



Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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This Month's Highlights:

- *Drive Away Hunger*
- *Goal Setting Meetings*
- *Fire Prevention*
- *Elem. Soccer Tournament*

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

Main Doors open for students
@8:00 a.m.
Elementary Doors open @ 8:15
a.m.
Classes Start (First Attendance)
@8:35 a.m.
Lunch @12:15 p.m.
Afternoon Classes start @1:00
p.m.
Dismissal @3:50 p.m.

GRATITUDE

Donation of Sand

Thank you to LaFarge for the donation of sand and Pembina Hills maintenance department for the labour. We have two new huge sand pits. The kids are loving it! The custodians not so much :)

Goal Setting Meetings Oct. 4 & 12

Please connect with the office to book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher(s). Communication between parents and teachers is extremely valuable and important. These goal setting meetings include students, parents, and teachers talking together.

There Is Always Something To Be Thankful For

We are thankful for the friendly small town atmosphere and supportiveness from our community. We are thankful for the input and extra resources provided by our School Council and Parent Society. We are thankful for Woodlands County library services. We are thankful for our volunteers!

Literacy Update

One of the main goals in our Pembina Hills Ed Plan is excellence in Literacy instruction. Pembina Hills has hired experienced teachers to be literacy coaches at every school in the division to help support teachers with the new curriculum and intervention programs.

Breakfast Program

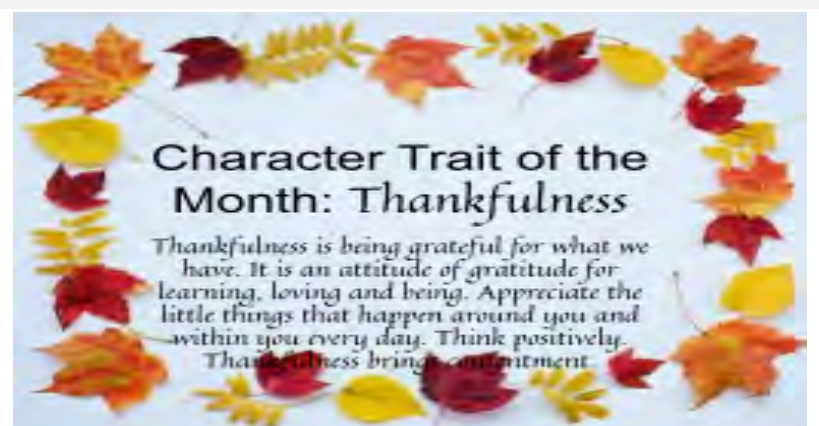
The Government of Alberta provides our school with a nutrition grant to help fund our breakfast program. This grant covers most of the food supplies and administration of the program. We are still looking for volunteers to come into the school on Mondays and Wednesdays to help with serving food and cleaning dishes (approx. 8-9:30 am). We also could use volunteers to come in and do baking in our kitchen at their convenience. Volunteers need to complete forms and record checks. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

Drive Away Hunger Campaign Oct. 3-14

Over the past few years we have consistently collected over 500 pounds of food with this campaign. Please consider a donation of dry goods or cash to help out our local food bank. We will have a friendly competition between Bear Houses to see who can collect the most food.

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

Lorna Hiemstra
Principal





Fire Prevention Week

October 10-14, 2022

Important Upcoming Days:

- Nov 1 - Picture Retakes
- Nov 4 - Bear Day - NO School
- Nov 10 - PD Day NO School
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - NO School
- Nov 18 - NO School
- Nov 25 Bear Day - NO School
- Dec 2 - Bear Day - NO School

Terry Fox Run

Fort Assiniboine School was proud to participate in the **Terry Fox** Annual School Run on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Thunderlake Provincial Park - thanks to the parents/grandparents that joined us that afternoon. Thanks to the generosity of the community we were able to raise \$1176.05 for the Terry Fox Foundation



Thank you to Ever Active Schools and the Alberta Medical Association for sponsoring our "fun run" at Terry Fox Run. They provided a large inflatable start/finish line, a sound system with great music, and a pair of sunglasses for every participant.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Oct 1
2	3	4 Goal Setting Meetings 4:15-7:30 p.m.	5 Cross Country Zones	6 Elem. Soccer Tournament 	7 PD Day NO School	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day NO School 	11	12 Goal Setting Meetings 4:15-7:30 p.m.	13 Fire Prevention Day Jr High Volleyball @ Clyde 3-6 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Jr High Volleyball @ Swan Hills 3-6 pm	21 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	22
23	24	25	26	27 Jr High Volleyball @ BCHS 3-6 pm	28 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	29
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Halloween 2022

Thank you Matt and Amber Levy for the pumpkins for our students to paint or carve once again this year!!

Kindergarten - Thursday October 27

Will dress-up in our costumes on the 27th (IN THE AFTERNOON) and then tour the other classes in the school to show them off.

Please do not send your child to school in the morning in their costume and we ask that you make the costume simple enough for the child to get into with minimal help.

Grade 1-9 - Monday October 31

Will dress-up in our costumes on the 31th (IN THE AFTERNOON)

Followed by Classroom activities (watch for more info in student agendas)

We will do a costume parade at the end of the day, around 3:30.

Parents are welcome to watch and we would greatly appreciate you taking home your child's pumpkin.

We have a policy at the school where no weapons or replicas (guns, swords, etc.) of any kind are permitted. Please keep this in mind when planning a costume for our Halloween dress-up.

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.

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. 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.

School Registration Form and School Supplies Fees for 2022-23 school year

Approx 50% of our Registration forms have been completed with updates as of today. It takes less than 5 minutes per form to complete and the data provided is needed for accurate contact information.

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST be completed online.

If you need assistance call or stop in and see Mrs. Fleming

Registration forms are to be completed at Powerschool Parent Portal (see page 6 to access your account). Any fees are payable through the same 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.



Junior High Cross Country at Zones

PHSD Board News

Happy October!

In May 2022, the Alberta Government reached a settlement with the Alberta Teachers Association that included a cost of living increase. The Board passed a motion that Appendix 1 of the Non-Union Staff salary grids is to include a 1.75% increase in pay rates effective September 1, 2022 and a further increase of 2% effective September 2023.

With the continued difficulty in the recruitment and retention of qualified school bus drivers, Chair Lefebvre will submit a written request to the provincial government for PHSD to implement a retention allowance for union and non-union PHSD bus drivers. The allowance will be in addition to the 2022-23 approved compensation rates for the bus driver classification. We will also be requesting the timeline for implementation of wage increases be moved up to September 2022 (from June 2023).

The Board approved, in principle, the international trips for Barrhead Composite High School senior students to travel to Italy/Greece and photography students to London in 2023.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Veronica Lindquist presented the Internal Audit Accountability Report with the results showing that the practices and procedures in all division schools are achieving a high level of acceptability.

The Board met with representatives from the Public School Boards Association at our September 28 meeting to discuss a membership in the association.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Melissa Hanna, presented a long service award of 10 years to Ms. Jolene Lefebvre. Thank you Ms.Lefebvre for your hard work and dedication to the children.

Melissa Hanna- Melissa.hanna@pembinahills.ca- 780-333-8753
Trustee for West-Ward 2- Swan hills and Fort Assiniboine



Sports Report

Cross Country Running

Gr. 4-9 participated in the Pembina Hills divisional race at the Westlock Golf Course on Sept. 22. All runners showed great effort and represented our school with pride. Landon Dekker (gr. 5) finished 2nd, Natalie Dekker (gr. 7) finished 8th and Layla Petryshen (gr. 7) 9th. Ali Druar (gr. 8) finished in the top 15 and qualified for Zones. Natalie, Layla, and Ali travelled to Zones in Enoch on Oct. 5 with coach Mr. Wyman. Natalie finished 14th, Layla 22nd, and Ali 15th at Zones. Well done!

Elementary Soccer

We travelled to Neerlandia and Swan Hills for exhibition games. We are hosting a tournament with Swan Hills, Neerlandia, and Barrhead Oct. 6. THANK YOU to our parent society for organizing a concession for the kids!

Jr. High Soccer

Many of our grade 6-9 students participated in the Pembina Hills tournament at Fawcett on Sept. 28. It was a recreational tournament without playoffs or awards, but teams definitely noticed the exceptional goalie skill of gr. 9 student Caydin Aldrich.

See Pictures on page 6

Jr. High Volleyball

Mrs. Spitzer & Mrs. Hiemstra will be coaching Junior High Volleyball starting in mid October. League Schedules will be sent home soon. The final tournament will be at the Westlock Spirit Center on Nov.17.

Elementary Volleyball

League games are being planned as this newsletter goes to print. The final tournament will be at the Westlock Spirit Center December 1. Ms. Pybus and Mrs. Hiemstra will be coaching.

Fort Library Update

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Annual Scholastic Bookfair from Monday October 3rd to Friday October 7th.

There will be some paint nights and craft nights coming soon. Please see the library Facebook page for more information to come.

Upcoming October Events:

Monday October 17th Movie Night At The Library:

MINIONS: The Rise Of GRU
Start Time 6:00.

Please call the library to register.

Friday October 28th

Halloween Crafts and Cookie Decorating:

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

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

The library will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving Monday October 10th, 2022.

The library will NOT BE OPEN the evening of Monday October 31st from 6-8. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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





Fun in the Fall Leaves

Parent Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen

Vice Chair – vacan

Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is the set for:

General Meeting held on Monday November 28 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

Parent Council Highlights September 28, 2022 Meeting

Annual General Meeting held on Wed. Sept. 28th.

- Elections for Board positions were held. Danielle Calahasen was re-elected for Chair, Positions are vacant for Chair and Secretary. If anyone is interested in these positions, please contact me, elections will be held at the next meeting. **Of note, a parent has come forward interested in the Vice-Chair position since the meeting.
- Some parent concerns brought forward were discussed in the meeting. Please see the minutes on our website when they are posted.
- Volunteers are still greatly needed in our school. If you have time please call the office for volunteer opportunities. We need people to come in for baking, breakfast program, CTF options classes, field trips, sports days, as well of course as with the Parent Council and the Parent Society, etc.
- We had a virtual visit from ATA Local President. There will be an upcoming rally held at the Alberta Legislature on Oct. 22, 2022. For all those interested please see their website: www.standforeducation.ca
- The Parent Council has a grant we are able to use towards parent participation, We have a number of presentations we can use it on.

The next meeting will be held on Mon. Nov. 28th, 2022 @ 6pm.

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's Society

President - Teresa Dekker

VP - Meghan Koster

Treasurer - Jenny Kuelken

Secretary -Megan Petryshen

Next Parent Society Meeting is the set for

November 15 @ 1:30 in the library. All are welcome.

Parent Society report

There is a fundraiser happening right now. Please have your chip and bacon orders all in by October 11.

Bacon orders must be placed online.

<https://fortassiniboineschool.myteambund.ca/campaigns/gv4!U5Y>

Contact Teresa Dekker if you need help. 780-674-1071

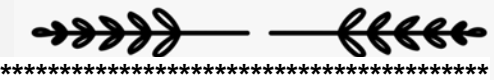
Chip orders are paper order forms to be handed in to the school.

Pickup for both of these items will be October 27 at 9:30 am at the curling rink lobby

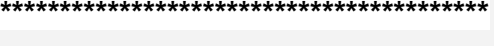
REMINDER - **2022 School Vouchers expire on June 15, 2023**

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

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



Jumping for joy with the arrival of our new sand !
Thank you LaFarge for the donation of a tandem truck full of sand.
Thank you to Pembina Hills for digging out the new pits and leveling out all the sand!



Breakfast club volunteers still needed

Servers: 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.
Duties include:
 - Serving Breakfast 8:15 - 8:30
 - Clean up
 - Baking Muffins

General Baking:
Anytime during school hours
Duties include:
 - Baking Muffins or other Breakfast Dishes that can Be easily served the next Day
 - ALL ingredients supplied
 - And of course Clean Up



Apples, Apples, Apples! Thank you breakfast volunteer Amber Levy for making applesauce

Thank you Dale Kluin for the apples!





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. 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



Grade 6-7 Soccer Team



Grade 8-9 Soccer Team



Interdenominational Christian Based

After school Bible club for kids in Kindergarten to Grade 6

Wednesday's, from 4:00-6:00pm at the school gym starting October 12.

GAMES, STORIES, ART, MUSIC, LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, LEARNING, PRAYER

Come, meet the Good Shepherd.

Parents are welcome to participate.



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