

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



The Thinker!!



Lots to Celebrate!

Celebration of Learning Meetings

We are excited to share with parents, in person, the growth of our students. Meetings will be held on March 7 & 8. Many parents have returned interview request sheets, thank you. If you have not yet booked a time, please contact Mrs. Fleming in the office 780-584-3751.

Guest Speaker David Bouchard March 13

We are one of the six Pembina Hills schools fortunate to have Canadian Metis author David Bouchard booked to deliver presentations to our students. David is an advocate for reading and we look forward to his message and reading some of his books. Elementary classes (K-5) presentation is 9:00 - 9:30 and Gr. 6-9 will be from 10:00 to 11:00. Parents and community members are welcome to join us in the gym for these presentations. To learn more about David and the books he has authored, check out his website

Literacy Update

Our school has been putting extra emphasis on writing this year. Our elementary students are starting to write their own stories using story patterns from familiar books. Our teachers are excited to start using the newly developed Pembina Hills Gr. 1-6 Writing Rubric. These rubrics will help teachers to provide clear and consistent assessment of student writing. The next steps will see teachers and students working together to create success criteria for grade level writing.

Volunteers Rock!

THANK YOU to all our volunteers who made Trickster Theatre such a great success! Danielle Calahasen was our parent volunteer coordinator, and she recruited and organised helpers for setting up and taking down the staging, making costumes and props, and packing everything up at the end of the show (a BIG job).

After Spring Break we would like to set up a volunteer reading program. If you are interested and able to volunteer approximately one hour per week in April/May, please contact the office or School Council President Danielle Calahasen.

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

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

Spring is just around the corner!



**Pie Day
Tuesday March 14
In honour of
March 14 "Pi" Day**



Important Upcoming Days:

March 27 -31 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
 April 3 - Classes Resume
 April 7 - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
 April 10 - Easter Monday- NO SCHOOL
 April 21 - PD DAY NO SCHOOL
 April 28 - Operational NO SCHOOL
 May 3 Kindergarten Open House
 May 5 - Bear Day- NO SCHOOL
 May 11 - Whole and Kindergarten Grad Pictures
 May 12- Bear Day- NO SCHOOL
 May 19 - Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 May 22 -Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
 June 2 -Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 June 9 -Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 June 16 -Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 June 19 -Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
 June 27 - Last Student Day
 June 27 - Summer Holidays BEGIN

**March 6 - 100th Day of School
Dress as if you were 100 years old**



Wear something Green on March 16

**Buddy Lunch part 2
March 16**

March 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|-----------------|
| | Feb 27 Jr. High Basketball Divisional Tournament at BCHS | Feb 28 | 1 Elementary Basketball to Swan Hills | 2 Jasper Ski Trip Gr 7-9 | 3 NO SCHOOL | 4 |
| 5 | 6 100th Day of School Dress as if you were 100 | 7 Celebration of Learning Elem Bball hosts Swan Hills @ 3:00 | 8 Celebration of Learning | 9 Elementary Basketball Tournament @ Swan Hills Jersey Day | 10 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL | 11 |
| 12 Spring Forward  | 13 David Bouchard (Metis poet/author) presentation | 14 "Pi" Day 3.14 Taco in a Bag Hot Lunch Sale | 15 Gr. 4-9 Basketball Wrap-up Family Night 7-8 pm | 16 St. Patrick's Day Buddy Lunch Wear something Green today Progress Reports go home for K-9 | 17 PD DAY NO SCHOOL St Patrick's Day | 18 |
| 19 | 20  First Day of Spring | 21 | 22 School Council Meeting 6:00 pm in the Library | 23 Pajama Day - Wear your favorite PJ's | 24 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL | 25 Earth Day |
| 26 | 27 Spring Break | 28 Spring Break | 29 Spring Break | 30 Spring Break | 31 Spring Break | Apr.1 |
| 2 | 3 Classes Resume | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Good Friday No School | 8 |

Taco in a Bag -

March 14 watch for order forms coming home soon



PHSD Board News

2023-2024 Alternate School Year Calendars Approved

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 schedules, means that some schools have longer days than others and therefore more instructional hours than are required. To address this, schools have the option of developing alternate school year calendars that 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 22 meeting, trustees reviewed and approved the proposed 2023-2024 alternate school calendars. The approved calendars will be posted on the division and school websites.

Alternate calendars were approved for:

- Barrhead Composite High School
- Busby School
- Pibroch & Sunny Bend Colony Schools
- Dunstable School
- Eleanor Hall School
- Fort Assiniboine School
- Neerlandia Public Christian School
- Pembina North Community School
- R.F. Staples Secondary School
- Swan Hills School

R. F. Staples Extra-Curricular Trip to California

The Board granted approval in principle for the R.F. Staples Secondary School senior boys’ and senior girls’ basketball teams to take an extracurricular trip to San Diego and Anaheim, California from December 26, 2023, to January 2, 2024

Next board meeting March 15 @ 9:30am.

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

Trustee

Celebration of Learning

Our celebration of learning meetings with teachers, parents, and students will be held on March 7 and 8 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



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

Cheering on Spring



PD DAY CAMP - March 3 & 17

Registration Now Open



Kids off school but you have to work?

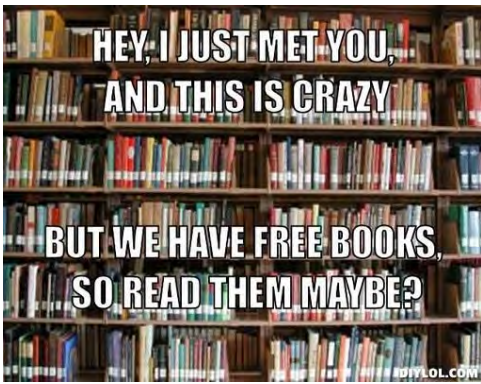
We are offering PD Day camps on March 3 & 17 in partnership with Barrhead FCSS to provide your child with a safe environment where they can make new friends all while staying engaged in activities meant to spark creativity, instill fitness, and SAVE them from BOREDOM.

Best of all, the cost is only \$5 per camp, per child.

Register online here: <https://bit.ly/3ED7gNk> (Registration opens 10 am February 24)

Questions? Call Parks & Recreation at 780-674-2532 or email recreation@barrhead.ca

Fort Assiniboine Public Library



Friday March 10th Movie Afternoon at the Library:
Puss In Boots: The Last Wish
Start Time 1:30

Friday March 17th St. Patrick's Day Crafts and Cookie Decorating: 11:00-3:00.

Friday March 31st Easter Crafts and Cookie Decorating: 11:00-3:00.

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.

Megan Petryshen
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School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen
Vice Chair – Jennifer Schulte
Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is the set for

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Library

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

The last School Council Meeting was held on January 25th. We are still looking for someone to fill the Secretary position. If anyone is interested please contact Danielle. The Woodlands Arts and Music Guild are moving forward bringing our school an afternoon workshop from a Brass Band which will be held in April. We are actively seeking volunteers for the Breakfast Program and Hot lunches. Volunteers are welcome to help with sports teams, though a teacher must also be present for insurance purposes. If you are interested in volunteering for sports you will require a criminal record check and a child welfare check, please see Maureen in the office. Parent reading was discussed to aid in literacy, further discussions with the principal are underway.

The proposed calendar for the next school year was discussed and presented. Literacy goals for the school were discussed and input on the new report cards were given to the principal.

The Parent Society gave us an update on their fundraisers as did the Preschool.

Woodlands County Representative Peter Kuelken gave us information on looking into Agriculture in Education.

Please see the website for any further information and to view the minutes. The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wed. March 22, 2023 at 6pm in the Library.

Parent Society Highlights - Annual General Meeting Feb 16, 2023

Thank you to Teresa Dekker for her 9+ years in the Parent Society.

New Executive
President: Meghan Koster
Vice President: Michyla Kerr
Treasurer: Jenny Kuelken
Secretary: Megan Petryshen

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by coming for dinner before the theater show. We were able to make over \$1000.00, to go towards our Outdoor Classroom Project.

Our casino dates are July 14 & 15, 2023. We need 10 volunteers to go up to Fort McMurray those two days. If you have any questions about the casino or are interested in volunteering, please contact Megan Petryshen at 780-584-2227 during library hours.

Highway Clean Up will be on Saturday May 6th, and more information about Highway Clean Up will be sent home at the end of the month.

Our next hot lunch will be on Tuesday March 14, and it will be Taco In A Bag. Watch for order forms in your children's agendas.

March 14 is also Pie Day, and we will be serving pie to all staff and students for last snack as well.

Parent Society Casino Fundraiser

Looking for 10 volunteers for Friday July 14 & Saturday July 16
to work the Casino in Fort McMurray
NO experience is necessary

Parent Society will pay for all expenses - Hotel, Travel

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 Megan Petryshen at 780-584-2227



Jr High Basketball 2023 Divisional Tournament



Grades 4-9 tried out
sledge hockey

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



Baking
Art



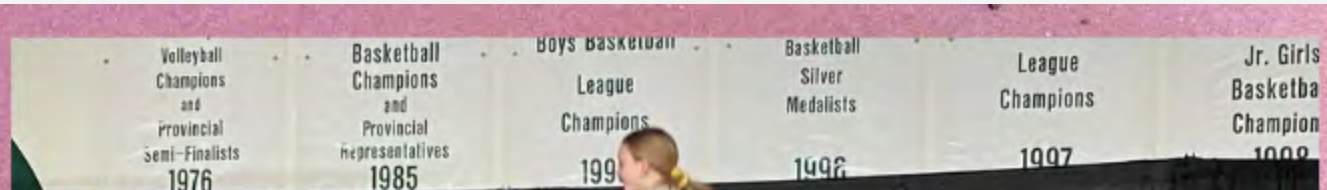
FORT ASSINIBOINE
MINOR SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION MARCH 16
6-8 P.M.
CURLING RINK LOBBY
Please Check our FACEBOOK page for updates
Contact Penny Price
fortassiniboinesoftball@gmail.com or
780-584-2100 for more information





Trickster Theatre



What an AWESOME week with Trickster Theatre! Thank you, Amos & Matt for your theatrical enthusiasm and expertise, we all had a lot of fun learning with you. Thank you to all our community volunteers who helped set up/take down the curtains/stage, or made costumes/props. Thank you to the Alberta Arts Foundations for the generous grant that made this program possible.