



## WELCOME BACK!

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### This Month's Highlights:

- ✓ Parent Council Meeting  
September 30 at 7:00 pm
- ✓ Terry Fox Run  
October 1

### Virtue for September Cleanliness

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean, and wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness in your mind is concentrating your thoughts on things that are good for you. You can "clean up your act" by deciding to change when you have done something you aren't proud of or have made a mistake.



### Bears Rock!

It's been a long time since we've had students in our building, and we couldn't be happier to see them! Thank you for your patience and support with all the new health guidelines. We are going to ACE this year ... Allow space, Clean hands, and Enjoy Learning.

### Staff Directory for 2020/21

- Kindergarten Mrs. Kiselyk, Ms. Lefebvre, & Ms. Assenheimer (student teacher)
- Gr. 1&2 Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Wieland, and Ms. Lefebvre
- Gr. 3&4 Mrs. Hiemstra, and Mrs. O'Brien
- Gr. 5&6 Mrs. Breitreitz, Mrs. Kien, and Ms. Assenheimer
- Jr. High Mr. Wyman (Math, Science 9, PE, CTF), Mrs. Payne (LA, Social, Science 7/8, CTF), and Mrs. Baker
- Office Staff - Mrs. Fleming (Mama Bear) & Mrs. O'Brien

### Breakfast Program

Currently we are still serving breakfast with only one person preparing food onsite and serving, as per new health guidelines. I have heard from a few parents who are interested in volunteering. We will communicate about volunteers if/when guidelines change.

### School Council Sept. 30 7:00 pm

Our students are fortunate to have fantastic community support. Do you have some ideas to share? Please join us for an evening of information, sharing, and community building. Babysitting can be provided (please contact President Penny Price).

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

Lorna Hiemstra  
Principal



## Terry Fox Run

Fort Assiniboine School is proud to participate in the **Terry Fox** Annual School Run  
**Thursday October 1** approx. **11:00 a.m.**  
Location TBA - More details to follow

Come out and join us to help raise funds for Cancer Research Pledge Forms available in office or visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.terryfox.org/"](http://www.terryfox.org/) <http://www.terryfox.org/>

**Help us meet our goal of raising \$1600.00**  
**Or \$20 per student**

Parents are welcome to join us in the run/walk. Please watch for updates on our website, Facebook page, notes and agendas.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August 31 Office Open	Sept 1 PD Day in Fort Assiniboine	2 PD Day in Fort Assiniboine Open House 2-5 pm 	3 First Day of School Gr. 1,3,5,7,9	4 First Day of School Gr. 2,4,6,8,	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8	9 Parent Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 First Day of Kindergarten	11	12
813	14	15	16	17	18 Alternate "Bear" Friday No School	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Teacher PD No School	26
27	28	29	30 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	Oct 1 Orange T-Shirt Day (See page 3 for more details) <b>Terry Fox Run</b>	2 Alternate "Bear" Friday No School	3

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 2 - PD Day NO SCHOOL  
 October TBA – Goal Setting Meetings  
 October 9 – NO SCHOOL  
 October 12 – **THANKING'S GIVING DAY –NO SCHOOL**  
 October 13 – Individual School Pictures  
 October 23 – **NO SCHOOL**

**School Council Meeting**

Wednesday  
 September 30, 2020  
 At 7:00 p.m.

## Sports Report

### Elementary Soccer

We will play some soccer games in house during physical education classes and lunch hour intramurals. Unfortunately we will not be hosting an inter-school tournament this year.

### Jr. High Soccer

No inter school tournament this year.

### Jr. High Volleyball

Mr. Wyman & Mrs. Hiemstra will be coaching Junior High Volleyball starting in late September. We are unsure how league play will look. We are hoping to establish a small cohort for inter-school play. **Please note students can only be in one sports cohort at a time, ex. Fun Hockey OR volleyball.** Stay tuned for more information when it becomes available.

### Cross Country Running

We will do some in house running this year. We will participate in the Terry Fox Run on Oct. 1. We are looking into reviving the "Turkey Trot" race around Thanksgiving. More details to come.

## What is Orange T-shirt Day?

### **Every Child Matters**

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student himself.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive, and as a result of the realization that every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. Former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

**We are in the process of ordering Orange t-shirts for our Kindergarten class ONLY, for Thursday October 1. We asking students to either wear last year's t-shirt or wear an orange shirt that they may already own. There will be a permission form sent home asking if you would like your child to participate. Please contact Mrs. Hiemstra directly if you have any questions or concerns.**

## **STUDENT'S UNION REPORT**

There will be **NO** Fall Magazine Campaign this fall

**QSP has discontinued this service – sorry for any inconvenience.**

**Elections for officers will take place later this month**

**Hot Lunches - TBA**



### **Important Message for Everyone who Stops in at the School**

The MAIN DOORS into the school will be locked throughout the day. Please knock on the door, the window or call the school at 584-3751 and someone will be with you shortly.

We would like to ask **ALL** visitors to the school to check in and out of the building at the office. This includes dropping off lunches, or picking up your child early from school. Please **DO NOT** use the Library as an entrance into the school. While the library is open to the public it is **not** to be used as an entrance into the school. This request is for the safety of the children, the school staff, as well as yours. For example, if we have a fire drill or lockdown we need to know who is in the building.



School Supplies Fees for 2020-21 school year are:

Payable at Powerschool Parent Portal (see back page to set up an account), or at the school office with cash or cheque, School Supply Fees are due October 15, 2020

Kindergarten .....	\$35.00 (includes day-planner)
Grad 1 – Grade 2.....	\$25.00 (includes day-planner)
Grade 3-4.....	\$40.00 (includes day-planner)
Grade 5-6.....	\$60.00 (includes day planner)

**Check Out Our Website**

at [www.fortschool.ca/](http://www.fortschool.ca/)  
and be sure to follow/like our Fort Assiniboine School Facebook page

- Latest News
- Calendar of Events
- General -Athletic
- Academic - Special Events
- as well as Classroom Reminders

**MEDICATION:** We can not administer medications such as Calamine lotion, Polysporin, Afterbite, anything with any kind of medicine in it. If a student requires to take any kind of medicine (prescription or over the counter) in to take during the day, the medication must be brought in by a parent to the school office. Medication should be in it's original packaging. Consent forms must be completed, medication will be kept and dispensed as directed under supervision in the office. For those students with Epipen, puffers, Twinject etc. please inform office and teacher, bring those items to the office to make arrangement for safe storage.

**PHSD Board News**

**Welcome Back!**

Our school re-entry plan balances the measures needed to control virus spread and our students' need for healthy interactions. All plans follow the guidance provided by Alberta Education and Alberta Health. As we receive information and directives from the province, news updates are posted on our website. Links to all of our news releases, as well as links to the provincial authorities are available at:

<https://www.pembinahills.ca/covid-19-information/>.

Visitors to our schools are to be healthy, sign in at the office and wear a mask. There will be no community use of school buildings.

**Electoral Ward Bylaw Passed**

Trustees voted in favor of Electoral Ward Bylaw 06-2020. The Bylaw changes the Ward structure of the division and reduces the number of trustees from seven (7) to six (6). These changes to the ward structure will come into effect for the October 2021 school trustee elections. Fort Assiniboine School will be part of Pembina Hills West Ward 2 which includes the - County of Barrhead Div 6 - Woodlands County Div 5\*, 6, 7 - Town of Swan Hills - Big Lakes County \* (\* Indicates only the portion that is within Pembina Hills School Division)

[View the new electoral wards in this map.](#)

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**School Messenger - Notice to Parents**

This fall Pembina Hills School Division is implementing a phone, email and text messaging service called **School Messenger**. This service will allow schools and the division to contact a large number of people quickly. This will be especially important when we need to communicate information to you such as emergencies or important updates.

Please ensure that your child's school has your current contact information on file - delete old phone numbers and email addresses that are no longer in use. You will have an opportunity to provide this information on your child's demographic validation report. Schools send it home with students at the beginning of the school year.

To ensure your cell phone number is on file, or to update your contact information, you can also contact your school office at any time.

On September 25th, we plan to activate this service, and you will receive a text message to **Opt-in** for this service. As it is entirely optional, you can also choose to **Opt-out** at any time. However, we encourage parents to sign up for this service as it will help us keep the lines of communication open.

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## Violence Threat Risk Assessment

### How Pembina Hills responds to threats of violence

Young people dealing with difficult situations and challenges they can't resolve may resort to high risk behavior which puts them and others in danger. Because we want to keep *all* students and schools safe, we are working with our community partners to respond to and support those students who may pose a risk.

Our school administrators have completed intensive safety training through the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. Working with Evergreen Catholic Schools, government agencies, the RCMP and community partners, we have developed a prevention and intervention protocol to guide our response to students who may pose a threat.

### Fair Notice

I am sharing this message to give parents fair notice that our school will address and respond proactively to any high risk behavior and threats.

It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. However, if for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment.

Our commitment to proactively respond to threats is a key element of this protocol. As always our goal is to keep our students and schools safe. We thank our protocol partners for working with us to sustain healthy, caring learning environments for the students we serve.

If you have questions, please give me a call at 780-584-3751

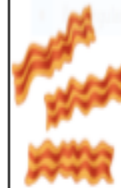
Lorna Hiemstra - School Principal

More information can be found on the Pembina Hills Public Schools website at [www.phpschools.ca](http://www.phpschools.ca)  
Under Schools and Programs

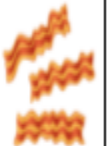
**Main Doors open for students @8:00 a.m.**  
**Elementary Doors open @ 8:15 a.m.**  
**Classes Start (First Attendance) @8:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch @12:15 p.m.**  
**Afternoon Classes start @1:00 p.m.**  
**Dismissal @3:50 p.m.**

## Parent Society Fundraiser September 2020

**FORT ASSINIBOINE**  
School



**BACON**



**FUNDRAISER**

**LIMITED TIME: UNTIL SEPT 29TH 11PM**

**Buy a Box of 11 lbs  
of Fresh Bacon for  
\$70 and the school  
earns \$15**

Join our Fundraiser! Visit:

<https://fortassiniboineschool.myteamfund.ca/>

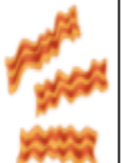
Click "JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER"

to place orders and invite supporters

Every Order Counts!



Thank you!



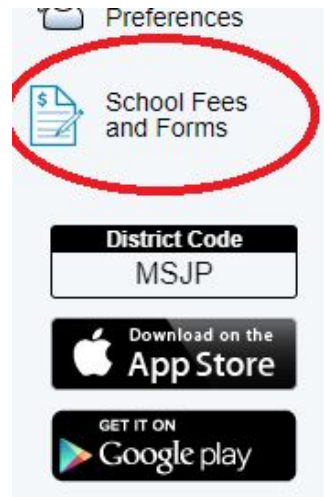
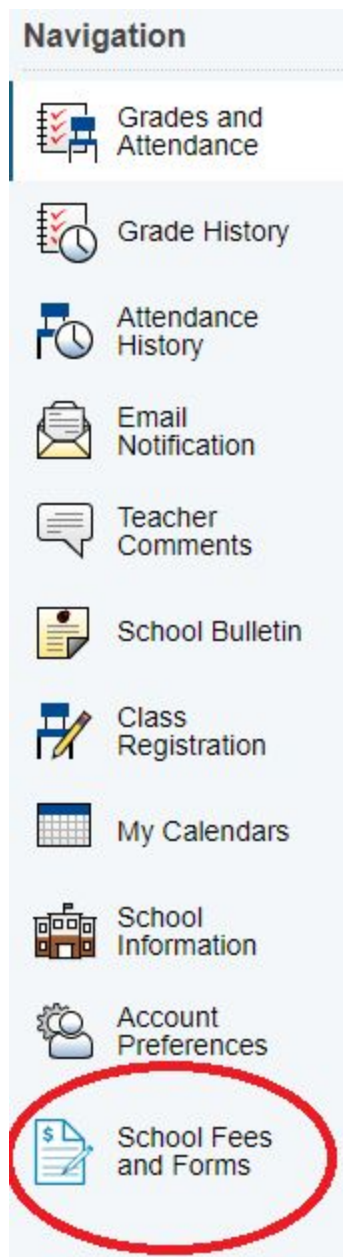
**Order forms coming home  
on Monday September 14**

## School Fees and Permission Forms in PowerSchool

Pembina Hills families can now pay for school fees and sign permission forms through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Note - We are no longer using School Cash Online - do **not** sign in or use old bookmarks to access School Cash Online.

In your PowerSchool Parent Portal menu, just click on the item at the bottom called “**School Fees and Forms**” .

If you are not sure how to access your PowerSchool account, please contact your school office.



### Mobile Access:

School Fees and Forms are not accessible through the PowerSchool App, however parents can sign in to this URL using a browser on their smartphone.

<https://powerschool.pembinahills.ca/public/>

Expand the full menu by clicking the small arrow in the upper left corner. Click on School Fees and Forms to open up the new window.

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/phsd/MyAccount/Main.aspx>

After signing in, you can save the website to your home screen if you want, or you can save it as a bookmark in your browser.