

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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This Month's Highlights:

- **Celebration of Learning**
- **"Pi" Day**
- **100th Day of School**
- **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
persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Perseverance - "Stick-with-it-ness"

Sticking Together

Dr. Jody Carrington has been one of my “go to” people for the past 2 years. She acknowledges the tough stuff and how important it is to stay connected with each other. Gratitude and optimism aren’t easy during challenging times, but extra effort brings rewards. Her words resonate with me, “... be aware that we’re in a disconnected season and how critical it is to remember that we’re so much better together. Better when we normalize the worry, the joy and the mess and acknowledge that there is no perfect script for how we navigate and show up in this world. Doing what we choose to do with purpose and passion is our only job.”

Celebration of Learning

We are 60% through our school year. We are excited to share with parents, in person, the growth of our students . Mrs. Fleming will be phoning parents to book appointments for March 9 and 15. Kindergarten will have separate meetings, Mrs. Kiselyk will be in contact with those families to make meeting arrangements.

Parent Advisory Council dissolved and School Council Re-established

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Advisory Council meeting on Feb. 23. We took some time to look through our school survey results and I received some valuable feedback. Woodlands County Councillor Peter Kuelken and School Board Rep Melissa Hanna were in attendance too and many positive connections were established. I am excited to move forward with our new executive. Welcome to new President Danielle Calahasan and Vice President Teresa Dekker. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 6:00 in the Library.

CTF Projects

Thanks to funding from our Parent Society, our grade 6-9 students have the opportunity to participate in microelectronics (soldering) and sewing/crocheting. In microelectronics, with Mr. Wyman, students can build a wide range of cool projects including LED sound/light converters, radios, speakers, electric cars, calculators, and more. Mrs. Senger is facilitating sewing/crocheting this term and students will be learning how to use a sewing machine and begin with small projects like satchels and dish clothes.

Skating

We are grateful for free access to the skating rink. Our classes were fortunate to skate twice a week for 5 weeks. Thank you to Penny Price for her excellent care of our community facility and providing extra skates and helmets for students in need. Thank you to parents who came and helped tie skates and the Jr. High PE students who helped out the Kindergarten class.

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

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

Virtue of the
Month
Perseverance



Pie Sale
Monday March 14
In honour of
March 14 "Pi" Day



Important Upcoming Days:

March 28 - April 1 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
 April 4 - Classes Resume
 April 8 - NO SCHOOL
 April 15 - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
 April 18 - Easter Monday- NO SCHOOL
 April 29 - PD DAY NO SCHOOL
 May 6 - Bear Day- NO SCHOOL
 May 13- Bear Day- NO SCHOOL
 May 20 - Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 May 23 -Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
 June 3 -Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 June 10 -Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 June 17 -Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 June 24 -Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 June 23 - Last Kindergarten Day
 June 28 - Last Student Day
 June 29 - Summer Holidays BEGIN

March 14 - 100th Day of School
Dress as if you were 100 years old



Wear something Green on March 17



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Feb 28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	Celebration of Learning	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 Spring Forward	"Pi" Day 3.14  Pie Sale 100th Day of School Dress as if you were 100	Celebration of Learning		St Patrick's Day Wear something Green today	PD DAY NO SCHOOL	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 First Day of Spring			School Council Meeting 6:00 pm in the Library		BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	2
	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Classes Resume					



Celebration of Learning

Our celebration of learning meetings with teachers, parents, and students can be held in person again.

March 9 or 15
15 minute time slots starting at 4:15 until 7:30

Please call the school to book an appointment time if the school hasn't already contacted you first to set up a convenient time



**Pink
Shirt
Day!**

Lift
Each
Other
UP!



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

Slip Sliding our way through Winter



February 23, 2022 Board Meeting News

2022-2023 School Year Calendars

Alberta Education mandates a minimum number of instructional hours for all students – 950 for elementary and junior high school students, and 1,000 hours for high school students.

This requirement, along with bus scheduling, means that some schools have longer days than others. These schools have longer days or more instructional hours than are required, and therefore have the option of developing alternate school year calendars. These calendars designate specific days as “alternate days” in which students and staff do not attend. Alternate days vary by school depending on start and end times, and community-specific events.

Because each school’s calendar is different, they must be individually approved by the board. At their February 23rd meeting, trustees reviewed and approved the 2022-2023 alternate school calendars. The approved calendars will be posted on the [division](#) and school websites.

Locally Developed Courses

Schools or school divisions have the option to create their own courses to respond to student interests or local needs. These courses must be approved by Alberta Education, but once approved other schools or school divisions can apply to access these courses for their own students.

Pembina Hills has historically accessed a series of courses developed by the Calgary School Division in subject areas as Film and Media Art, System Scaffolding, Musical Theatre, and Social Literacy. The permission to use these courses must be renewed on a three-year basis, and the request to use these courses must be approved by the board.

The board considered and authorized the renewal of the [courses](#) acquired from the Calgary School Division.

COVID-19 Update

Throughout the 2021/2022 school year, the board has received an update on the current COVID-19 situation at each meeting. Data is collected on a weekly basis, and current trends show a significant decrease in absences for both staff and students. For Tuesday, February 22, student absences across the division were 14 (down from a high of 210 on January 25) while staff absences reported were 5 for instructional staff and 3 for support staff (down from highs of 9 and 17 respectively on February 1).

The next school board meeting will be held at the division’s regional office on March 16, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Melissa Hanna – Melissa.hanna@pembinahills.ca – 780-333-8753

Trustee for West Ward 2 Swan Hills/Fort Assiniboine

Fort Assiniboine Public Library

Effective February 9th, 2022, libraries are no longer subject to capacity restrictions and effective February 14th, 2022 masking for children 12 and under is no longer required. This is great news for the library and because of these restrictions being lifted we are going to start hosting some exciting events.

Monday March 7 Movie Night At The Library:

Encanto Start Time 6:10.
Please call the library to register.

Friday March 18 St. Patrick's Day Crafts and Cookie Decorating:

11:00-3:00 Please call the library to register.

Friday March 25 Movie Afternoon At The Library:

Clifford Start Time 1:30.
Please call the library to register.

Wednesday March 30 Adult Paint Night:

6:00-8:00 Please call the library to register.
\$10.00 per person

Spring Break

March 28th to April 1st

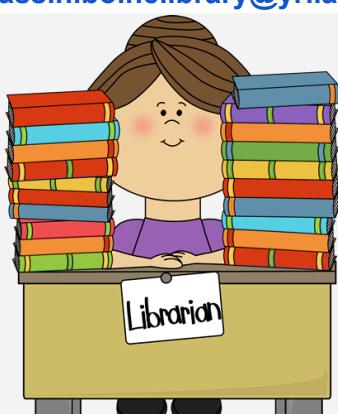
We will have some fun activities for children throughout the week.
More information will be posted on the library Facebook page closer to the dates.

The library is now open on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 instead of Tuesday evenings.

The library closes daily from 12:30-1:00pm for lunch.

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School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen

Vice Chair – Teresa Dekker

Secretary– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is set for

March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Library

Meetings are about an hour long and babysitting can be arranged if we know ahead of time.

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

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Danielle Calahasen
@ e-mail: FAschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca

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School Council Highlights - January 27, 2022 Meeting

- ❖ Policy changes made:
 - > Annual General Meeting (AGM) moved from January to September
 - > Treasure position removed
- ❖ New Executive:
 - > Chairperson - Danielle Calahasen
 - > Vice Chair - Teresa Dekker
 - > Secretary - vacant
- ❖ Next Meeting - March 23, 2022

Parent Society Highlights - Annual General Meeting Feb 24, 2022

- ★ New Executive:
 - President - Teresa Dekker
 - VP - Meghan Koster
 - Treasurer - Jenny Kuelken
 - Secretary - Megan Petryshen
 - Members at Large - vacant
- ★ Little Caesar Pizza Fundraiser just finished - estimated \$600 raised
- ★ So far the Parent Society has committed to over \$4500 of donations this school year for new sports uniforms, virtual presentations, music equipment, CTF soldering kits and sewing supplies
- ★ Casino Fundraiser April 29/30
- ★ Highway Clean-Up May 7, 2022 - More info to come

Parent Society Casino Fundraiser

Looking for 10 volunteers from April 29 -May 1

to work the Casino in Fort McMurray

NO experience is necessary

Volunteers will need to show proof of vaccination or Negative COVID test

Parent Society will pay for all expenses - Hotel, Travel COVID testing

Our School heavily relies on this Fundraiser taking place every second year.
Please consider volunteering for this or talk to family/friends without children in school
and ask if they might consider volunteering.

If you need more information about this fundraiser, example: What would I be doing at the casino? Please call Teresa Dekker at 780-584-2422



Junior High



FORT ASSINIBOINE

MINOR SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION NOW
OPEN! AGES 5 +

Games Start Week of May 4th

REGISTER MARCH 17

6:30PM-8:30PM

@ Fort Assiniboine Recreation Center

T-BALL (Under 8) MONDAY
MITE (Under 10) TUESDAY
SQUIRT(Under 12) WEDNESDAY
PEE WEE (Under 14) THURSDAY and last 3 TUES
BANTAM (Under 16) MONDAY and last 3 WED
MIDGET (Under 19 and enrolled in school) TUESDAYS and last 3 THURSDAYS

To register

Contact Penny Price fortassiniboinesoftball@gmail.com

OR 780-584-2100

Deadline April 6th @ 8pm

Volunteer Coaches &

Umpires Needed

\$ 40 per Player Includes Team Jersey or \$20 per Player if you have last years jersey

TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Spend quality time with kids.
When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.

If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.



CTF Classes March - April



Music

Micro Electronics



Sewing/Crochet
Operation Joy



Winter Olympics
2022

