

FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

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This Month's Highlights:

- ✓ **Hot Lunch January 30 – Soup and a Bun**

- ✓ **School Council General Annual Meeting Wednesday January 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

Parent Society Vouchers

Just a reminder to redeem your Highway Clean Up vouchers before the end of the school year – June 26.

Vouchers can be submitted to Parent Society treasure Jenni Williams before June 18 to ensure reimbursement before the end of the school year

May 2019 vouchers expire June 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 and leave a message if necessary.
780-584-3751

Happy New Year Welcome 2020!

A HUGE Thank you to our Parent Society for Casino Fundraising

We started the New Year and decade with a bang. Our Parent Society recruited volunteers to work at the Fort McMurray Casino on Jan. 3 & 4. Each casino varies, but revenues are usually above \$30,000. All monies benefit our students directly. The Parent Society AGM is Wed. Feb. 19 at 7:00 pm at the school.

Christmas Gratitude

Thank you Woodlands County for donating the turkeys for our whole school Christmas dinner on Dec. 17. Thank you to all the families who donated food, cooked, served, and cleaned; it was a delicious meal! The hallways echoed with joyful Christmas carols; thank you to Teresa Dekker for playing piano. Thank you to all those who sent in donations for our annual White Elephant Christmas Sale.

Christmas Wrapping Paper & Gift Bags Needed

Our White Elephant Sale was such a big success we finally used up all of our wrapping paper. We are asking for donations of wrapping paper and gift bags for next year's sale. Please drop off paper/gift bags at the school office Mon – Thurs between 8 and 4:30.

School Board presenting at next School Council Meeting & AGM Jan. 22 at 7:00 pm

Pembina Hills Public Schools School Board is conducting a Ward review and looking for input from parents and community. Please join us for an informative evening and add your voice. Contact School Council Chairperson Penny Price if you need childcare.

Basketball Season

Grades 5-9 will have the opportunity to play Bears Basketball in Jan. and Feb. Please check out the sports section for schedules. Jr. High permission forms have already been sent home, elementary permission forms will be sent later in the month.

Family Trip to watch U of A Basketball Jan. 18

Would you be interested in attending the University of Alberta Pandas and Golden Bears Basketball game versus GMCC at the Saville Center in Edmonton? I will send home a detailed form this week for interested families. Cost will be approximately \$15 per person including busing and game ticket. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bears Rock!

Mrs. Lorna Hiemstra



Character Trait of the Month:

Orderliness

**Keeping my environment well arranged
so that I can be more effective**

January School Calendar and Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Christmas Break December 20, 2019 - January 5, 2020						
	6 Back to School	7	8	9 <i>Pizza with the Principal</i> Jr High Basketball Games .vs BCHS	10 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	11
12	13	14	15	16 Jr High Basketball @ RF Staples	17 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	18
19	20	21	22 Parent Council General Annual Meeting @ 7:00 pm  Jr High Basketball vs Swan Hills 	23	24 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30 Hot Lunch Jr High Basketball @ Swan Hills 	31 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	2

Other Important Dates Coming Up:

February 6 and 7.....Teacher's Convention
 February 11HeART beat Theatre 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
 February 13.....Friendship Luncheon
 February 13 Jump Rope for Heart
 February 14..... Bear Day – No School
 February 17 Family Day – No School
 February 25 Pink Shirt Day



Power School - If you have a computer or access to the internet– you can view your student's attendance, timetable or progress report.

For these up to date reports please log onto **powerschool.phrd.ab.ca/public/**

Stop in at the school office and talk to Mrs. Fleming about obtaining a User ID and password, a crash course and/or follow up sessions.

PHSD Board News

Ward Review Presentation Please attend the *January 22nd Fort School Council Meeting at 7:00p.m.* at the school to hear a presentation on the board's review of the number of trustees that make up the school board. Trustees are presenting information at School Council Meetings in January and February. Parents/guardians and members of the public are welcome to attend. Input will be gathered through a short online survey.

Who decides if the school buses will or won't run when the weather is bad? Our drivers are directed to not operate their bus when the temperature is minus 40 degrees Celsius (-40°C) or colder at the start of a route. This temperature does not take into account windchill.

Your bus route: Your bus driver will decide whether or not the school bus will run and will notify you. Our drivers are the most familiar with the weather and road conditions on their routes. **Division-wide:** If necessary, cancellations will be made by 6:00a.m. For safety reasons, schools will remain open even if buses are cancelled.

If you are concerned about sending your child to the bus stop or school because of bad weather or roads – even if our buses are running – you can always keep your child home.

See the [bus route status report](#) on the website.

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How PHPS did on 15 key measures in 2018-19

Each year, the provincial government gives each school board a report card describing how it performed on 15 key measures. A school board's results are based on surveys of students, parents and teachers; how students perform on Provincial Achievement Tests and Provincial Diploma Exams; how many students drop out; how many students complete high school and how many students move on to post-secondary studies.

As well as reporting how we did on 15 key measures, this two-page summary features our highlights for the past year and our priorities going forward.

See this two-page PHPS_AERR_Summary on how PHPS did in 2018-19

Please visit the PHPS website and follow the links under Our Division

PHPS survey is coming!

Annual Satisfaction Surveys In January, parents will receive an email inviting their participation in the Annual Satisfaction Survey. The email replaces the phone calls we made in previous years. The link at the end of the email will take you directly to the survey.

How long will it take?

- We know it takes time to participate in surveys, and time is precious.
- The questions are brief and use rating scales to make them quicker to answer.
- We estimate that it will take 5 to 10 minutes.

Will I be able to comment?

- There are opportunities for you to provide written feedback at the end of the survey.

How do I participate?

- There is a link to click at the end of the email. It will take you directly to the survey.
- You can respond to the survey using a desktop computer, laptop or mobile device.

Are my responses anonymous?

- Your email address will be collected and connected to your responses.
- Collecting the address eliminates the chance of duplicate responses and enables us to trace issues that might arise in the completion of the survey.
- Comments are reviewed by administration and considered during the planning process.
- No comments are reported publicly.

I have more than one child in this school. Will I get an email like this for each one?

If you have several children in a single school:

- You *should* just get one email.
 - ❖ We have tried to minimize duplicates but given the complexity of families, and because we rely on the information that schools have on file, you might get more than one email for this school.
 - ❖ If that happens, you only need to respond one time. We apologize in advance for the extra clutter in your mailbox.

How do I respond if I have several children in a single school:

- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the overall experiences of your children in that school.

I have children in another school too. Will I get a survey for that school too?

- If you have children in more than one school, you will get more than one email.
- Each email has a link to the survey connected to that specific school.
- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the children in that specific school.

What if the survey doesn't have questions related to my concerns?

- If you have comments or wish to discuss something that has not appeared in this survey, please contact your school principal directly.

What does Pembina Hills do with the surveys?

- Regional office administrative staff, school administrators, teachers and trustees review the survey data.
 - ❖ Comments are read by administration only. No comments will be shared publicly.
- School data is reported in the school's education plan.
- All school data is combined to create a division summary that will be reported at a public Board meeting. It is also recorded in the Division Education Plan.

From the Bears Den

Bears Basketball

Thank you to our coaches for all the hours put in to planning, organizing, refereeing, encouraging, and teaching skills and sportsmanship to our students (Mr. Wyman, Mrs. Hiemstra, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mrs. Breitreitz).

Elementary Schedule

- Jan. 22 Home vs Dunstable
- Jan.29 Home vs Swan Hills
- Feb. 10 Away vs Neerlandia
- Feb. 20 Away vs Barrhead
- Feb. 27 Final Tournament at Barrhead Elementary

Jr. High Schedule

- Jan. 9 Home vs BCHS
- Jan. 16 Away vs RF
- Jan. 18 U of A Game
- Jan. 22 Home vs Swan Hills
- Jan. 25 Tournament in Barrhead
- Jan. 30 Away vs Swan Hills
- Feb. 4 Home vs RF
- Feb. 12 Away vs BCHS
- Feb. 20 Home vs St. Mary
- Feb. 26 Final Tournament at Westlock



This and That

Skating Schedules

Watch your Child's Dayplanner for starting dates

Grade 5/6 - 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Tues/Thurs

Kindergarten – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday's ONLY

Grade 1/2 – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Wed/Thurs

Grade 3 and 4 – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday ONLY

Grade 3 and 4 – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Thursday's ONLY

Junior High – 2:00 - 2:55 p.m.
Tues/Thurs

CTF – 3:00 – 3:50p.m. Tues/Thurs

Students will need their own skates, a helmet (hockey or bike) and ski pants.

Parents are more than welcome to come and tie skates and skate with their child.

Parent Council
General Annual Meeting

January 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Agenda items include:

Election of officers

Ward Review Presentations (Jennifer Tuininga)

Principal's Report (Lorna Hiemstra)

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Penny Price at faparentcouncil@pembinahills.ca

Child supervision will be provided as well!

Jr High CTF Classes

Jan 6 – Feb 27

Monday & Wednesday's
BASKETBALL OR ART

Tuesday & Thursday's
HOCKEY OR OUTDOOR EDUCATION

**Check out the
Fitness Workout Room**

Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m

Except Holiday Mondays, and Teacher's Convention (Feb 6 & 7)

For alternate times please call the school

Student's Union

Thank you to the community for generously supporting the Food Bank and Santa's Toybox at the Christmas Concert.

Special Thanks to Mrs. Davison and various community members for providing the Candy Bags for Santa's visit in the Library on the 19th of December.



Wacky Hair Day – January 14

Dress Up as your Teacher Day – January 30

HOT LUNCH

January 30 - Soup and a Bun



20K Sock Day – January 9 – February 21



Please listen to XM105.3 on Thursday morning as our Student's Union give a weekly report of what's happening at the Fort School



SORRY, SON... THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

Winter Wear

Please be sure that your son or daughter have the appropriate winter wear while traveling on the school bus and while at school. Every effort is made to ensure that all buses are in proper running condition but you never know when something could happen. The weather network site is checked throughout the day as well to monitor outside gym classes and recess times. If you child require any winter clothing please let the office know as we have some items available.

20 K SOCK DAY CHALLENGE

The idea for WE BE US stemmed from the realization that approximately 200,000 Canadians experience homelessness each year. The number one requested item by homeless shelters are socks, which inspired WE BE US co-founders, Nick Foley and Phil Kerr, to come together to form a company that not only sells awesome socks but focuses on social good. They created the 20K Sock Day campaign aimed at raising awareness of homelessness in Canada and helping those in need. Last year, over 28,000 pairs of socks were donated to homeless shelters and similar organizations across Canada. The goal this year is to collect 50 Thousand Pairs of socks.

Fort Assiniboine Student's Union has decided to join in by collecting as many pairs of socks as possible – our goal is 500 pairs of socks. The staff has challenged the students to meet this goal by agreeing to some side challenges for every 50 pairs of socks collected – ie Mrs. Hiemstra wears a Calgary Flames jersey for the day, Mrs. Kiselyk will run barefoot across the snow covered soccer field and some other fun activities.

NEW or gently used (clean) sport or work socks can be dropped off in the bins set up around the school – Thank you for your generous donations!