

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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March Madness

Mathletics March Madness

Last year we finished 89th out of 890 participating schools. Students can earn points completing math activities and competing on "Live Mathletics" where they race to answer basic fact questions against students from all across the globe. Contest runs March 4 - 27 and students can earn points at home if they have parental permission and online access. www.mathletics.com

Celebration of Learning

It is time for students to share how much they have grown in their learning since the beginning of the school year. Please contact Mrs. Fleming in the office to book an appointment for Tues. March 10 or Wed. March 18.

Fort Citizenship Rocks!

Our students and families raised \$1000 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation and donated 550 pairs of socks to the Youth Emergency Services Society (YESS). Way to go!

Learning from Around the World

The Grade 3&4 class has been connecting online with experts from Canada & USA. They have asked the experts many questions about bees, how chocolate is made, animal conservation, dolphin training, and animal adaptations in a desert ecosystem.

Gr. 8 Cool Camp March 11 & 12

Our grade 8 students will be participating in this annual 2-day camp, based on "It's Cool to Know Your Way in a Relationship". Thank you to the Legion for sponsoring some of the cost for this important life skills experience.

Outdoor Learning

Our entire Gr. 6-9 population will be doing a snowshoeing day trip in the Holmes Crossing area on March 4 with local experts Nature Alive (Mrs. & Mr. Kiselyk). Our Jr. High will be going to Jasper for our annual ski trip on March 5. Thank you to Mr. Wyman for organizing everything.

Donation from Woodlands RV Park

Thank you for the generous \$1000 donation to our nutrition program!

Please contact me directly with any questions, concerns, and/or suggestions about the operation of our school.

Lorna Hiemstra
Principal



Individual Highlights:

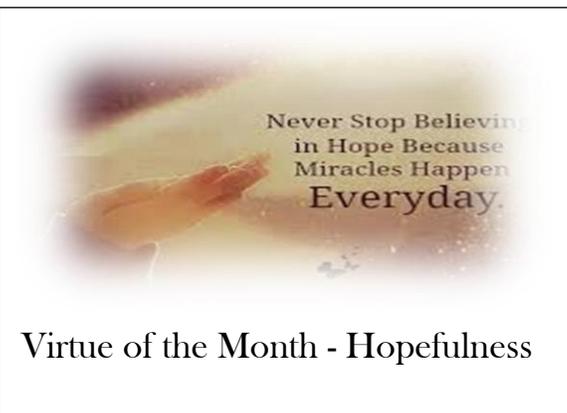
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Parent Council Meeting

April 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Penny Price – Chairperson
Roxanne Cross– Vice Chairperson
Teresa Dekker –Secretary/Treasure



March 2020 School Calendar and Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 CTF Outdoor Ed Snowshoeing Day Gr's 6-9	5 Junior High Ski Trip to Jasper	6 NO SCHOOL "Sing for Spring" at Rogers Place and Oil Kings Game 	7
8 	9 100 th day of School 	10 Celebration of Learning After School Meeting	11 Grade 8 COOL Camp	12 Grade 8 COOL Camp	13 NO SCHOOL	14 "Pi" Day 3.14
15 Jr. High Basketball Team Family Night Wrap-up 7-8 pm	16	17  St Patrick Buddy Luncheon	18 Celebration of Learning After School Meeting	19 Winter Carnival 	20 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	21 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	
29	30 Classes Resume	31	April 1 Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.			

Other Important Dates Coming Up:

- March 30 - Classes Resume
- April 1 – Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 3 – Bear Day – NO SCHOOL
- April 10 – Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
- April 13 – Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
- April 24 – PD Day – NO SCHOOL
- May 1– Bear Day – NO SCHOOL

Attendance

Please call 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.
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Bears Basketball

Our Elementary Bears Basketball teams had an awesome final tournament at BES on Feb. 27. Both teams showed great improvement over the season in teamwork and skills.

The girls lost to Swan Hills at the buzzer 22-24, they tied BES 1, lost to BES 2 and Neerlandia, and finished the day winning against Dunstable 20-14. The boys won 4 out of their 6 games. They beat Swan Hills 24-22 at the buzzer, lost both games to BES 1&2, and defeated Neerlandia and Dunstable.

Thank you Mrs. Breitreitz, Mrs. Kien, Ms. Masterson, and Mrs. Baker for coaching/supervising.

Our Jr. High Basketball teams also did well at the Pembina Hills Gr. 7&8 divisional tournament on Feb. 26th. The boys lost their first game to BCHS by only a few points, defeated RF Staples in their second game to qualify for the Consolation Final against Neerlandia. It was a back and forth game with the Bears just coming up short 24-28. The girls beat St. Mary 21-17, squeaked past BCHS 18-17, and met up with Clyde in the Final. We lost the game 17-9, but were very proud of our silver medal.

Thank you Mr. Wyman, Mrs. Hiemstra, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Hoffman for coaching.

Jr. High teams Family Night wrap-up is March 16 from 7-8 pm.

Jr. High Badminton

Mr. Wyman will be starting practices this month. Pembina Hills Jr. High Badminton Tournament is April 23 at the Westlock Spirit Center.



Elementary Boys and Girls Basketball Team 2020



Jr High Bears and Lady Bears Basketball Teams 2020





PHSD Board News

Ward Review

The goal of the electoral ward review is to analyze the current ward structure and ensure that it effectively represents both the general and school populations and communities in alignment with [Policy 7-0 Board Operations: Wards](#).

From January 15th to February 3rd, trustees attended school council meetings to present information about the ward review. An online survey was conducted to gather feedback on three options. Based on the input received and published in the ['What We Heard' report](#), the board has created a fourth option, with six (6) wards and six (6) trustees. For more information on this new option please see the Pembina Hills website, or attend the FAS School Council meeting Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00p.m.

New Education Funding Model After fifteen years, the government has released a new funding model for education. Funding will no longer follow the student, but will instead fund the system through a weighted moving average based on enrolment. They have reduced the number of grants from 36 to 15. Pembina Hills will be receiving our specific funding rates this week and will be working through the numbers as we prepare our budget for 2020-2021.

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Parent Council Meeting Highlights – January 22

Election of Officers
Penny Price – Chairperson
Roxanne Cross – Vice Chairperson
Teresa Dekker – Secretary/Treasurer

- Discussed
- Alternate Calendar for 2020-2021
 - Grade 6/Junior High CTF Programming
 - Pembina Hills Ward Review with Trustee Tuininga
 - Created a communication/welcoming committee

Next Meeting April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Parent Society AGM Highlights - February 19

Election of Officers
Tara McQueen - Chairperson
Teresa Dekker - Vice Chairperson
Crystal Wood - Treasurer
Megan Petryshen - Secretary
Penny Price - Member At Large

- Discussed
- Bi-Laws

Highway Clean Up is on Saturday May 2, 2020.
Tara McQueen & Megan Petryshen will be sending out forms for kms. Please return this form before April 2.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30



WOW 550 pairs of socks were collected for the Edmonton YESS Shelter through our 20K Sock Day Drive. Nicely done Fort Assiniboine Bears!!

Valentines/St.Patrick's Friendship Lunch

Tuesday, March 17

will be part 2 of our buddy luncheon -
Please watch for letters to come home with your child.

On Thursday, February 13th, Kindergarten's through grade nine shared a special Valentine's Friendship Luncheon. Each student was randomly partnered with another student. One student was 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 St Patrick's Day or if they are receiving the lunch that day. If you have any questions with regards to this luncheon or if your child is going to be absent, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

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for school news, bussing and Highlights
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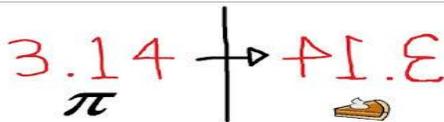
Visit <https://fortassiniboineschool.entripyshops.com/>
To order your BEAR WEAR official gear

Our 2019 Terry Fox School Run was a great success! We are proud to announce that Fort Assiniboine School has generously donated \$1,295.00 for cancer research! The Terry Fox Foundation sends a big thank you to our school community for our generosity and support. 40 years later, Terry's message of hope lives on and stronger than ever!

Thank you!
Oscar, Wendy, Dianne
Your, Terry Fox Foundation, Provincial Office School Team

Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability, but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone. Teach them to be kind. Teach them to offer help. Teach them to be a friend to the lonely. Teach them to encourage others. Teach them to think about other people. Teach them to share. Teach them to look for the good.

This is how they will change the world.



Happy Pi Day
Saturday, March 14

PINK SHIRT DAY 2020



Winter Fun



PEP Rally 2020