

# FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

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## JOYFULNESS

### Ward Review Presentation Jan. 22

Please attend the **January 22 School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** at the school to hear information about the electoral ward review the Board is undertaking which could potentially reduce the number of trustees that represent the division.

### Christmas Concert Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Children performing is a joyful thing. Please bring friends and family to enjoy our Annual Christmas Concert. This year the students will be performing "Holly Jolly Jukebox", an energetic play featuring songs from past decades. We are looking for some costumes for the 1950s and 1980s – do you have any "poodle skirts", leather jackets, leg warmers, and/or neon shirts? Please contact the school if you do.

### Turkey Dinner for the Whole School Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

This is a wonderful Fort School tradition. Woodlands County are generously donating the turkeys for this meal. We will be needing parent support to help prepare food. If you able to help out, please fill out the volunteer form attached or contact Mrs. Fleming at the office.

### White Elephant Sale Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

This is a nice opportunity for students to independently purchase gifts for their families (ie. No parents in gift shop). Items range from 25 cents to 2 dollars. We will be accepting donations of gently used or new items for the sale. (See page 3).

### Update on our FSL position

Our support services have recently been restructured. Ms. Katharina Friessen is still working with our students on Mondays and Thursdays. She has transitioned from being our Success Coach to our FSL (Family School Liaison).

### Concerns, Questions, Ideas

Please contact me directly to discuss items related to the operation of our school. We welcome new ideas and solution based, constructive criticism.

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Fort Assiniboine School staff at our school, we wish you a joyful holiday break with family and friends.

Digital Copies of Newsletters: In order to help cut the cost of some of our printing if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in digital format please contact Mrs. Fleming to add your email address to our list.

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

## This Month's Highlights:

- ✓ **Christmas Concert 2019 – December 12 @ 7:00 p.m**
- ✓ **Family Style Christmas Dinner December 17**
- ✓ **Christmas Break Dec 20 – Jan 5, 2020**

### 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:

## Joyfulness

*Joy* is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.

– Marianne Williamson

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## *Power School*

Parents would you like more up to date reports about you son or daughters, Attendance, Timetable or Marks/ Progress Reports.

If you have a computer or access to a computer – parents – you can view your student's attendance, timetable or progress reports information on Power School.

Stop in at the school office and talk to Mrs. Fleming about obtaining a User ID and password (passed out at 2018 Open House) and crash course and/or follow up sessions.





# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	7
8	9	10	11	12 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. 	13 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	14
15	16	17 Student's Union Family Style Christmas Dinner	18	19 Red and Green Day And Visit from <b>SANTA</b>	20 	21 
22 	23 	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day  Christmas Break	27  Christmas Break	28  Christmas Break
29 	30 	31 New Year's Eve 	Jan 1 	2  Christmas Break	3  Christmas Break	5 Classes Resume Monday January 6, 2020

**Public Skating**  
**at Fort Arena Saturdays 2-4 p.m.**  
**December 14 and 28, January 4, 18 and 25**  
**February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, March 7, 14, and 21**



## Sports Report

### Jr. High Tripleball

The season finished with the Pembina Hills Gr. 7&8 divisional tournament at the Westlock Spirit Center on Nov. 5. Both teams brought up grade 6 students and showed great improvement over the season. Thank you to all the parents who came out to cheer us on and to coaches Mr. Wyman, Mrs. Hiemstra and Mrs. Baker.

### Sr. Girls Volleyball

It was great to have enough girls participating in volleyball this year so we could have a Jr. and a Sr. Team. This was the first time in many years that we have competed in the Gr. 8&9 league. We won a set against Barrhead and Clyde, but came up 2 points short of the playoffs. A great season with awesome improvement in skills and teamwork. Coach Mrs. Hiemstra was very proud.

### Elementary Volleyball

The grade 5&6 team also competed in the Spirit Center against Pembina Hills schools (Nov. 28th). The teams had five matches, a tough schedule. They showed great improvement over the season! Thank you to Mrs. Breikreitz, Mrs. Kien and Mrs. Baker for coaching/supervising.

### Basketball Season

Jr. High and Elementary basketball will begin in January, with both teams competing in the Pembina Hills league. The league schedule has not yet been finished. The final tournaments are Feb. 26 in Westlock for Jr. High and Feb. 27 in Barrhead for Elementary.



**Donations to the Santa's Toy Box or Food Bank  
Would be Greatly Appreciated. Please be sure to let grandparents/aunt and uncles know as well.**

## *Students Union Report*

### **Hot Lunch December 18 Family Style Christmas Dinner**



HOT LUNCH for December will be a Family Style Christmas Dinner on the 18th.



Parents if you are interested in helping out as a server, setting up for the day, or cleanup crew please give Mrs. Fleming a call.

*Wear something **RED** or **GREEN**  
on Thursday December 19*

### **White Elephant Sale December 16 and 17**

Student will have a chance to do some last minute shopping at our White Elephant Gift Boutique. Gifts from \$.25 to \$2.00 will be available.

**Limit of 4 gifts per student**

White Elephant Gift Donations gratefully accepted.



If you are aware of a family in need, whether it be your own or someone else's, that could use a food hamper or bag of toys please call the FCSS office at 780-674-3341 and ask for application. You can also call the school and ask to talk to Lorna Hiemstra. All calls are confidential.



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**Pembina Hills Public School – School Board News**

**No schools considered for closure next year**

Each year administration reviews the division's schools against the criteria in Policy 15 to determine if a school or program should be considered for closure. This year, none of our schools met the criteria.

**2020-2021 school year calendar approved**

The Board approved the 2020-2021 school year calendar, after being presented with five options to consider. Alternate school calendars will be considered in February 2020. Start day for students is September 2 and end day is June 25.

**Water Lead Level Testing** Due to a research study being published around concerns about lead concentrations in school water, water tests were performed at all of our schools. The lead content at all sites is below the acceptable limit of 5 parts per billion.

**Ward Review Presentation** Please attend the *January 22th School Council Meeting at 7:00p.m.* at the school to hear information about the electoral ward review the Board is undertaking which could potentially reduce the number of trustees that represent the division.

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**The PHPS phone survey is coming!**  
**Change to the Parent Satisfaction Survey Process**

For many years, PHSD has hired short term staff to attempt telephone contact with every parent of students in Pembina Hills Schools. More than 50% of parents provided feedback to the Satisfaction Survey through this process.

In an attempt to address the shortfalls in the current budget, and in anticipation of a change to the funding framework, the Board has decided to suspend and adjust certain activities. One of these involves the PHSD Annual Satisfaction Survey.

Instead of a phone call, parents will receive an email inviting them to digitally participate in the Satisfaction Survey. The email will have a link to the survey associated with the schools their child attends.

We ask parents to watch for this email in January 2020 and that you please take a few minutes to provide your feedback.

The perspectives of parents gathered in this way will continue to inform decisions during planning.

**Parent Council**

Chair – Penny Price Vice Chair – Jamie Baker

Secretary/Treasurer– Teresa Dekker

Next Parent Council Meeting is the

**General Annual Meeting** set for

**January 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Room 5**

Meetings are about an hour long and babysitting can be arranged if we know ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Penny Price @ 780-584-3811 or you can reach Mrs.

Jennifer Tuininga through e-mail at

[Jennifer.Tuininga@phrd.ab.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Tuininga@phrd.ab.ca) or by phone at

780-674-6579.



*Thank you to the Fort Assiniboine Legion Branch 210  
for the generous donation to the school at the November  
11 Remembrance Service.*

*Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*



# Fort Assiniboine School



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PHONE 780-584-3751 FAX 780-584-3876

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Student's Union is looking for volunteers to help out with our Family Style Christmas Dinner on **December 17, 2019**. We are looking for the following:

- 4 bags of frozen mixed vegetables
- 3 bags of perogies
- 2 jars pickles
- 3 volunteers bring in 10lbs of potatoes mashed or whipped
- 8 dozen buns
- 12 boxes of Stove Top stuffing
- Parent volunteers to help out Dec 17th 10:30am - 1:00

If you can bring one of these items please fill out this form and you will be contacted.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Mrs. Hiemstra & Fort Assiniboine School Student's Union

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I can bring in the following item:

Please return to school office by Wednesday December 11, 2019

	Jar of Pickles
	1 Bag of frozen mixed vegetables
	1 Bag of Perogies
	10 lbs of potatoes mashed or whipped
	2 Boxes of Stove Top Dressing
	1 dozen buns
	Parent volunteer to help 10:30- 1:00 p.m.