

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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www.fortschool.ca

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This Month's Highlights:

Education Week May 1- 5

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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Wacky Hair at School Day

Together We Learn

Community Learning

We are ever grateful for the parents, grandparents, and community members who have volunteered their skills and time to help our students learn new things! Our grade 6-9 students have enjoyed cooking classes with MaryAnn Lehman & Oma Dekker, and are excited for sewing with Doreen Lee. Thank you to Teresa Dekker for bringing in an egg incubator for our elementary students to watch baby chicks hatch. Thank you to our year long parent breakfast club volunteers Danielle Calahasen and Tiffany Rondeau. Thank you to the Woodlands Arts and Music Guild along with Kevin & Crystal Wood for bringing the Foothills Brass Quintet to our school on April 15. The musicians were fantastic entertainers playing vintage and modern classical music that had our students clapping and moving along to the beat. The quintet were excellent teachers of musical history and answered dozens of individual student questions during small group sessions. Our grade 4&5 class made genuine Ukrainian Easter Eggs under the guidance of Nancy Schuurman. Thank you to the Barrhead Pool for providing swimming lessons for our entire K-9 student population through the month of April.

Please check out the rest of our newsletter and our school Facebook page for pictures of all the fantastic community contributions to our students' learning: <https://www.facebook.com/FortAssiniboineSchool>.

Bicentennial Celebrations

Fort Assiniboine is turning 200 years old this year and it's time to celebrate! We are known for being the second oldest fur trading Fort in Alberta and you can find us in grade 4 Social Studies textbooks across the province. A committee made up of local and regional representation has been meeting since last fall to plan events for June-August this summer. The Fort Assiniboine Museum will be hosting several divisional schools for Pioneer Days from June 5-9. Our K-5 students will be attending June 6. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laurie Budney. Community celebrations will be held July 7-9, including a Voyageur Canoe Brigade landing, a free community barbecue, Metis dancers & fiddlers, children's activities, cultural demonstrations, and much more. Check out the full list of events at www.fortassiniboine.ca

Literacy Update

Pembina Hills teachers have had extensive professional development in literacy this year, specifically in the development of rubrics for student writing analysis. All grade 1-6 students have participated in daily writing and in division wide writing prompts to promote and develop writing fluency. Our Fort students have shown fantastic growth in writing creativity and stamina. We continue to teach/learn writing conventions, spelling, grammar, and other structural pieces, alongside creative brainstorming, storyboard planning, and using "juicy" descriptive words. There is a direct correlation to improvements in reading through writing and accountable talk (intentional topics to promote student interest and focussed engagement).

School Council & Parent Society Update

Our parent groups have been working hard to provide extra goods and services for our students. From making delicious hot breakfasts/lunches, providing funding for CTF supplies, bussing, and fundraising for an outdoor classroom structure we appreciate you! Thank you for the staff appreciation gifts too!

Please join us this month: May 9th at 10:00 am Parent Society meeting, May 15th at 6:30 pm "The purpose of School Council" workshop, May 24 at 6:00 pm School Council final meeting (Survey Results, Ed Plan input, looking ahead to 2023/24 school year, new curriculum information, and more).

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

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal



Yummy Parent Society Breakfast

Important Upcoming Days:

June 2 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 June 5-7 - Outdoor Ed Gr 6-9
 June 6 - Pioneer Day k-5
 June 9 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 June 15 - Grade 4-6 Track Meet
 June 16- Bear Day NO SCHOOL
 June 19- Bear Day NO SCHOOL
 June 20, 22, 23,26,27 PAT test days (grade 6 and 9)
 June 27- Last Student Day
 June - 28 - Last Staff Day
 July 1 – Aug 23 School Closed for the Summer

Junior High CTF

May 2 to June 9
 - Outdoor Ed
 - Sewing/Textiles
 - Softball

Kindergarten Registration

Starting March 1, 2023, we are accepting new student registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Pembina Hills has recently launched an online registration system called SchoolEngage. There are two ways to register depending on if you are brand new to Pembina Hills or if you have children already attending our schools.

Families who are new to Pembina Hills will need to create a SchoolEngage account. For screenshots and detailed instructions, see the New Student Registration page on the Pembina Hills Website.

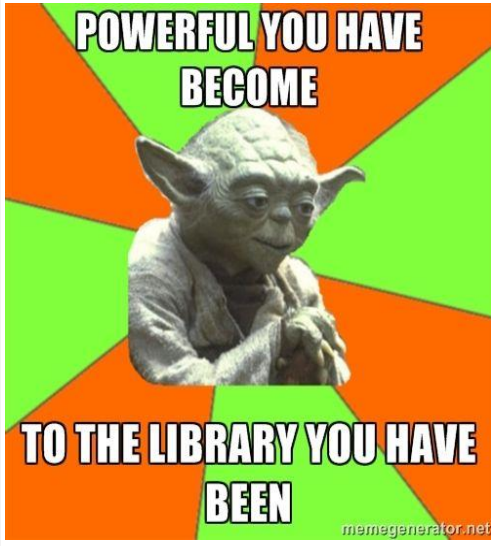
Existing families who want to register a new student (ie. Kindergarten) can access SchoolEngage through their PowerSchool Parent Portal

If you have any questions please call the school office at 780-584-3751.



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bus Drivers Appreciation Day	3 Kindergarten Open House and Pre Registration for 2023-24 school year Pizza with the Principal for April Birthdays Hats on for Mental Health	4 Star Wars Day (May the Fourth be with you!)	5 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	6 Road side Clean Up
7 Mother's Day	8	9 2 Different Colored Shoes Day Parents Society Meeting 10:00 a.m. in Library	10	11 P.S. Hot Breakfast Pancakes and Sausage Class Pictures/ K Grad Pictures Moose Hide Ceremony & Walk	12 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	12
14	15 Gr. 9 ELA PAT (am) School Council Purpose Workshop 6:30 pm	16	17 Gr. 6 ELA PAT (am)	18 Anything but a Backpack Day Parent Society HOT LUNCH Chicken Burger & Caesar Salad	19 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL	23	24 School Council Meeting 6:00 P.M (Library) Jr High Track and Field @BCHS	25 Fish Release and Wetlands Day K-5	26 Yes, we have SCHOOL TODAY National Paper Airplane Day	27
28	29	30	31 National Smile Day	Jun 1	2 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	3
4	5 Outdoor Ed Trip 6-9	6 Outdoor Ed Trip 6-9 Pioneer Day at the Fort Museum	7 Outdoor Ed Trip 6-9	8	9 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	10



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

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

Upcoming May Events:

Friday May 12th Mother's Day Crafts and Cookie Decorating: 11:00-3:00.

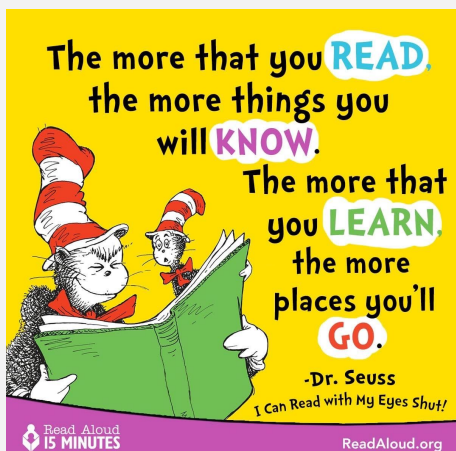
Monday May 15th Movie Night at the Library: The Magician's Elephant

Start Time 6:10

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

The library will be CLOSED Monday May 22nd, 2023, for Victoria Day.

Take care and stay safe!



Division News Article provided by Trustee Melissa Hanna

Steven Montgomery from Barrhead Composite High School came in to tell us about their International trip to Europe for Grades 10-12. It looked like they had a great time.

Trustee Sherry Allen went over a few changes to policies P-08 committees of the board and P-09 Protocol for Trustee Dignitary Recognition.

At the last PSBAA meeting on April 13, 2023, it was proposed and accepted to increase fees due the cost of inflation, and rising cost of presenters. PSBAA has not had an increase in fees for about 4 years.

The government has made changes to the transportation funding. Keep a look out for more information.

Superintendent Borgfjord presented the division's annual satisfaction survey results. Overall, the survey shows that there has not been a significant change over the past few years. This year, we had more parents complete the survey.

Superintendent Borgfjord also reported on the RAP and dual credit courses. He outlined the difference between the two, the credits given through work experience for each grade and the number of students enrolled in each. While it is a low number of students utilizing these programs right now, we are hopeful to gain more interest in the coming years.

On May 10, 2023 the trustees will be going to visit the two Colony schools and Pembina North Community School.

Our next board meeting is May 24, 2023

Trustee Melissa Hanna

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Sports Report



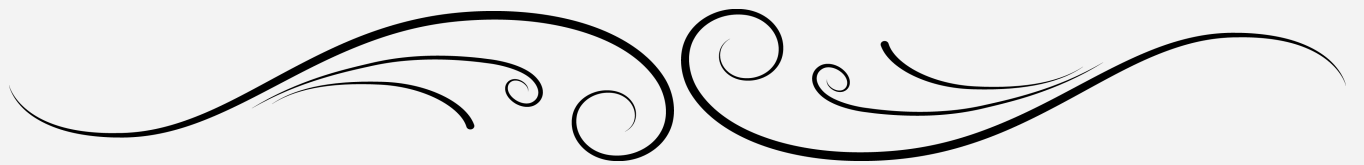
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will be presented at the school on Monday May 15th at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Danielle for the registration link. If you would like to attend but cannot make it to the school, we do have a few virtual links we can give out.

FAschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca



School Council

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

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If you have available time to volunteer, please contact the school or Danielle at FAschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca

Parent Society Fundraiser

Highway RoadSide Clean Up

Saturday May 6, 2023

Starting at 8:00 a.m. Meeting at the Library

(with Saturday, May 13 being the alternate day in the event of inclement weather)

This fundraiser will help cover the cost of bussing for field trips (swimming, skiing, sports)

Participants must be 9 years or older - All Participants are required to view the Safety Training DVD

To request a section of roadside to clean please contact Meghan Koster or Megan Petryshen or call the school and we'll forward your name and number to one of these ladies.

More info to follow closer to May 6.



Congrats to our Chess Players who competed at the PHSD Gr. 4-12 Chess Tournament @ RF Staples on April 29

Parent Society

President - Meghan Koster
VP - Michyla Kerr
Treasurer - Jenny Kuelken
Secretary - Megan Petryshen
Members at Large - vacant

Next Parent Society Meeting is set for Tuesday May 9, 10am in Library

Saturday May 6: Highway Clean Up

Thursday May 11: Coop Gift Card Fundraiser due

Thursday May 11: Hot breakfast - Pancakes, sausage, & milk

Thursday May 18: Hot lunch - Chicken burger, caesar salad & juice box \$7.00

Friday July 14 & Saturday July 15: Fort McMurray Casino

- 8 volunteers still needed PLEASE. No experience needed. All expenses paid. Any community/family members are welcome! Easy fun-filled weekend! Contact Megan Petryshen at 780-584-2227.

Requesting quotes from local contractors interested in building our outdoor learning pavilion/classroom this summer. Please email faparentsociety@gmail.com for more information.

CO-OP Pembina West
GIFT CARD COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL PARENTS SOCIETY

is fundraising for our outdoor classroom with **PEMBINA WEST CO-OP** gift cards!

You can help us reach our goal by purchasing Pembina West Co-op gift card(s) through our fundraiser for face value. You get same face value and we earn **5%** on our total gift card sales.

Stock up for yourself or as gifts and help us reach our goal with your regular purchases of groceries, gas, hardware and building supplies!

Contact Megan Petryshen at 780-584-2227 to place an order before May 11.

FORT ASSINIBOINE MOM'S & TOT'S
PRESCHOOL



PRE-REGISTRATION

FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

MAY 11, 2023

2:00-6:00 PM at the FORT ASSINIBOINE PRESCHOOL (REG HALL)

3 to 5 year old program

Runs 2x a week, 3.5 hrs./day

\$40.00/month

For more info contact Jenni Williams @ 780-674-0537

PLAY GIVES
CHILDREN
A CHANCE
TO PRACTICE WHAT
THEY ARE
LEARNING.



SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023

Supporting the

Fort Assiniboine Mom's &
Tot's Preschool

Bottles can be dropped off anytime between 9:00 a.m. and
4:00 p.m. at the REC HALL (across from the school) parking lot

OR

call or text 780-674-0537 to arrange for pick up.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!



Presented By
Community Futures Yellowhead East

Lemonade Day!

NORTHERN ALBERTA

Contact Lilian at 780-706-3500
admincfye@alebrtaf.com

Join Us
JUNE 17TH 2023

Youth Entrepreneur Event with Sponsorship Opportunities & Contest Prizes!

A fun, experimental program that teaches youth how to START,
OWN, & OPERATE their OWN business during Lemonade Day

Training Dates 4PM-6PM

Mandatory for Kids & Mentors

May 9th - Fox Creek and Swan Hills - Virtual

May 17th - Whitecourt & Woodlands County - Whitecourt Library 5201 49 Street

May 23rd - Mayerthorpe - Mayerthorpe Library 4601 52 Street

May 24th - Barrhead & Barrhead County - Rotary Room Barrhead Aquatic Center

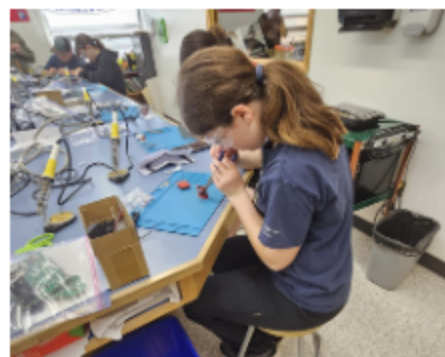
May 25th - Onoway/Lac Ste Anne County/Alberta Beach - Virtual

No registered? Visit

<https://lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta>



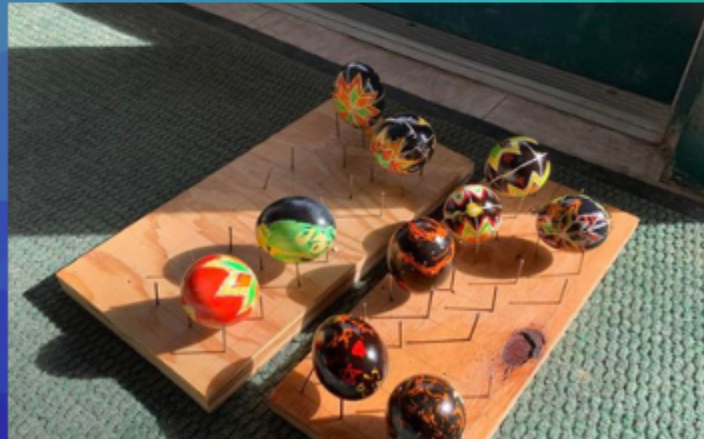
Wacky Hair Day



**CTF
Solder
Class**



**Grade 4/5 class
made traditional
Ukrainian Easter
eggs**





Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial

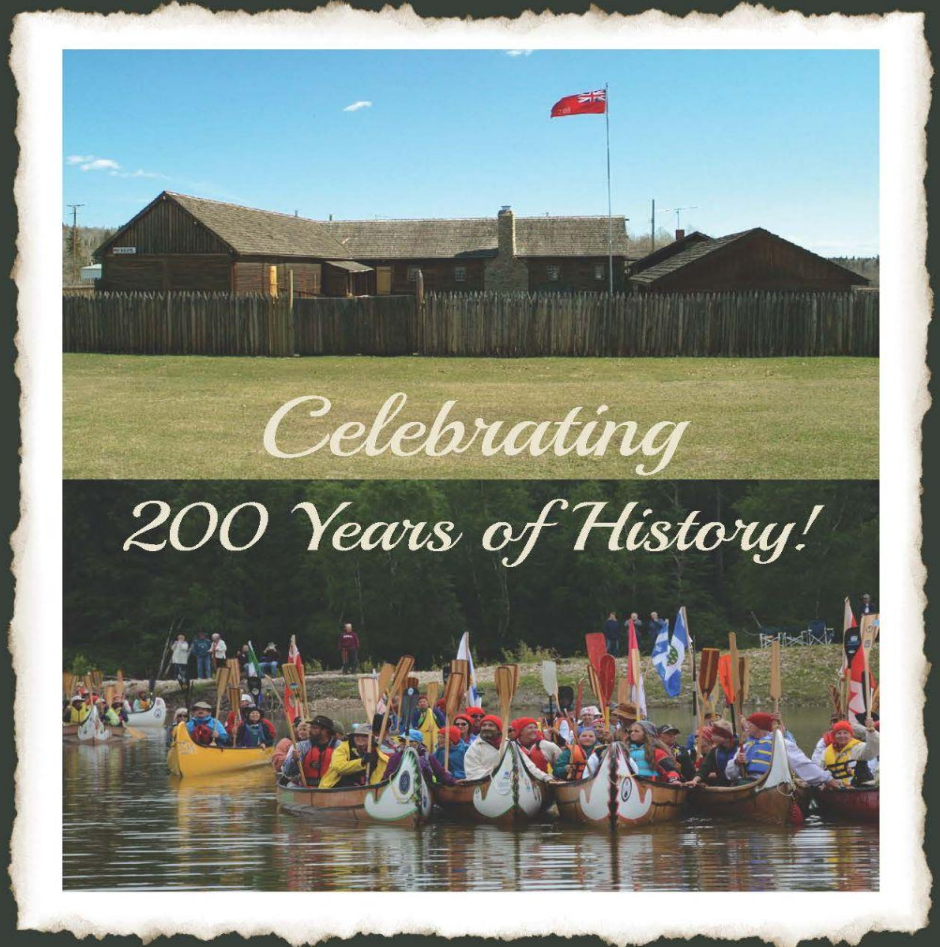
Join us to celebrate 200 years of history at one of the oldest fur trading posts in Alberta.

**July 7th, 8th and 9th, 2023
Fort Assiniboine, Alberta**

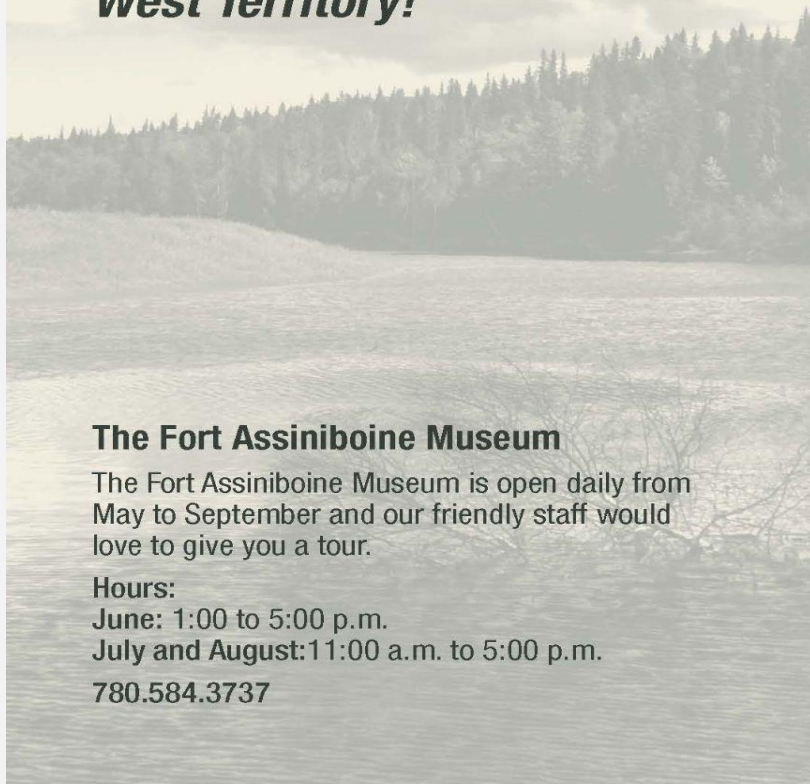
Imagine standing on the shore of the mighty Athabasca river welcoming canoes full of voyageurs and fur traders. Before roads and railroads, the river was the highway.

Enjoy an authentic re-creation of how things used to be!

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This Summer, immerse yourself in the culture and history of 1823 in the North West Territory!



The Fort Assiniboine Museum

The Fort Assiniboine Museum is open daily from May to September and our friendly staff would love to give you a tour.

Hours:

June: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

July and August: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

780.584.3737



To Register for the July 8th, 2023 BiCentennial Community Supper and VIP Voyageur Welcome, please use the link below. There is no fee to attend but there are only 1,500 tickets are available.

www.eventbrite.ca/e/fort-assiniboine-bicentennial-celebrations-tickets-601634824957

If you are unable to register through the link, please contact the Museum (780.584.3737) or visit either one of the Woodlands County Offices for assistance.

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780.778.8400 | administrator@woodlands.ab.ca

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