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This Month's Highlights:

- **Parent Society General Annual Meeting Wednesday February 24 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Hot Lunch February 19 - Taco in a Bag**

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

Virtue of the Month February - Kindness



Kindness

School Council

Thank you to our dedicated group of parent volunteers who make up our School Council. We appreciate all the kind things they do for our school! The 2021 Executive includes: President Crystal Wood, Vice President Roxanne Cross, and Secretary Jenny Kuelken. Welcome to our new executive members Crystal and Jenny, and thank you to outgoing members Teresa Dekker and Penny Price for over 8 years of volunteer service! We have enough parents involved now that we have a representative for each class. We are currently working through what this role looks like, and we are excited for the increased support. Class reps are listed in the School Council report section of this newsletter.

Valentine's Buddies

We are not doing buddy lunches this year, but we are encouraging cross-grade acts of kindness by making a special "secret" Valentine's card. Students will receive the name of their "secret" buddy from their teacher and exchange cards on Feb. 11.

Parent Society

Even though our Parent Society has not been able to fundraise through casinos or highway clean-up in the past year, they have still been very active in contributing to our school. The Society has funded new soldering kits for our Gr. 6-9 CTF option and Telus World of Science interactive digital presentations for our elementary classes. Thank you!

Please continue to support our Parent Society in their next fundraiser - Little Caesar's Pizza (details attached). Please stay informed and support our Parent Society. The next meeting is Wed. Feb. 24 at 6:00 pm.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, and ideas about the operation of our school.

Lorna Hiemstra
Principal



Fun in the Snow!!



Important Upcoming Days:

March 5 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 March 12 PD Day NO SCHOOL
 March 19 - NO SCHOOL
 March 26 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 March 29 - April 1 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
 April 2 - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
 April 5 - Easter Monday -NO SCHOOL
 April 6 - Classes Resume

Jr High CTF/Option Classes

Jan 6 – Feb 27

Monday & Wednesday

Basketball or Coding

Tuesday & Thursdays

Financial Management or Outdoor Pursuits

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4 Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	5 Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	6
7	8	9	10	11 Valentine Card Exchange Wear RED day	12 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	13
14 happy Valentine's day	15 Family Day NO SCHOOL	16	17	18	19 Battle of Alberta Jersey Day Hot Lunch	20
21	22	23	24 Parent Society Meeting @ 6:00 p.m	25 Pink Shirt Day 	26 BEAR DAY	27
28	March 1	2	3	4	5 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	6

Skating Schedule

Watch your Child's Dayplanner for starting dates
 Starting the week of February 8

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 – 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Tues/Thurs

Grade 5 and 6 – 2:00 - 2:55 p.m. Tues/Thurs

Junior High – 2:00 - 2:55 p.m. Mon/Wed

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. COVID measures are to be followed at all times: masks worn in lobby, and stay 2m apart (dressing rooms available to avoid congestion in lobby). Limited # of participants allowed on ice.



Student's Activities Report

Valentines Card Exchange

On Thursday, February 11th, Kindergarten's through Grade nine will be sharing a special Valentine's Day Card.

Each student will be randomly partnered with another student. We've kept this as close to their class cohorts as possible.

Students will have time during the school day to prepare a special Valentine for their partner.

If you have any questions with regards to the card exchange, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. *Please note there will be no cross grade St. Patrick Day activities this year.

PHSD Board News

Partnering to Support Mental Health

Through funding from the Alberta Government, Pembina Hills has partnered with the Barrhead Association for Community Living and the Barrhead Anglican Church to create Together Talk — an initiative to support mental health concerns related to the pandemic. Together Talk will focus on providing on-site and virtual counselling, as well as group activities to promote mental well-being.

Their goal is to provide extra support to local communities and help bridge the gap between existing services such as local FCSS services, physicians, AHS addictions and mental health services. Read more at www.togethertalk.ca.

2021 Public School Trustee Election

The election for Public School Trustees will take place on October 18, 2021.

Nominations are being accepted until 12:00 p.m. on September 20, 2021.

Visit the [Election 2021 page](#) on our website for more information including:

- [Candidate package](#)
- [Electoral ward map](#)
- Electoral ward descriptions
- Trustee handbook

Nomination packages can be picked up at Regional Office at 5310 – 49 Street in Barrhead.

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The next school board meeting is at the Regional Office on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public are invited to view a livestream of the meeting on the Pembina Hills School Division website.

Dress Up Day

Battle of Alberta - Jersey Day - Friday February 19

HOT LUNCH

Taco in a Bag - Feb 19



Parent math night

Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
From January 2021 to June 2021
Cost \$10
Register online at
<https://www.bhssa.ca/book-online> or call
(780)674-9643

Barrhead Community Adult Learning has created a Parent Math Night to assist parents and guardians as they help their children learn math. For just \$10, parents can attend a Zoom session every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Parent Math Nights will run from January - June 2021. For more information email bcal@bhssa.ca or phone at 780-674-9643.

Barrhead Community Adult Learning has created a parent night to assist parents and guardians with making the math their children are learning meaningful and understandable. We are sharing the following information on their behalf:

We know that it may have been a while since you have worked with the math that your children are now doing and we would like to help you help them. We have a very passionate math teacher who is our tutor for these sessions and he will work hard to make sure you leave feeling confident in your renewed skills.

Once a week on Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, we will be hosting a math tutoring session for parents and guardians. Come and bring your questions and we will assist in making it understandable.

- This will be done via Zoom. If you have never used Zoom before don't worry, we will help you with getting that set up. We will show you how to get onto a Zoom meeting, use chat during the meeting, and more.
- Also we have an added value of uploaded videos you can access once registered. These videos will be on various numeracy subjects such as: algebra, integers, geometry, and more.

We are asking in return for a fee of \$10.00 per family (no matter how many children you have in school), to help offset our tutor's fee. If the fee is a financial challenge at this time, please contact us and we will assist where we can. The fee again includes all the parent math nights from January to June 2021, and access to the online videos.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via email at bcal@bhssa.ca or by phone at 780-674-9643. We look forward to creating meaningful math for you and your children.

Fort Assiniboine Public Library

**COVID -19 UPDATES
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES
- AS OF December 13, 2020**

Alberta's public library decision-makers have a role to play in realizing a shared goal of curbing the spread of COVID-19.

According to the *Libraries Act*, public library boards maintain responsibility for public library service delivery in their community. It is critical that boards continue to exercise their decision-making authority during the pandemic.

Library boards are able to make choices for delivery of library service within the context of the *Libraries Act* and the *Libraries Regulation*, and while following public health orders and other provincial directives related to the current pandemic.

Library boards may decide that they want to pass further measures than the mandatory ones to stop the spread of COVID-19 at this time depending on the specific situation in their community. Again, public libraries are encouraged to offer curbside pick-up and delivery and promote digital resources and online services where possible.

The library will be closed to the public effective Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 12:00 am.

We will continue to offer curb side delivery by appointment and interlibrary loans will still be available.

This means you can still receive your items, you just can't come inside and pick them out yourself.

Please place all items you are returning in the book return outside.

The library wireless will continue to remain available from outside the building.

We will keep you posted of any changes as they occur.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



School Council

Chair – Crystal Wood

Vice Chair – Roxanne Cross

Secretary/Treasurer– Jenny Kuelken

Next School Council Meeting is the set for

March 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm in Room 5

(or ZOOM depending on COVID restrictions)

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 Crystal Wood @ e-mail: FASchoolCouncil@pembinahills.ca

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School Council Highlights - January 27, 2021 Meeting

- ❖ Policy changes made:
 - Annual General Meeting (AGM) moved from January to September
 - Treasure position removed
- ❖ New Executive:
 - Chairperson - Crystal Wood
 - Vice Chair - Roxanne Cross
 - Secretary - Jenny Kuelken
- ❖ Parent Reps:
 - Kindergarten - Meghan Koster
 - Grade 1/2 - Jenny Kuelken
 - Grade 3/4 - Jenni Williams
 - Grade 5/6 - Megan Petryshen
 - Grade 7/8/9 - Teresa Dekker
- ❖ Next Meeting - March 24, 2021

Parent Society Highlights - General Annual Meeting Feb 24

- The students will be decorating a bulletin board with things they would like to have at school. The kids have put a lot of creative thinking into their wishes and we are excited to show parents and the community what they would like to help them grow.
- The students will be bringing home Little Caesars fundraising on February 2nd, forms and online order are due back February 25th. Orders will be delivered March 11th, please arrange to pick your orders up at school.
- The next Parent Society meeting will be February 24, 2021 at 6:00. All Executive Member positions will be up for nomination or re-election. Parents are welcome to fill out a membership to join the society at any time to attend meetings or to receive email updates.





Fort Assiniboine Arena

As of February 8, 2021 - following the new guidelines in regards to restriction lifted by the Alberta Government
 The Fort Assiniboine Arena will be open by
APPOINTMENTS ONLY for **single** household family use.
 Please contact Penny Price at 780-307-7081
 to book your 1 hour single family household time slot.
 Monday to Friday 4 till 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Sunday and Family Day Monday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Ice Plant is Shut Off so Arena is **COLD** Dress Accordingly



Misty Ridge Ski Hill

We are open from 10 till 4 on February, Thursday the 4th and Friday the 5th
 for teachers convention,
 Monday the 15th for Family day and Friday the 26th for PD day.

The chalet is open to use the washroom and a take out concession.
 There will be a fire outside and there are lots of picnic tables outside to enjoy
 lunches or snacks.

There are also 2 warm up shacks around the fire.
 As far as Covid guidelines - we are the same as the school, mask up when
 indoors and if you can not social distance in line up at the lift.
 Hope to see you at the hill.

Thank you
Woodlands County
and Chance Kummer
for coming in and
building us so
awesome snow hills for
the students to play on
recess breaks. As you
can see from the smiles
on their faces they
LOVE them.



Thank you Mrs. Wieland
for the incredible
photographs as well.

