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This Month's Highlights:

- Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday April 28
by Appointment only (8:30 - 3:30)

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.

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Looking for Spring



- it's just around this corner!

Springing Forward

Coping with Life

How are you doing? I sure needed Spring Break to rest and recharge. When dealing with frustration from this extended pandemic I often look to Dr. Jody Carrington (an amazing child psychologist from Alberta). These are her words after it was announced that we are back to Phase 1:

*"Calling all tired hearts...I have a few words I'd like to offer to your soul... it's a "g" word - and when you need it the most it can be the hardest to find. Here's what I know to be true: **Gratitude can be magic**... if even for a moment. And sometimes all we need is just a moment of reprieve from it all ... It is the remedy... that is free and accessible whenever you need it. It's how we lift ourselves up and into the light when it feels like the world is heavy and dark".*

I am grateful for our supportive parents who are working together with us through challenging times. I am grateful for our staff who provide excellent care for our students. I am grateful that my elderly parents and energetic grandchildren are healthy. I am grateful for living in the country and celebrating Earth Day.

Jr. High Place Second in Energy Challenge

Congratulations to our Jr. High students who participated in the Gener8 online youth Energy and climate Leadership summit on March 18 and placed second amongst 15 Alberta schools (400 total students participated). The challenge included building a hydrogen fuel car, solar car, and conducting an energy audit around the school. Thank you to Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Payne for facilitating this excellent learning opportunity. Next up is creating a proposal for a \$5000 Energy grant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Kindergarten Registration

Please spread the word, Kindergarten registration is open online (www.fortschool.ca) and then the school will contact parents and make an appointment to meet with the teacher on April 28.

Supporting our School Council & Parent Society

Parents make a positive difference in our school! Everything these volunteers do is to benefit our students. Please take the time to check out the latest reports on page 4, including news on Highway Cleanup.

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

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

Virtue of the Month



The respect
you give others
is a dramatic reflection
of the respect
you give
yourself.

~ robin sharma



Check out The Old Farmer's Almanac at
<https://www.almanac.com/content/earth-day-date-activities-history>
for 10 ways to celebrate Earth Day from Home

April 2021



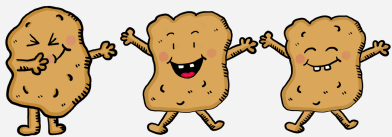
Grade 1/2 learning about their five senses. Despite the face, everyone enjoyed this fun hands-on activity in science using their sense of taste and smell.

Important Upcoming Days:

May 1 - Roadside Clean Up
 May 6 - Hats on for Mental Health (Wear a HAT Day and donate a Toonie))
 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

Hot Lunch Thursday April 22

CHICKEN NUGGETS



Parent Society Fund Raiser

Highway RoadSide Clean Up

Saturday May 1, 2021

Starting at 8:00 a.m. Meeting at the school
 (with Saturday, May 8 being the alternate day in the event of inclement weather)


This fundraiser will help cover the cost of bussing for fieldtrips (swimming, skiing, Telus World of Science, etc).

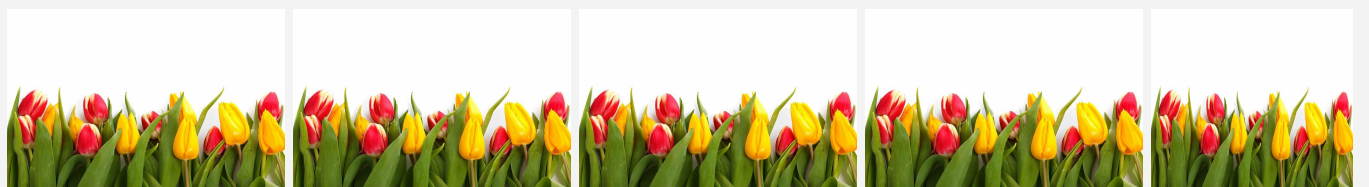
Participants must be 9 years or older - All Participants are required to view the Safety Training DVD

To request a section of roadside to clean please contact

Tara McQueen or Megan Petreshen or call the school and we'll forward your name and number to one of these ladies.

Breakfast will be provided
 More info to follow closer to May 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	March 29 Spring Break	30 Spring Break	31 Spring Break	1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	6 Classes Resume	7	8 <i>Plaid/Flannel Day - Wear something that is plaid</i> 	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	17
18	19	20	21	22 Wacky Hair Day Hot Lunch - Chicken Nuggets Earth Day	23 PD Day NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28 Kindergarten Registration by Appointment only (8:30 - 3:30)	29	30	May 1 Road side Clean Up
2	3	4	5	6 Hats on for Mental Health	7	8



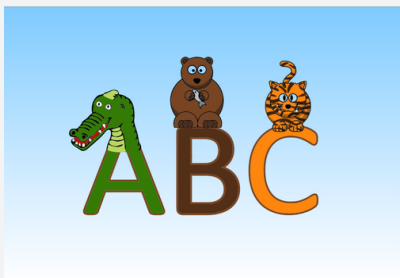
Kindergarten Registration

You can register your child for the 2021-2022 school year – begin the process by filling out a form at www.footschool.ca, under the Student and Parent Info tab - Kindergarten Registration.

Your child must be 5 years old by December 31, 2021 in order to register for Kindergarten. After you submit this form, our school office will contact you to gather confidential information about your child that is required to complete the registration.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 780-584-3751. Please note - this is only the initial registration form. Further details are required to complete the registration. The school office will contact you for additional details after this form has been completed.

Please complete this pre registration form by April 27



We are proud to announce that Fort Assiniboine School's Terry Fox School Run collected \$2,158.00 for cancer research! The Terry Fox Foundation extends their heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support in this very challenging year. Terry's message of hope lives on and remains strong! If you didn't get a chance to donate, our school donation link is still open: <http://www.terryfox.ca/FortAssiniboine> #tryliketerry

Thank you for your commitment to continue Terry's legacy. [Click here](#) to check out some of the wonderfully creative and supportive ways some of our schools across the country helped out this year.

Stay safe,

Oscar, Wendy, Christie and Dianne

PHSD Board News

Join us by Livestream

To learn more about how decisions are made in Pembina Hills, and the role of a school trustee please join us by livestream for an upcoming board meeting - April 14 or April 28 at 9:00am www.pembinahills.ca under the School Board tab

This month we are involved in planning and decision making for the next school year. These are some of the reports that will be provided at the April meetings:

1. Transportation Assurance Report
2. 2021-2024 Three-Year Capital Plan - priorities for school modernizations
3. Pembina Hills Strategic Priorities
4. 2021-2024 Three-Year Education Plan
5. 2020-2021 Co-op Pool & Allocation Formula - these are related to school budgets
6. PHSD Satisfaction Survey Results

If you are not able to join us for the board meeting, the *School Board News*, and the meeting *Minutes* can be found on the Pembina Hills website.

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Thanks to Let's Talk Science, our class has had the wonderful opportunity to have some hands-on learning about the importance of bees AND we planted our tomatoes from outer space! So exciting when learning is this much fun. #tomatosphere20



Summer, fall, winter, spring,
The seasons rotate as each brings
Its special beauty to this Earth of ours.
Winter's snow and summer's flowers;
Frozen rivers will flow come spring,
There is a renewal of everything.
-Edna Frohock (1906-97)



Fort Assiniboine Public Library

As of Wednesday April 7, 2021 we will be closed to the public!

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 Wednesday April 7, 2021. We will continue to offer curb side delivery by APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must call the library before you come to pick up your items as they will have to be placed outside on the book drop for pick up. This is to ensure there is absolutely no contact between library staff and patrons. Please place all items you are returning into the book return outside. The 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. The library wireless will continue to remain available from outside the building.

We are very disappointed that we must close to patrons again, but we can still make sure you get the movies, books, and magazines you need.

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

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Stay healthy and safe everyone.



School Council

Chair – Crystal Wood
Vice Chair – Roxanne Cross
Secretary/Treasurer– Jenny Kuelken
Next School Council Meeting is the set for

May 26, 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

School Council Highlights March 24, 2021 Meeting

- Citizenship Award Nominations are open. Deadline for nominations is May 10.
- 19 PHPS Satisfaction survey results were received this year.
- Students will be asked about CTF preferences. Anyone with CTF ideas are welcome to forward to Parent Council.
- Kindergarten registration is open online. Orientation date to be determined.
- Alberta Education School based planning day is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

❖ Parent Reps:

- Kindergarten - Meghan Koster
- Grade 1/2 - Jenny Kuelken
- Grade 3/4 - Jenni Williams
- Grade 5 - Megan Petryshen
- Grade 7/8/9 - Teresa Dekker

❖ Next Meeting - May 26, 2021

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Parent Society

President - Tara McQueen
VP - Teresa Dekker
Treasurer - Crystal Wood
Secretary - Megan Petryshen
Members at Large - Penny Price, Jenni Williams
Next Parent Society Meeting is the set for

April 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Room 5 (or ZOOM depending on COVID restrictions)

Parent Society Highlights Feb 24, 2021 Meeting

- Highway clean up will be going forward on MAY 1, 2021 with CoVid guidelines, information will be sent home
- We received a very generous donation of a marble tower and cash from Brittany and Randy Schuurman and family
- We are hoping to do another bacon fundraiser this spring

