

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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This Month's Highlights:

*Remembrance Day Acknowledgement
November 8 at 10:45 a.m.*

Character Trait of the Month:

Courage

The attitude of facing and dealing with anything recognized as dangerous, difficult, or painful, instead of withdrawing from it

School Council Meeting

Monday
November 28, 2022
At 6:00 p.m.



Jr Volunteer Firefighter in the making



Veterans Week & Remembrance Day

Every year we honour those who have served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace. We take time to learn about their courage and sacrifice for our country. Our annual Remembrance Day assembly will be held on Tues. Nov. 8 at 10:45 am in the school gym. Parents are welcome!

Did you know that Nov. 8 is National Indigenous Veterans Remembrance Day?

Indigenous peoples have been fighting with British and Canadian soldiers since the war of 1812. They have fought in all of the wars in which Canada has participated, without exception. Unfortunately, they were not always recognized for their contributions and even denied recognition between 1919 and 1994. For more info about Canada's veterans see [Veterans Affairs Canada](#).

Legion Poster & Literary contests - Our students have seen many successful entries recognized and rewarded with cash prizes. We hope to maintain this tradition of success in this annual contest. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 23.

Have you updated your Student Demographics?

Information like parent contact numbers and emergency contacts is vital for school to home communication. Thank you to those families who have updated their online parent portal on PowerSchool. If you have forgotten your password or need assistance, please contact our office.

Literacy/Numeracy Update

Pembina Hills School Division has invested many hours supporting our teachers and Educational Assistants (EA) in the first two months of the new school year. Teachers have attended grade group meetings to discuss the new curriculum (K-3 Math & ELA), literacy standards and intervention strategies. Jr. High teachers have met to learn about Disciplinary Literacy, the ways of investigating, reasoning, reading, writing, talking, and problem solving that are unique to the discipline (Science, Math, Social).

We are grateful for the extra support provided by our Literacy Coach, Mrs. Darci Eamor, who visits our elementary classrooms weekly to provide expert instruction in phonological awareness

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Please contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about the operation of our school. Appointments can be made through the office at 780-584-3751.

Lorna Hiemstra
Principal

*Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on
Tuesday November 8, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.*

Poppies are available in the office along with Lest We Forget Bracelets for \$2.00 each

All students will be receiving a poppy to wear at the assembly. A donation would be greatly appreciated to pass along to the Legion.

Spooky Halloween BINGO



Important Upcoming Days:

Dec. 2 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec 7 - Extra Kindergarten Day
 Dec. 9 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec. 16 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec 21- Jan 3 - Christmas/Winter Break
 Jan 4. 2023 - Classes Resume

Please make sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather, we certainly have had some cooler days and mornings. We have some strong Canadian kids that like to play outside and require winter gear especially ski pants, mitts and toque. It is critical that students have proper clothing for the weather as they are riding the bus. Despite the preventative maintenance on the bus fleet, there is always the possibility for a bus to break down, especially in colder weather. When dressing for the winter, please make sure your child is wearing the following: Winter coat (parka), winter (insulated) boots, Gloves/Mitten, Toque (if the parka does not have an insulated hood), Scarf. Although not all students travel on the bus, it is important that all students are properly dressed so that they are able to participate during the recess and lunch breaks.

Your bus driver will decide whether or not the school bus will run and will notify you. Our drivers are the most familiar with the weather and road conditions on their routes.
Division-wide: If necessary, cancellations will be made by 6:00a.m. For safety reasons, schools will remain open even if buses are canceled. If you are concerned about sending your child to the bus stop or school because of bad weather or roads – even if our buses are running – you can always keep your child home. See the [bus route status report](#) on the website.

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

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	Oct 31 Happy Halloween	1 Picture Retakes 	2 Jr High Volleyball Mini Tournament 	3 Pizza from the Principal 	4 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Change (Fall Back 1 hour) 	7	8 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m. 	9	10 PD Day NO SCHOOL	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL 	12
13	14	15 Dental Screening K-2 Parent Society Meeting 1:30 p.m. Elem. Volleyball to Neerlandia	16 AHS Immunization Gr 6 and 9	17 Jr High Volleyball Tournament 	18 NO SCHOOL	19
22	21	22 Elem. Volleyball host Dunstable	23 Elem. Volleyball to Barrhead	24	25 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30	Dec 1 Elem. Volleyball tournament at Barrhead	2 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7 Extra Kindergarten Day	8	9 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	10

Honor and Remember

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honor of all who have fallen.

Pandemic restrictions have meant smaller ceremonies, or their outright cancellation.

Other gatherings are being replaced with virtual ceremonies.

Nevertheless, the tradition of Remembrance will continue, and Canada's Fallen will not be forgotten.

The Royal Canadian Legion encourages all Canadians to observe a moment of silence on November 11, to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve



The Act of Remembrance

*They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor
the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.*

Royal Canadian Legion members take pride in organizing Remembrance Day Ceremonies across Canada and abroad. Contact your local Legion for information.

[Two Minutes of Silence](#)

[Remembrance Day - Lest we Forget](#)

[In Flanders Fields - Song and Slideshow](#)

Lest we Forget

PHSD Board News

International trips for BCHS & R.F. Staples Students Approved

The Board approved, in principle, two international trips for Barrhead Composite High School and R.F. Staples Secondary School students. Due to a scheduling issue, the previously approved Barrhead Composite High School trip planned for spring break 2023 will now include Paris, Riviera and Rome. R.F. Staples Travel Club students will be traveling to New York at the end of April 2023.

Membership in the PSBAA Accepted

The motion was passed to accept membership in the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

Facilities Information Update

Director of Facilities, Tracy Tyreman, presented an overview of the capital and maintenance projects done during the summer months. See the Facilities Information Update for photos and a list of the projects completed.

Communications Assurance Report

Pembina Hills uses a number of digital tools to engage and communicate with parents and guardians. Registration and consent forms as well as payments are completed online through PowerSchool. School Messenger has also been a very valuable tool to get messaging to parents and guardians quickly, through email, phone or SMS (text) messages. Safe Arrival will be piloted before rolling out as a tool for parents to communicate student absences.

Information Technology (IT) Assurance Report

Director of Information Technology, Alex Mottus, provided the Board with the annual overview of the IT department's operations and some of their main projects. Some key projects that IT are working on are replacing smartboard equipment with interactive displays, wireless upgrades and reviewing security. See the full IT Assurance Report for more details.

Policies Amended

Pembina Hills School Division has a thorough policy framework that guides the direction of the Division. In an effort to make sure that these policies remain up-to-date, the Board's Policy Committee meets several times each year and makes recommendations to the Board for changes.

- Policy 08 Committees of the Board – Appendix A – an update was made to a component of the Wellness Champions Committee structure.
- Policy 27 Division Citizenship Awards – changes were made to the Grade 12 award application process, recipients, acknowledgement and presentation.

Board Meeting Start Time Changed to 9:30 a.m.

The Board passed a motion to change the start times of their meetings to 9:30 a.m.

Next Board Meeting November 30, 2022 @ 9:30 am.

Melissa Hanna

Trustee West-Ward 2

780-333-8753

Fort Assiniboine Public Library

Thursday November 10th
Remembrance Day Crafts and
Cookie Decorating:
11:00-3:00 Please call the library to
register.

Friday November 18th Movie
Afternoon At The Library: Paws
Of Fury: The Legend Of Hank.
Start Time 1:30.
Please call the library to register.

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





Introduction to Guitar

By Hum Strum Music

Learn chords, strumming
patterns, tuning and basics

Starting October 22, 2022

\$30.00/Child

6 week guitar lessons

In Fort Assiniboine, Alberta

Children guitar lessons

Saturday from
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Late registration will be
accepted



To register contact
Crystal Wood at
780-224-2832 or email:
Woodlandsamg@gmail.com

School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen

Vice Chair – vacant

Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is the set for

MONDAY, November 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm in Room 5

Please note the change in date

Minutes from previous meetings avail 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!



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.

Special thanks to everyone who supported either our Bacon or Chip Fundraisers this fall!
Your support is much appreciated!

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

CTF Jr High

Monday/Wednesday
DRAMA or CODING
Tuesday/Thursday
HANDBELLS or
GENIUS HOUR

Sports Report

Jr. High Volleyball

Nov. 8 - mini tournament @BCHS
Nov. 17 - Divisional tournament at the Westlock Spirit Center.



Elementary Volleyball

Nov. 15 @ Neerlandia
Nov. 22 Host Dunstable
Nov. 23 - mini tournament @ BES
Dec. 1 - Divisional tournament at Barrhead Elementary

Fort Assiniboine Arena **Open Skating Schedule**

Open skating **Saturday & Sunday** from 2pm - 4pm
(unless arena is booked)

Shinny hockey every Friday
from 7-9



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

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 please contact Mrs. Fleming at the school and she will be more than happy to assist you.

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

Pembina Hills School Division

2022 SNOW PLOW CONTEST

We have six snow plows pushing loads all season long... These heavy haulers need a name and a creative design to bring their personalities to life.

Enter our two-part contest for a chance to WIN!

CONTEST 1 * NAME OUR PLOWS

Submit your snow plow name suggestions from November 1 - 14.
The top 10 submissions will then be voted on by the public to determine our six new plow names.
The top six name entries will win a \$150 Visa gift card.

Here's How to Enter:
Online at www.woodlands.ab.ca/p/contest
Email entry form to communications@woodlands.ab.ca
Pick up and drop off entry form at either Woodlands County office.

CONTEST 2 * CREATE A FACE OR DESIGN FOR THE BLADE OF EACH PLOW

Once our plows are named, show off your artistic skills and submit a creative design idea for one of the six plow blades from December 1 - 12.
The six winning designs will be painted on the blades of our snowplows.
Each design winner will win a \$250 Visa gift card.

Here's How to Enter:
Entry forms are online at www.woodlands.ab.ca/p/contest or at either Woodlands County office.
Email designs with entry form to communications@woodlands.ab.ca
Pick up and drop off design and entry form at either Woodlands County office.
Digital, hand drawn or painted submissions will be accepted.

For more information and contest details check out www.woodlands.ab.ca/p/contest
Contests are open to residents and visitors, of all ages.



THANK YOU
Matt and Amber Levy for the Pumpkins.
We had fun carving and painting them!

This community ROCKS!!!!



