

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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This Month's Highlights:

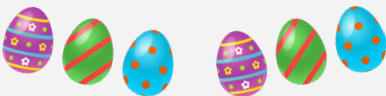
- ***Celebration of Learning***
- ***"Pi" Day***
- ***Spring Break***

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



Sliding into Spring

Perseverance - Spring is Coming (?)

Celebration of Learning

Despite having had many interruptions and disruptions in our lives over the past year, students, parents, and teachers have worked together to continue learning. Thank you parents for your continued support and cooperation during the pandemic. Teachers will be connecting with parents this month, by phone, to communicate student growth. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please contact the teacher directly.

- **Kindergarten** - Mrs. Kiselyk will start contacting parents during the day Monday, March 15.
- **Grades 1-4** - connect with Mrs. Fleming to make an appointment for either March 11 or 16 between 4:30 and 6:30
- **Grades 5&6** - Mrs. Breitzkreitz will begin contacting parents after school March 9
- **Jr. High** - Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Payne will begin contacting parents after school March 8

Learning from Virtual Visitors

Thank you Parent Society for funding some of these awesome learning opportunities for our students!

- Gr. 5&6 built cool electric cars from an online video series from Telus World of Science
- Gr. 3&4 will be learning about Ukrainian Easter traditions from the Ukrainian Heritage Center
- Gr. 1&2 learned about the 5 Senses from Telus World of Science and joined Kindergarten for Plants Need to Eat Too
- Kindergarten have participated in Telus World of Science and Nutrients for Life workshops, including "Plants Need to Eat Too" and "Let's Get Outside"
- Jr. High learned about Environmental Chemistry from Inside Education and Careers in Forestry from Work Wild

CTF Soldering Projects

Thanks to funding from our Parent Society, twelve of our Jr. High students are currently working on a range of cool projects making LED sound/light converters, radios, speakers, electric cars, calculators, and more.

Skating

- Thank you to Penny Price for keeping in the ice after many towns had taken theirs out
- Thank you to parents who came in and tied skates and provided extra CSA approved hockey helmets
- Our apologies for the error in last month's newsletter - bike helmets are not approved for school based ice skating programs
- If your family wants to continue skating, call to book a session at the arena

Donations from Linda's Motor Inn & Rainbow Farms

Thank you for the generous donations to our nutrition program!

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

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

Perseverance

persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Virtue of the Month

Perseverance





Important Upcoming Days:
March 29 - April 1 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
April 2 - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
April 5 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
April 6 - Classes Resume
April 16 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
April 23 - School PLC NO SCHOOL
April 30 - NO SCHOOL
May 14 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
May 21 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
May 24 - Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June 4 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
June 11 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
June 18 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
June 24 - Last Kindergarten Day
June 25 - Last Student Day
June 26 - Summer Holidays BEGIN

**Food Sale
Monday March 15
Pie Sale
In honour of
March 14 “Pi” Day**

*Wear something
Green on March 17*



**Slip Sliding our way
through Winter**



March 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 PD Day NO SCHOOL | 13 |
| 14 Spring Forward  | 15 “Pi” Day 3.14 Pie Sale | 16 | 17 St Patrick’s Day Wear something Green today | 18 | 19 NO SCHOOL | 20 First Day of Spring  |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. | 25 | 26 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Spring Break | 30 Spring Break | 31 Spring Break | April 1 Spring Break | 2 Spring Break Good Friday | 3 |
| 4 Easter Sunday | 5 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL | 6 Classes Resume | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

Celebration of Learning

Our celebration of learning meeting with teachers/parents and students will be set up through phone calls again this time.

Parents can expect a phone call from your child's teacher on the following dates and times:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Kiselyk will be calling on Monday March 15 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Grade 1-4 - Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Hiemstra will be calling on Thursday March 11 or Tuesday March 16 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

****Mrs. Fleming will be contacting you first to set up a convenient time****

Grade 5 -6 - Mrs. Brietkreitz will be calling after school beginning March 9

Junior High -Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Payne will be calling on March 8 to the 12 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.



Please note these meetings are to focus on the successes your child has made so far this year, if you have other concerns another meeting can be scheduled for another date and time.

We look forward to celebrating your child's achievements in school so far this school year.



PINK SHIRT DAY Grade 1 and 2' being KINDNESS NINJA's

PHSD Board News

WANTED – a School Board Trustee

The Pembina Hills school board will be made up of six trustees following the **October 18, 2021 elections**. The trustee for Pembina Hills West Ward 2 will be elected from the area of Swan Hills and Fort Assiniboine, and include representation for both schools.

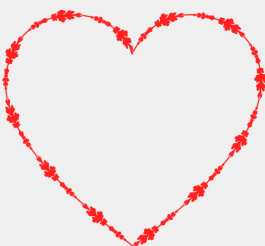
So what does a school trustee do? The main role of a school trustee is governance - providing overall direction and leadership in the division. This includes overseeing a \$59 million budget and fifteen schools. Concerns are diverse, discussions are interesting and decisions are made by the whole board based on the entire needs of the division.

Some of the tasks involved with your role as trustee include: reading and preparing for meetings, writing reports, sending and receiving email, attending and reporting at school council meetings, presentations at schools, and attending one to two meetings a week. Most meetings occur during the day, so although it is a part-time position it would be difficult to serve in the role if you had other full time employment.

If you would like to have a further conversation about running for school trustee please send me a text or give me a call. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your community and contribute to the education of our students.

Jennifer.Tuininga@pembinahills.ca 780-674-6579 H, 780-284-0971 C

Additional Highlights from PHSD Board Meetings can be seen on the Pembina Hills School Division website at <https://www.pembinahills.ca/>



Fort Assiniboine Public Library

COVID -19 UPDATES
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES
- AS OF March 2, 2021

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 is in the process of making a

“RE-OPENING PLAN”

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 through FaceBook and the Library’s Website
<https://fortassiniboinelibrary.ab.ca>

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.

Minutes from previous meetings avail on the school website: www.fortschool.ca

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
 - Grade1/2 - Jenny Kuelken
 - Grade ¾ - Jenni Williams
 - Grade ⅝ - Megan Petryshen
 - Grade 7/8/9 - Teresa Dekker
- ❖ Next Meeting - March 24, 2021

Parent Society Highlights - Annual General Meeting Feb 24, 2021

- ★ New Executive:
 - President - Tara McQueen
 - VP - Teresa Dekker
 - Treasurer - Crystal Wood
 - Secretary - Megan Petryshen
 - Members at Large - Penny Price, Jenni Williams
- ★ Little Caesar Pizza Fundraiser just finished - estimated \$1000 raised
- ★ Future Environmental Fundraiser in the works - Electronics Recycling Round-up (hang on to all your old electronics) - a sea can will be left at the school for a month long collection. Devices worth \$1-\$10 each. More info to follow soon.
- ★ So far the Parent Society has committed to over \$2000 of donations this school year for virtual presentations, music equipment, and CTF soldering kits for the school



Fort Assiniboine Arena

“ICE STILL IN RINK/ICE PLANTS ARE ON”

As of March 3, 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.



CTF Activities



CTF Boys Basketball Team



CTF Girls Basketball Team



Minecraft Education Edition
Nutrition and Fitness

Micro Electronics
Operation Joy



Gr. 5&6 built cool electric cars from an online video series from Telus World of Science

