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This Month's Highlights:

Education Week May 3- 7

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



Jumping thru hoops looking for Spring

Walking Each Other Home

Surviving or Thriving?

Dr. Jody Carrington says, “We are wired to do hard things. Most importantly, we are wired for connection” . How are you and your family doing? How are your neighbors doing? Even when our light is not at its brightest, it will still bring light to others through connection. Our staff “light up” for our students everyday, and our students” light up” for learning and connection. We are blessed to have each other. We are not in this alone, remember we need to walk each other home (Jody Carrington, PhD).

Education Week May 3-7

Please look over the calendar, there are lots of “special” days we’ll be celebrating in the first week.

Environmental Projects

There is some positive momentum gathering since our Jr. High students participated in the Gener8 Youth Energy and Climate Leadership summit in March. Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Payne have written up a proposal for a \$5000 Energy grant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through hydroponics. Mrs. Kiselyk has applied for grants through Nutrients for Learning and Inside Education looking at growing a school garden and more. Our Preschool Society has applied for grants for an Outdoor Classroom. Now it is time to coordinate our efforts and make a joint plan with our school community. I have scheduled a meeting for May 11 with representation from our Preschool, School Council, and Parent Society. Please contact myself or a representative of these parent groups for more information.

Kindergarten Registration Moved Up

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

School Council & Parent Society

Thank you to our Parent Society who approved funding for a new colour printer and photo paper for our CTF Photography class and new Physical Education Equipment including a high jump stand, dodgeballs, playground equipment, and outdoor hockey nets that can be used by the community after hours on our tennis court. These purchases will benefit all our K-9 students.

Our School Council had representation at our annual Ed Planning Day on April 23. We will continue to seek input from parents and students as this is a working document that is constructed over several months. Please consider joining the discussion at our next School Council meeting on May 26.

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

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

Virtue of the Month



Caring deeply about a person, a goal or a belief. Willingness to give our all and keep our promises.

May 2021



We were also fortunate to have Teresa Dekker lend us an incubator and supplies to hatch chicks in our classroom 🐣 Things are about to get very "egg" citing in Grade 1/2!

Important Upcoming Days:

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

Parent Society Fundraiser

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 field trips and extra equipment for classrooms..

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.



Community Clean Up Earth Day 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Road side Clean Up
2	3 Bus Drivers Appreciation Day	4 Star Wars Day (May the Fourth be with you!)	5 World Math Day	6 Hats on for Mental Health	7 Yes, we have SCHOOL TODAY	8
9	10	11 Chick Hatching Day in Grade ½ room	12	13	14 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL	25	26 School Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.	27	28 Yes, we have SCHOOL TODAY	29
30	31	June 1	2	3	4 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	5



Parents... stay informed about important news from PHPS. Sign up to receive text messages from School Messenger by texting Y to 97833. Your child's school must have your cell phone number on file.

If you're not sure, give your school office a call.

<https://www.pembinahills.ca/schools-programs/school-listing/>

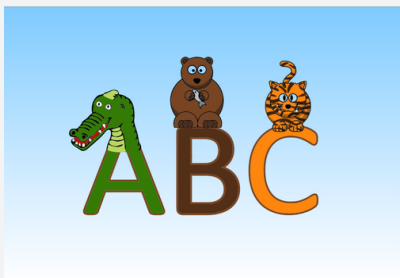
Kindergarten Registration

You can register your child for the 2021-2022 school year – begin the process by filling out a form at www.fortschool.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 May 20



Grade ½ has been learning about our 5 Senses. We have learned that people adapt in many ways to the loss of different senses. We talked about the loss of sight, the Braille alphabet and practiced printing our names in Braille. We've explored some really cool Braille books. We also talked about adaptations for loss of hearing and learned to sign our names.



Division News Article

Recommendation re: piloting draft curriculum

April 28th, 2021

On March 29, 2021, Alberta Education revealed their Draft K-6 curriculum in a news release; [Renewing focus on essential knowledge and skills](#). Like others in the province, PHSD educators had been anticipating an announcement for some time. The response on both traditional news and social media has been active to say the least. Several boards in the province have stated publicly that they will not be piloting the curriculum.

Priorities of the Education Plan

On April 14th, our board of trustees adopted a motion to continue work on three specific priorities in the 2021-2024 Education Plan. Teachers, support staff, students and community members were consulted during the Education Planning process. The Priorities of the 2021-2024 Education Plan are:

- Student-Staff Relationships
- Literacy And Numeracy
- Support for Staff

The decision to pilot the draft curriculum will also take into consideration the impact on these priorities.

Recommendation

After a very informative process of gathering feedback from teachers and considering how spending energy, resources and time on a piloting process would impact our students and teachers, senior administration recommended the following motion:

- That Pembina Hills School Division does NOT participate in piloting any part of the Draft Curriculum.

You can read the entire article and new release on the Pembina Hills Website at pembinahills.ca

Sports Report

Congratulations to our (In House) Jr. High badminton tournament medal winners 🏆



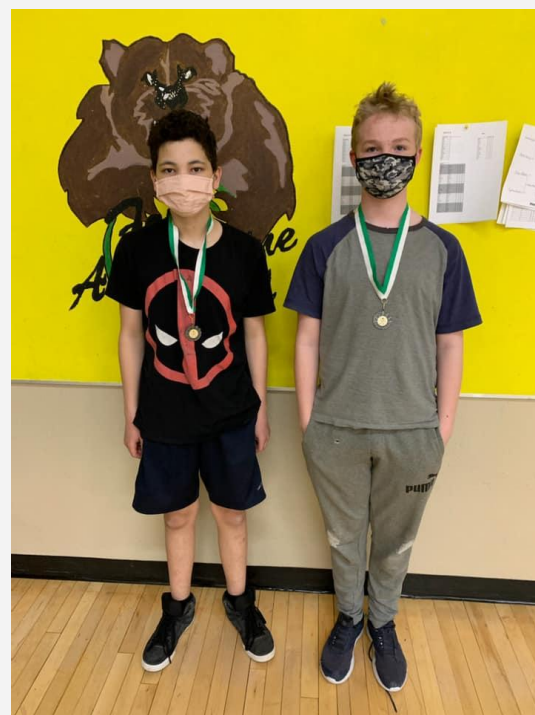
Singles: Silver-Gold-Bronze



Double: Gold



Doubles: Silver



Doubles: Bronze

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)

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

June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

in Room 5 (or ZOOM depending on COVID restrictions)

Parent Society Highlights April 19, 2021 Meeting

- Huge thank you to all the families that participated in Highway Clean Up
- Thank you to Fort Assiniboine School and Woodlands County for all their help
- More info coming home about another Bacon fundraiser in May
- Our next meeting will be June 21st at 6 pm, more information will be sent out closer to the day.



