madison, Anneliese, and Natalie all finished in the top 10, Gr. 6 – Corbin 1<sup>st</sup> place, Blake and Caydin top 10, Jr. Girls McKenna 2<sup>nd</sup>, Int. Girls Nina 1st, Sr. Girls Savannah 8<sup>th</sup>, Int. Boys Jaydan W. 5<sup>th</sup> , Jayden D. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
 Jr. High runners will be attending Zones in Athabasca on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Cross Country Team

**Elementary Soccer** – our team will play one exhibition game in Swan Hills at 1:30 on Oct. 8 and then host Neerlandia, Barrhead, and Swan Hills in a tournament all day Thurs. Oct. 10.

**Jr. High Soccer** – the annual Fawcett tournament featured team from all over Pembina Hills. The weather was cold and wet, but we persevered. Both our boys and girls teams won a game against St. Mary.

Jr. High Volleyball

Oct. 7 Home vs Barrhead – Jr. Boys 3:15; Jr. Girls 4:00; Sr. Girls 4:45

Oct. 17<sup>h</sup> Jr. and Sr. teams at Swan Hills

Oct. 23 Jr. and Sr. Teams at Neerlandia

Oct. 29 Sr. Girls at St. Mary

Oct. 30 Jr. teams at St. Mary

Nov. 5 Pembina Hills Jr. Tournament Spirit Ctr

Nov. 7 Sr. Girls Home vs Swan Hills

Nov. 14 – Sr. Girls at Pembina Hills Tournament at Spirit Center in Westlock

Elementary Volleyball

Nov. 15 at Dunstable

Nov 20 Host Swan Hills

Nov. 28 Pembina Hills tournament at Westlock Spirit Center



## Highlights and Information

Fort Assiniboine School Council e-mail  
address: [FAschoolcouncil@peminahills.ca](mailto:FAschoolcouncil@peminahills.ca)

### Parent Council Meeting Dates for 2019-20

(meeting held at the school at 7:00 p.m.)

- September 24, 2019
- November 26, 2019
- January 28, 2020 (Annual General Meeting)
- March 31, 2020
- May 26, 2020

If child care is required please call the school one week prior to meeting

### Parent Council Executive

Chair – Penny Price

Vice Chair – Vacant

Recording Secretary/Treasure – Teresa Dekker

### Why Participate on School Council?

#### Great Reasons to Join School Council:

- To support your child
- To get to know the community
- To help the students and staff
- To have an impact
- To be an agent for change
- To keep learning
- To be an advocate
- To donate your professional skills
- To assure progress
- To be informed of your school's environment
- To maintain an interest in education
- To be challenged
- To contribute to the school
- To model participation
- To demonstrate how values can be actions to your children

#### Why People Participate:

- To feel valued
- To be trusted
- To be listened to
- To be respected
- To have two-way communication and be inclusive
- To have growth opportunities
- To be recognized
- To feel supported
- To have fair expectations
- To feel connected
- To be an advocate
- To keep skills alive
- To be part of a team
- To learn something new
- To have impact
- To be challenged
- To assure progress
- To donate professional skills
- To make new friends
- To see that resources are well-allocated
- Because they were asked

### Fort Assiniboine School Council Information

#### All information provided by:

#### Alberta School Council Association – School Council Resource Guide

#### School Council

School council is a structured group of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives whose purpose is to advise the principal and the school board respecting matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning. A school council is a vehicle to support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations. School council provides the venue for parents to reflect the wishes of the broader community for the education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal in the operations of the school. The actual decision-making authority of the school council is limited to:

- determining the school council operating procedures
- setting policies to govern school council activities at the school level, as described in the Education Act
  - planning engagement activities that align with school council's legislated purpose
  - choosing to provide advice to the principal and school board Core Activities
- Advises the principal and board on educational issues that pertain to the school.
  - Establishes and reviews school council's goals, objectives, action plans and procedures.
  - Communicates and consults with parents and the school community.
- Meets regularly.

#### Role

A school council should review its mission, vision and goals annually to ensure they reflect the views of the current membership. School council functions may include:

- consulting with the principal to ensure students have opportunities to meet Ministry standards, fiscal management is sound, and the community is taken into consideration during school-based planning
- advising the principal and the school board on topics as requested
- being involved in school-based planning
- sharing ideas and information with other school councils and provincial organizations
- communicating information to the school community and other school councils
- setting policies that relate to school council functions, such as:
  - location of school council meetings
  - mail, email address for school council correspondence
  - school council orientation and development
  - financial management and/or fundraising
  - communications
  - privacy
  - minutes of school council meetings
  - pertinent information unique to the school council

#### What School Councils are Not

As the primary role is advisory, school councils are not eligible to incorporate as societies. It is not the primary intent of school councils to fundraise or lobby. Roles that are not to be taken on by a school council include:

- school governance
- school management
- employment issues
- listening to complaints