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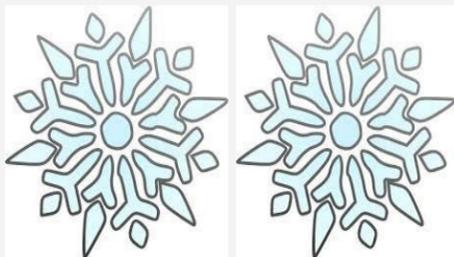
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## This Month's Highlights:

- **School Council General Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday January 26**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Dress Up Day January 27 –**  
**Wish I were on Vacation**



### 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

Character Trait of the Month:

### **GROWTH MINDSET**

Individuals who believe their talents can be developed (through hard work, good strategies, and input from others) **have a growth mindset**. They tend to achieve more than those with a more fixed **mindset** (those who believe their talents are innate gifts).

## Happy New Year, Welcome 2022!

### Resilience

It's been almost two years living with the pandemic. Everyone is dealing with challenges. We strive to focus on what is under our control. It is not always easy. Our staff and students continue to focus on enjoying learning, being kind, and helping each other. Fortunately, we have not had as many interruptions as last year and we have had many activities and events to celebrate. Keep checking our Facebook page for fantastic pictures. [www.facebook.com/FortAssiniboineSchool](http://www.facebook.com/FortAssiniboineSchool)

**Gratitude** is a powerful practice.

Our school is blessed with many kinds of support from our community. We are grateful for volunteers who have helped with students in the classroom, Turkey Dinner, and White Elephant Sale. **We are thankful for the fundraising efforts of our parent society** which have provided our students with microelectronics equipment, virtual learning workshops like Telus World of Science and the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, new outside hockey nets available for community use, Athletics subscription for all students, calendar magnets, music equipment and software, and Fitset Ninja course.

### Connection & Self-Care

We need to support each other. Dr. Jody Carrington emphasizes the importance of human connection, "When we're reconnected, to ourselves and our people, that is where growth happens. That is when the soul is nourished. But maintaining and sustaining our relationships with others all comes back to how we look after ourselves."

### Christmas Joy

Once again, Woodlands County donated turkeys for our whole school Christmas dinner on Dec. 14. Thank you to all the families who donated other food. Thank you to Deb Breitzkreitz, Rita LaBerge, and Brenda O'Brien who cooked, served, and did the dishes. Thank you to Teresa Dekker who played Christmas carols on the piano and Megan Koster who helped with White Elephant Sale. Thank you to our librarian Megan Petryshen who provided the goodie bags for Santa's visit.

### Volunteering

Times have changed. Policies have changed. If you have a specific skill or activity that you would like to assist with, please contact the office to fill out a Volunteer Form. At this time, Proof of Vaccination or a negative CoVid test must be presented to the Principal. Some activities also require a Criminal Record Check and a Child Welfare Check from the RCMP.

■ 40-60 Volunteers in Schools.pdf

Please contact me directly with questions, concerns, and suggestions regarding the operation of our school.

Mrs. Lorna Hiemstra  
Proud Principal

## Daily Health Check

Parents must complete the **Daily Health Checklist (for children under 18)** to determine if your child can attend school.

Staff must complete the **Daily Health Checklist (for Adults 18 years and older)** to determine if you can come to work.



# January 2022



## Important Upcoming Days:

Feb 9 - Extra Kindergarten Day  
 Feb 10 & 11 - Teacher's Convention  
 NO SCHOOL  
 Feb 18 - NO SCHOOL  
 Feb 21 - Family Day NO SCHOOL  
 March 4 - NO SCHOOL  
 March 11 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL  
 March 18 - PD Day NO SCHOOL  
 March 25 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL  
 March 28 - April 1 - SPRING BREAK  
 - NO SCHOOL  
 April 8 - NO SCHOOL  
 April 15 - Good Friday NO SCHOOL  
 April 18 - Easter Monday -NO  
 SCHOOL  
 April 29 - PD - NO SCHOOL

## TENTATIVE

### Skating Schedule ONLY

Watch your Child's Dayplanner for starting dates

Skating in January and Feb  
 STARTING JAN 17th

Mon/Wed	Tues/Thurs
	11:45 - 12:15 4/5 's
1:00 - 2:00pm 1/2/3's	1:00 - 1:50 6/7's
3-3:50 - CTF CURLING WEDNESDAYS	2:00 - 2:50 8/9's & K

Students will need their own skates, a CSA Approved helmet, and ski pants.

Parent volunteers must be registered ahead of time at the office. CoVid measures are to be followed: masks worn in the lobby, and stay 2m apart (dressing rooms are available to avoid congestion in the lobby).

## Jr High CTF/Option Classes

Jan 10 – Feb 25

### Monday & Wednesday

Basketball Skills, Winter Games

### Tuesday & Thursday

Drama, Genius Hour

## Student's Activities Report

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Dec 31 New Years Eve	1 New Year Day 
2	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL	7 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	8
9	10 <b>Classes Resume</b>	11	12	13 Pizza from the Principal	14 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	22
23	24	25	26 Parent Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. online	27 Wish I were on Vacation Day Dress in your favorite vacation attire	28 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	29
30 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5



Thank you to the community for generously supporting the White Elephant Sale



Special Thanks to Mrs. Petryshen and various community business/members for providing the Candy Bags for Santa's visit in the Gym on the 16th of December.



### Dress Up Day

Wish I was in Vacation Day – January 27

Dress in your favorite vacation attire

Examples:

Hawaii or Mexico - Beach Wear  
Jasper/Banff - ski wear

## PHSD Board News

December 8, 2021 Board Meeting News

Regional Office –

Preliminary School Viability / Grade Reconfiguration Criteria Report

Board [Policy 15 Grade Configuration and School Closure](#) requires that the division annually apply a set of criteria to all of its schools to review whether or not they are viable. The criteria include a review of student enrolment, the physical condition of school buildings as well as considering whether any school puts an undue financial strain on the division. If any school exceeds one of the thresholds set out in the policy it doesn't automatically mean that the school will be closed, but it will trigger the board to start discussing options around changing grade offerings, transferring students from one building to another, or temporarily closing a school or building.

Following a comparison of the 2021-2022 school year information against the criteria set out in the policy, none of our schools triggered any of the thresholds that would start a discussion around their viability. Therefore, no schools will be considered for closure or grade reconfiguration in 2022-2023.

School Year Calendar for 2022-2023

Each fall, Education Services creates a draft calendar for the next school year. To ensure that all schools meet the required hours of instruction per year, this calendar includes statutory holidays, professional development days, Christmas and spring breaks, teachers' convention, and alternate operational days for schools with alternate calendars. The process involves consultation with principals who in turn receive feedback from their teachers and union representatives.

The board adopted the proposed 2022-2023 school year calendar. See details in this news story: [2022-2023 school year calendar approved](#)

### Parent Society Highlights

We're very excited to have everyone back at school, we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break!

- We have a lot of fundraising coming up with the Casino Fundraiser April 29/30th, Highway Clean up in May and we will be sending home forms for our regular spring fundraiser.
- The Parent Society's AGM will take place in February and all Executive Member positions will be up for nomination. No experience is necessary, we are 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

### School Council

Chair – vacant

Acting Chair - Crystal Wood

Vice Chair – vacant

Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is set for

**January 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Room 5**

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](mailto:FASchoolCouncil@pembinahills.ca)



### PARENT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - December 8, 2021

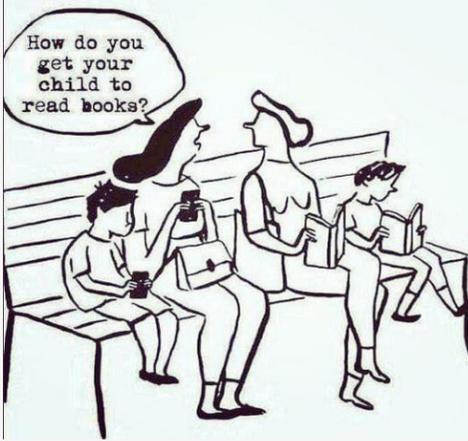
- Welcome to new Councillor, Division 6, Freeman River/Goose Lake, Peter Kuelken.
- The Programming Committee consists of Tara McQueen appointed as Parent Society rep. and Mr. Wyman as the teacher rep. Committee still requires a Parent Council rep. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact the Parent Council.
- Still need 36 families to register for PowerSchool. All who are already registered are encouraged to help others.
- New doorbell to be installed at the main office doors. Mrs. Fleming will be getting a new and improved headset.
- Community members wishing to use/rent school facilities (eg. gym, workout room) are encouraged to contact the school.
- Survey to be sent home asking parents/guardians/caregivers which method of communication is preferred. It is apparent that communication is lacking and we want to work at improving it with your help!
- Parents/guardians/caregivers who have concerns with use of technology in their child's class are encouraged to speak directly to the teachers.
- Parent Council board member positions are still vacant. Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary volunteer position duties can be found on the Fort School Website.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: JANUARY 26, 2022**

We encourage our parents/caregivers/guardians/community members to join the Parent Council!

Email: [faschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca](mailto:faschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca)  
Phone/text: Crystal Wood, Acting President, Parent Council, 780-224-2832

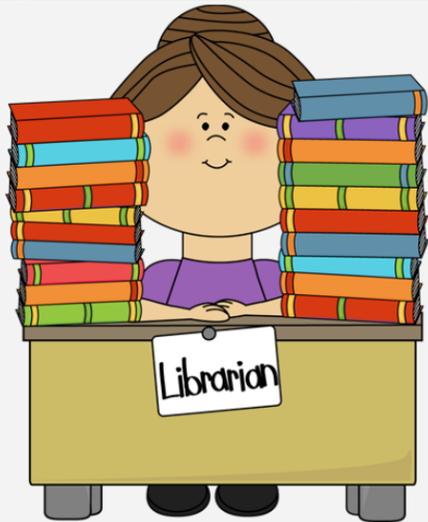
**Fort Assiniboine Public Library**



Sunday: Closed  
 Monday:  
 08:30 AM - 04:00 PM  
 Tuesday:  
 08:30 AM - 04:00 PM  
 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM  
 Wednesday:  
 08:30 AM - 04:00 PM  
 Thursday:  
 08:30 AM - 04:00 PM  
 Friday:  
 08:30 AM - 04:00 PM  
 Saturday: Closed

Phone:  
 780-584-2227

Check out new book titles on Facebook (Fort Assiniboine Public Library) or our website <https://fortassiniboinelibrary.ab.ca/>



**Fort Assiniboine Arena**

**Open Skating Schedule**

Open skating is per household only, please book your time with Penny @ 780-584-2100

Saturday & Sunday  
 9am - 5pm  
 (unless arena is booked)

Masks must be worn in the lobby, physical distancing on the ice.

**January**  
 8, 9, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

**February**  
 5, 6, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27

**March**  
 5, 6, 13, 19, 20 last day of Family Skate



**Your Guiding Adventure Starts Here!**

At Girl Guides, we aim to empower every girl to be everything she wants to be by providing them a safe space to shine, take the lead and explore new challenges and interests. Registration for the 2021-2022 Guiding year is now open!  
 Register at [www.girlguides.ca/joinnow](http://www.girlguides.ca/joinnow)

**Winter Wear**

Please be sure that your son or daughter have the appropriate winter wear while traveling on the school bus and while at school. Every effort is made to ensure that all buses are in proper running condition but you never know when something could happen. The weather network site is checked throughout the day as well to monitor outside gym classes and recess times. If you child require any winter clothing please let the office know as we have some items available.



Happy  
 New  
 Year!



**NEW WINTER SPORTS**



ICE HATING



NO-MOBILING



SNOW SHOO-ING



CROSS-COUNTRY FLEEING

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