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**WELCOME BACK!**

**Staying Healthy**

Thank you parents for your continued support with the AHS Daily Health Check (attached in this newsletter) and keeping students at home when they are coughing, sneezing, feverish, or generally unwell. We appreciate your efforts!

**Staff Directory for 2021/22**

Kindergarten - Mrs. Kiselyk

Gr. 1 - Mrs. Senger, Mrs. Wieland, and Miss Whiting

Gr. 2&3 - Mrs. Hiemstra, Miss DeZaeyer, and Ms. Lefebvre

Gr. 4&5 - Mrs. Rogerson and Mrs. O'Brien

Gr. 6-9 - Mr. Wyman (Math/Science/PE/CTF), Mrs. Payne (LA/Social/CTF) and Mrs. Kien

Office Staff - Mrs. Fleming (Mama Bear) & Mrs. O'Brien

**Breakfast Program**

Health guidelines mandate that all food must be prepared on site in our school. We are looking for a couple of volunteers from 8-10 am to cook, serve, and clean up for our breakfast program. Volunteers must fill out an application form and understand protocol and confidentiality in a school setting. Please contact the office if interested..

**School Council Sept. 29 7:00 pm**

Our students are fortunate to have such fantastic support from our parents and community. Please join us to keep in touch with the latest issues in education, information, sharing of ideas, and suggestions.

**Open House Thurs. Sept. 16**

Our School Council has volunteered to discuss EBQ cooling so teachers have more time to visit with parents. Please stop by to meet the staff, tour the school, and supper with us!

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, Sept. 30** approx. **2:30 p.m.**  
Meet at Rec Center - 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.

**This Month's Highlights:**

- Parent Council Meeting  
September 29  
at 7:00 pm
- Terry Fox Run  
Sept. 30

Virtue for September

**RESPECT**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August 30 Office Open PD Day in Fort Assiniboine	August 31 First Day of School Gr. 2,3,8&9	Sept 1 First Day of School Gr.1,4,5,6,7	2 Staggered Kindergarten	3	4
5	6 Labor Day No School	7 Staggered Kindergarten	8	9 First Day of Kindergarten	10 Fitset Ninja Course	11
12	13	14	15	16  Open House 4-6 pm	17 Alternate "Bear" Friday No School	18
19	20 Federal Election and Gr. 6-9 Student Vote	21	22	23 Gr. 4-9 Cross Country Running @ Westlock Golf Course	24 Teacher PD No School	25
26	27	28	29 Jr. High Soccer Tournament @ Fawcett  School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	30 National Day of Reconciliation Orange T-Shirt Day (See page 3 for more details) Terry Fox Run	Oct 1 PD Day No School	2

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 1 - PD Day NO SCHOOL  
 October TBA – Goal Setting Meetings  
 October 8 – NO SCHOOL  
 October 11 – **THANKSGIVING DAY –NO SCHOOL**  
 October 21 – Individual School Pictures  
 October 22 – **NO SCHOOL**

**School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
**September 29, 2021**  
**At 7:00 p.m.**

## Sports Report

### Cross Country Running

Gr. 4-9 may participate in the Pembina Hills divisional race at the Westlock Golf Course on Sept. 23. Top Jr. High runners may qualify for the Zone race in Whitecourt on Oct. 6.

### Elementary Soccer

We will be travelling to Neerlandia for an exhibition game (date TBA). We will once again host the Pembina Hills West Division Elementary Soccer Tournament on Oct. 7. Parent volunteers needed for concession.

### Jr. High Soccer

Pembina Hills tournament at Fawcett on Sept. 29

### Jr. High Volleyball

Mr. Wyman & Mrs. Hiemstra will be coaching Junior High Volleyball starting in late September. The league schedule is still under construction. The final tournament will be at the Westlock Spirit Center on Oct. 26.

### Elementary Volleyball

Exhibition games are being planned as this newsletter goes to print. The final tournament will be at the Westlock Spirit Center on Dec. 2.

## 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 the Kindergarten for Thursday September 30. We asking students to either wear last year's t-shirt or wear an orange shirt that they may already own. You can also purchase the 2021 Orange Shirt online. Please contact Mrs. Hiemstra directly if you have any questions or concerns.**

## **STUDENT'S UNION REPORT**

**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.

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**School Supplies Fees for 2021-22 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 as a last option. School Supply Fees are still being calculated and invoices will be sent home once fees have been determined for each class.

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**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

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**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**

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**Board meeting broadcasts**

For the 2021-2022 school year board meetings will be recorded where possible and then will be posted to the division website. The board agendas, news and minutes are also posted for each meeting.

The next school board meeting will be held at Regional Office on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. with our new superintendent Michael Borgfjord.

**Run for School Trustee!**

- Do you have a passion for students and for education?
- Do you enjoy serving your community?

To learn more about trusteeship including what skills are required and what is involved please go to the division website at:

<https://www.pembinahills.ca/school-board/election-2021/>

Candidates must submit their package by noon on September 20, 2021 which is Nomination Day.

The current board will remain in office until October 27th at which time the newly elected trustees will be sworn in and begin their term.

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**School Open House September 16 starting at 4:00 p.m.**

- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Classroom Open House
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Powerschool Parent Portal Tutorials (15 minute tutorial)
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Hamburger and Hotdogs
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Friendly Family Soccer Game

Come meet your child's new teacher(s), programming assistant, tour the school, meet the Parent Council Reps and enjoy an evening at the school.

**POSTPONED**

## 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 Council Update

Annual General Meeting  
September 29, 2021 at  
7:00 p.m.

Looking for Volunteers to  
help with OPEN HOUSE on  
September 16 at 4:00 p.m.

If you can help with the  
BBQ cooking, serving or  
clean up please call  
Crystal Wood at  
780-224-2832

## Parent Society Update

We're very excited to have everyone back at school and will be sending home fundraisers throughout the year. The Parent Society is always welcoming new members to help bring in a fresh mind and new ideas for our school.

Parents are welcome to contact society members if they have any questions.

President: Tara McQueen  
Vice President: Teresa Dekker  
Secretary: Megan Petryshen  
Treasurer: Crystal Wood  
Members at Large: Penny Price & Jenni Williams



New this fall - Our school division is using an online system called SchoolEngage to collect and process student enrolment information, annual demographic updates and permission forms. All families will be required to fill out forms online through your PowerSchool account. This will include the information connected with student registration as well as permission forms for field trips etc. To open SchoolEngage:

- [Sign in to PowerSchool](#)
- Click on Registration and Permission Forms in your main menu
- If you do not have a PowerSchool account you will need to create one.

When you open SchoolEngage, you will see that you have been assigned the **Student Demographic Update Form** for your child(ren).

- The Student Demographic Update shows all of the information we have in our system. We need you to check that the information we have on file is correct. Please review, make corrections and changes if needed.

This form also collects these annual consents and permissions:

- Student FOIP
- Technology Acceptable Use
- Field Trip Within Walking Distance
- School Physical Activity

Please submit the form (for each child) by September 17th.

### **Need help?**

If you need help creating your PowerSchool account or logging in, please call our PowerSchool administrator Melody Nelson at 780-305-1359 or email [studentsupport@pembinahills.ca](mailto:studentsupport@pembinahills.ca). If you are unable to complete your form online, please contact your school office to make other arrangements.

Thank you for helping us improve the efficiencies of our student information systems.

Pembina Hills School Division

COVID-19 INFORMATION

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

## Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the [Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders](#) instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments.

### Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	<b>Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:</b>		
	<b>Fever</b> Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	<b>Cough</b> Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	<b>Shortness of breath</b> Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	<b>Loss of sense of smell or taste</b> Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
<p><b>If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per <a href="#">CMOH Order 39-2021</a> OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities</li> <li>Use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 1, proceed to question 2.</b></p>			

2.	<b>Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:</b>		
	<b>Chills</b> Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	<b>Sore throat/painful swallowing</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
	<b>Runny nose/congestion</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	<b>Feeling unwell/fatigued</b> Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
	<b>Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
	<b>Unexplained loss of appetite</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
	<b>Muscle/joint aches</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
	<b>Headache</b> Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
	<b>Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)</b>	YES	NO
<p><b>If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.</li> <li>If their symptom is <b>improving</b> after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.</li> <li>If the symptom <b>does not improve or worsens</b> after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your child home.</li> <li>Use the <a href="#">AHS Online Assessment Tool</a> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.</li> <li>Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the child answered "NO" to all questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities.</li> </ul>			

**Please note:** If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.