

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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This Month's Highlights:

Family Year End BBQ -
June 16 5 - 6 p.m.

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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Look "summer" is coming!



Fort Assiniboine Pride

Let's Celebrate Together!

We are down to our final few weeks of the 2021-22 School Year. Together, we have all been through some ups and downs this year. Finally, life is returning to "normal" with field trips, group gatherings, after school sports, and visitors in our building. We have really appreciated and enjoyed having Volunteers working with our students again! We have had many community members join our classes with CTF sewing, CTF cooking, outdoor education and track and field. Our students have worked hard too, and we will be presenting Citizenship Awards to recognize those who have shown outstanding resilience and positivity this year. We want to say THANK YOU and celebrate with a Fort School Family Barbecue on Thursday, June 16 afterschool. Our Parent Society has volunteered to cook. We will have family games before and after supper and we will present Citizenship awards outside at 6:00 pm. If the weather is poor, we can still have the barbecue and visit inside the school gym. I will send an electronic survey form via School Messenger so we have an estimate for purchasing burgers, hot dogs, etc.

Staffing Updates

Mrs. Wieland is on leave for the remainder of this school year. Mrs. Koster & Mrs. Kerr will be helping out in grade one during her absence. We are saying thank you and farewell to Mrs. Senger who will be transferring to Vista Virtual School this September. We are celebrating with Mrs. Rogerson and wishing her well in retirement after more than 30 years of teaching. As this newsletter goes to print, potential candidates are being interviewed. New staff will be introduced when the hiring process is complete.

Swimming Lessons = Life skills

Our countryside is abound with beautiful lakes and rivers and many of us enjoy the water through a variety of activities. We are excited to return to school swimming lessons in June. Permission forms will be coming home very soon. Lessons will cost only \$40 and will be held at the Barrhead Pool. Our school receives group lesson prices and we are providing busing at no additional cost to students. Please sign forms and return fees as soon as possible.

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

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break, classes resume August 29.

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

Virtue of the Month

PRIDE

**WORK HARD & BE
PROUD OF WHAT
YOU ACHIEVE**

June 16 Family Year End BBQ

- ❖ Family Activities 4 to 5
- ❖ Burgers served from 5 to 6
- ❖ Presentation @ 6
- ❖ Family Games @ 6:30



Hosted by:
Parent Society and School Council

Important Upcoming Days:

- June 23 - Last Kindergarten Day (report cards go home)
- June 28 Last Student and Staff Day (Gr. 1-5 Report Cards go home)
- June 30 Gr. 6-9 Report Cards mailed out
- July 1 - Aug 22 School Office Closed for Summer Break
- Aug 23-25 School Office Open for New Registrations

June 16-27 Jr. High Exams

- o June 16 8:30 -10:30 am Grade 9 Math Part A PAT
- o June 20 8:30-10:30 am Gr 6 LA Part B PAT and Gr 7 LA Part B
- o June 20 8:30 -11 am Gr 9 Math PAT and Gr 8 Math
- o June 22 8:30-10:30 am Gr 6 Math PAT and Gr 7 Math
- o June 22 8:30-11 am Gr 9 LA Part B PAT and Gr 8 LA
- o June 23 8:30 -10:30 am Gr 6 SCI PAT and Gr 7 SCI
- o June 23 8:30-11 am Gr 9 SS PAT and Gr 8 SS Final
- o June 27 8:30 -10:30 am Gr 6 SS PAT and grade 7 SS
- o June 27 8:30 -11 am Gr 9 SCI PAT and Gr 8 SCI Final
- o June 28 8:30 -11 am Any exams missed

Students are required to be picked up by a parent after their exams, or a note is required for them to be picked up by someone else.

Swimming Lessons

- Gr.6-9 from 2-3 pm
June 7, 13-16
- Gr. 1,3,5 from 12:15-1:00
June 13-16 and June 20-23
- Gr. 2,4 from 1:00-1:45
June 13-16 and June 20-23
- Kindergarten from 1:15-2:00
June 14,16,21,23

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	May 30	May 31	1 Pizza from the Principal National Say Something Nice Day	2 Fort Museum Fieldtrip ODE Gr 6-9 Canoeing at Schuman Lake	3 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 National Eye Wear Day	7	8	9 Dress in your Formal Wear Day	10 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	11
12	13	14 National Strawberry Shortcake Day	15	16 Last day of Classes for Jr High Grade 9 Farewell And Family Year End BBQ	17 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 JH Exam	21 NO Exams National Indigenous Day	22 JH Exam	23 JH Exam Last Kindergarten Day	24 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 JH Exam Pizza from the Principal	28 Last Day of School <i>Year End Activities</i>	29 Office Open	30 School Closed at 4:00 p.m. for Summer Break	July 1  Happy Canada Day	
Aug 21	22	23 School Open for NEW Registrations	24 School Open for NEW Registrations	25 School Open for NEW Registrations	26 School Office Closed	27

Congratulations to the Grade 9 Class of 2021 - 2022



From Left to Right
Aimee Sheldrake,
Duey Irqqaqsaq,
Alyssa Huff



CTE (Jr High Option) Classes

Thanks to Mrs. Teresa Dekker, Mrs. Joka (Oma) Dekker, Mrs. Meghan Koser, Mrs. MaryAnn Lehman and Mrs. Lorraine Jackson for volunteering in our Cooking Class. Thank you to Mrs. Jenny Kuelken for recruiting and organizing our volunteers.



Mini Legends



PHSD Board News

Education Plan Priorities

Director of Education Services Raime Drake discussed some of the key components of the three-year education plan which was approved at today's board meeting. Drake summarized the initiatives, strategies and evidence associated with the key priorities of:

- *Student-staff relationships*
- *Supports for staff*
- *Literacy and numeracy*

While PHSD's priorities haven't changed from the previous plan, the strategies have been updated to reflect the division's current operating environment. The initiatives, programs and services approved by the board include:

A renewed focus on mental health and academics

- *The right mix of support staff positions*
- *The development of a comprehensive professional development plan*
- *Targeted strategies to advance literacy and numeracy within grade groups*

Transportation Funding Advocacy

Fuel prices across Canada have hit record highs in recent months and the division's Transportation department has been affected heavily by these higher prices. Given that Pembina Hills buses travel 10,300 kilometers each school day, any increase in diesel prices are a large concern.

Between 2007 and 2013, Alberta Education had a Fuel Price Contingency Fund in place—whenever fuel prices rose above \$1.20 per liter, the fund automatically directed extra grant funds into school divisions across the province to help offset high fuel costs.

The board approved a letter to the Minister of Education to request the reinstatement of this fund. It's important to note that while Alberta Education increased the regular transportation operating grant by 4.6% for the 2022-2023 year, current projections are that fuel costs will cause a 6.6% increase in the division's overall operating costs. Without some form of additional relief or grant funding, the division will be forced to reallocate resources or reconsider the services provided.

On May 25, 2022 the board meeting was held at the Eleanor Hall School in Clyde.

Secretary Treasurer Heather Nanninga presented the 2022-2023 Operating budget for the board to approve.

Funding/Maintenance

Pembina Hills recently received some unexpected grant funding from Alberta Education, and accordingly the Division is now projecting a modest surplus of approximately \$1.2 million. Given that any surplus funds will be added to the *Division's reserves* following the end of the fiscal year (and that our reserves are already in excess of the provincial cap), a targeted spending plan is required. The facilities department has identified a series of urgent and optional projects that could reduce the expected surplus. The Admin team are also discussing other areas that can use some of the grant funding from Alberta Education.

The board approved

Project 1: Facilities/transportation building repairs & upgrading

Project 2: Administration building maintenance

Project 3: Barrhead bus yard fuel contamination

Project 4: Vimy school site contamination

Our next regular board meeting will be held on June 8 at the Swan Hills School.

Sports Report

Elementary Mini Legends

We hosted a Mini Legends Day on May 31 for our K-6 students. Members of the Athletics Alberta group brought out stations for our students to cooperate, cheer, and compete. Events involved running, jumping, and/or throwing with a few creative twists thrown in, like transfer the treasure, soccer croquet, and an obstacle course. Thank you to Tracy Lockwood and her crew for a fun day. It was great to see so many parents come out to watch and even help run events!

Grade 4&5 Mini Track Meet June 6

Swan Hills Grade 4&5 students will be joining us for a mini track meet on Monday, June 6. Events will run from 10 - 2 and parents are welcome to join us.

Jr. High Track Meet

Thank you Mr. Wyman for organizing our gr. 6-9 students who represented our small school well at the Divisional Track Meet held in Barrhead on May 25. We won a few ribbons and 2 students qualified for zones. Layla Petryshen won first place in the 3000m, Matthew Calahasen placed second in the 800m, Keysha McKort placed 3rd in shot put, Madison Sheldrake placed 4th in 1500m, 800m, and 400m. Caydin Aldrich placed first in his 200m heat but his time did not qualify for a ribbon.

Summer Camps

RF Staples School (Westlock) will once again be offering a combination basketball/volleyball camp for grades 5-8 in August. They will also be running a basketball camp July 28-31 for grades 9-12 and a volleyball camp for grades 9-12 with dates still to be determined. Contact Wade Hicks wade.hicks@pembinahills.ca.

Fort Library Update

What a great May we had at the Fort Assiniboine Public Library and we are starting to plan our summer activities.

Please keep an eye on our library Facebook page, school newsletters and town bulletin boards for more information coming up.

Thank you so much to everyone that participated in any one of our library events, we are so happy to see so many people wanting to come out and take part.

Friday June 3rd Movie Afternoon At The Library: CHIP 'N DALE Rescue Rangers, Start Time 1:30.

Please call the library to register.

Friday June 17th Father's Day Crafts and Cookie Decorating:

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

Monday June 27th Pizza Party & Movie Night At The Library: Start Time 5:30.

Please call the library to register.

Annual Used Movie and Book Sale

We are once again going to be hosting our used movie and book sale this summer. The sale will be held at the Fort Assiniboine Rec Hall from July 18th to July 22nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily. All items are 10¢ each. We will be accepting gently used books and DVD's to add to the sale starting June 1st. Please drop these items off at the library.

The library will be CLOSED Friday July 1st for Canada Day.

The Library will be CLOSED for the week of July 4th to July 8th for annual cleaning.

Please watch the Fort Assiniboine Public Library website, Facebook page or call Megan Petryshen at the Library 780-584-2227



Thank you
Preschool
and Parent
Society for
the lovely
Staff
Appreciation
Bags

School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen

Vice Chair – Teresa Dekker

Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is the set for:

Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday September 28th at 6:00 pm.

Minutes from previous meetings 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

School Council Highlights May 25, 2022 Meeting

- Please remember you can view all meeting Agendas and Minutes on the Parent Council section of the Fort Assiniboine School Website. You can also find an anonymous link to send us your ideas and concerns!
- We are still looking for a Secretary for our parent council, if interested please let us know or join us at our next meeting. Parents and community members are always welcome.
- This was quite a productive meeting discussing the Parent Societies completed fundraisers, and increasing participation in the Casino and Roadside Cleanup.
- Next year will be bringing changes in staff and grade configurations affecting grades 1, 2 and 3 which you can read about in our minutes. We wish all the best to Ms. Rogerson and Ms. Senger on their new adventures.
- New curriculum will continue to be rolled out over the next 3 years and each teacher will inform you at the beginning of the year how it will affect your student.
- We discussed at length on school providing supplies for a fee or simply getting a list to purchase your own supplies. Keep watch for more information.
- There will be a back to school BBQ at the beginning of the year tentatively set for August 29th. We want to make it fun! So come prepared to visit, meet the new staff, drop off your supplies, play some games and learn about yearly fundraisers and access to Powerschool to fill out your forms.
- If you would like more information on the Parent Council, please visit our website, send an email or contact me personally.

Danielle Calahasen-Chair

We encourage our parents/caregivers/guardians/community members to join the Parent Council! Help guide growing minds in a positive direction!

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Parent Society

President - Teresa Dekker

VP - Meghan Koster

Treasurer - Jenny Kuelken

Secretary -Megan Petryshen

Next Parent Society Meeting is the set for
June 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. in the Library

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with the Roadside Clean Up on May 7. Our ditches looked really nice for a few days at least.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Mundare Sausage fundraiser in May. Profits raised were just over \$1000.00

REMINDER - 2021 School Vouchers expire on June 15, 2022

Vouchers can be used for reimbursement of school related payments such as

- Field Trips
- Swimming Lessons
- Uniform Rental
- Athlete Fees

BEARS Jr High Track and Field 2022



