

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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This Month's Highlights:

**Awards Night June 14
7:00 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.

780-584-3751

Is Summer Here Yet?



Fort Assiniboine Pride

Literacy Update

Our grade 1-5 students have shown fantastic growth in their writing this year! Mrs. Spitzer's class published their "fractured fairy tales" and were so proud of their humorous stories. Ms. Pybus' class has been posting biweekly writing assignments, the latest being journals from the point of view of a Voyageur canoeing in the fur trade. Ms. DeZaeyer's class is rewriting their own version of "Mortimer" and hope to publish soon.

Staffing Update

As previously announced, we are going to miss Mrs. Kiselyk next year as she is "retiring" to pursue a Master's Degree in Outdoor Learning. We are excited to announce that Ms. Shawna Greenstein will be our new Kindergarten Teacher next year. We are also going to miss Mr. Wyman as he is transferring to another school in our division next year. His replacement will be announced later in the month when the hiring process is completed.

We are also recognizing several staff members for Long Service Awards this year. Mama Bear (Mrs. Fleming) 30 years, Mrs. O'Brien 25 years, Mrs. Payne 15 years, and Mrs. Wieland 10 years

Gr. 9 Farewell – June 14 5:00-6:30 pm

Our grade nine parents are organizing a small celebration for our Grade nines that are "Leaving the Bears Den" for high school next year: Caydin Aldrich, Matthew Calahasen, Canon Rondeau, Emma Schmeelke, Tay Kummer, and Ashlyn Hillmer. The grade nines, family members, and Fort School staff will enjoy a catered meal and reminiscing over photographs at the Fort Friendship Center & Museum.

Awards Night – June 14 7:00 pm

We will be recognizing and celebrating our Citizenship and Legion Award recipients in the gym on a Wednesday evening.

Fort Assiniboine Pioneer Days & Bicentennial Celebrations

We are so fortunate to be a part of the 200 year celebrations. Our K-5 students will be visiting the Fort Museum for Pioneer Days on Tues. June 6. Local volunteers will be recreating how things were done "back in the day" and it will be a fun day of learning for our students! Parent volunteers are needed to help with guiding the younger students around the stations (please contact the office if you can help out). Our grade 6-9 students will attend on Thurs. June 8 when they return from their canoe trip. Please check out the back page for more information on July 7-9 Bicentennial events.

Indigenous History Month Activities

Our gr. 2-9 students will be participating in "Indigenous Culture 101" lessons with local volunteer Robin Berard and learn more about the Cree language and culture. We will also be joining Barrhead Elementary students in a Walk for Reconciliation and activities at Cecil Martin Park on National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

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 30.

Lorna Hiemstra

Principal

June 2022



Connie Lefebvre and her music students

Important Upcoming Days:

- June 20 - Last Kindergarten Day (report cards will be mailed)
- June 27 Last Student (Gr. 1-5 Report Cards go home)
- June 28 Last Staff Day
- June 30 Gr. 6-9 Report Cards mailed out
- July 1 - Aug 22 School Office Closed for Summer Break
- Aug 23-24 School Office Open for New Registrations Tours
- Aug 29 - Open House 3 p.m.

Parents of this years grade 5 students are invited to attend a "From Grade 5 to Grade 6 Transition Meeting" on Wednesday, June 21 at 5 p.m

June 20-27 Jr. High Exams

Parents please take note of the following exam schedule and avoid scheduling any appointments for these days. It is very important that your child is well rested and attends his /her exam on the given date.

- o June 20 8:30-10:30 am gr 6 LA Part B PAT and grade 7 LA Part B
- o June 20 8:30-11 am gr 9 LA Part B PAT and grade 8 LA Part B
- o June 22 8:30 -10:30 am Grade 6 Math Part A PAT
- o June 22 8:30 -10:30 am Grade 9 Math Part A PAT
- o June 23 8:30 -11 am gr 9 Math PAT and grade 8 Math Final
- o June 23 8:30-10:30 am gr 6 Math PAT and grade 7 Math Final
- o June 26 8:30 -10:30 am gr 6 SS PAT and grade 7 SS Final
- o June 26 8:30-11 am gr 9 SS PAT and grade 8 SS Final
- o June 27 8:30 -10:30 am gr 6 Science PAT and grade 7 Science
- o June 27 8:30 -11 am gr 9 Science PAT and grade 8 Science Final

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31 National Smile Day	June 1	2 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	3 Roadside Clean Up
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
11	12	13 Hot Lunch Hot dog, chips and ice cream 80's Day	14 Awards Night 7:00 p.m. Formal Wear Day	15 Kindergarten Grade 1 & 2 Field Trip to Sassy G's Advent. Farm Elementary Track Meet in Swan Hills (Gr. 3-6) Last day of Classes for Gr. 6-9	16 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	17
18	19 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	20 Final Exam see Schedule Last Kindergarten Day and Kindergarten Grad at 3pm	21 National Day recognizing Indigenous Peoples Orange Shirt Day Grade 5 to 6 Transition Meeting 5:00 p.m.	22 Final Exam see Schedule Grade 3-5 Field Trip to Fort Edmonton Park	23 Yes, we have SCHOOL TODAY Final Exam see Schedule	24
25	26 Final Exam see Schedule	27 Final Exam see Schedule Last Day of School Year End Activities	28 Last Staff Day	29	30 School Closed at 4:00 p.m. for Summer Break	July 1  Happy Canada Day
Aug 20	21	22	23 School Open for NEW Registrations Tours	24 School Open for NEW Registrations Tours	25 School Office Closed	26
27	28	29 Teacher Day Open House 3:00-4:00 p.m.	30 First Student for 2023-2024 School Year	31	Sept 1	2

CTF (Jr High Option) Classes

Thanks to Mrs. Joka (Oma) Dekker, Mrs. MaryAnn Lehman and Mrs. Doreen Lee for volunteering in our CTF Classes.



Sports Report

Grade 3-6 Track Meet June 15

We will be joining Swan Hills for a track meet on Thursday June 15.

Jr. High Track Meet

Thank you Mr. Wyman for organizing our gr. 7-9 students who represented our small school well at the Pembina Hills Divisional Track Meet held in Barrhead on May 24. Congratulations to: Layla Petryshen finished 1st in 3000m, 3rd in 1500m, and 4th in relay. Madison Lee was 1st in Long Jump and 4th in relay. Shelby Rondeau placed 5th in discus. Natalie Dekker was 4th in Long Jump and Relay. Anneliese Schuurman was also on the Girls 4x100 relay team that placed 4th. Thank you BCHS for hosting! Thank you to all our PHSD schools who helped run the events too

See
Miracles
In
Life
Everyday!

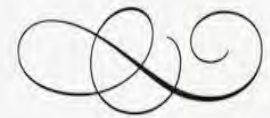
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Congratulations to the Grade 9 Class of 2022-2023



From Left to Right
BR: Caydin Aldrich,
Canon Rondeau
Matthew Calahasen
FR: Taylor Kummer,
Emma Schmeelke,
Ashlyn Hillmer



PHSD Board News

Education Plan Priorities

Director of Education Services Raime Drake presented and gave an outline of what the 2023-2026 Three Year Education Plan looks like.

David Sharpe presented the board with the Transportation Assurance Report. The transportation department recently put a couple cameras on the buses in the high fly by areas. The cameras have proven to be successful with obtaining pictures of the license plate numbers and vehicles at highway speeds.

The ASBA Spring General meeting is coming up in June.

There is a conflict between a Grad and Our next board meeting, we have changed the date of the next board meeting to June 21, 2023 instead of June 28, 2023.

New Distance Criteria for In-Town Busing

The following students are eligible for provincial funding and can access busing at no cost:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students who live 1km or more from their designated school
- Grades 7 to 12 students who live 2km or more from their designated school

Students who do not meet this criteria are required to pay a fee and seats are subject to availability.

Requested School Transportation

- Busing will no longer be an option for students attending their Requested School (schools outside of the student's attendance area) with the exception of those directed by PHSD Student Services
- French Immersion students where no French Immersion programming is offered students from the Neerlandia attendance area who want access to a regular education program in Barrhead students outside of the Neerlandia attendance area who want transportation to the Neerlandia School's Public Christian Education Program.
- Students that have 2022-23 Requested School Transportation Applications (5-01B) that were approved up to and including April 26, 2023.

Early Learning siblings of students with approved 2022-23 5-01B forms may be considered for transportation. Parents can submit a request to the Transportation Office at troffice@pembinahills.ca or 780.674.8510 once 2023-24 Busing Forms are open.

This change does not affect the ability to apply to attend a Requested School. Parents can still choose to transport their child to the Requested School.

Melissa.hanna@pembinahills.ca phone: 780-333-8753

Fort Library Update

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

Upcoming June Events:

Friday June 9th Movie Afternoon
At The Library: Peter Pan & Wendy
Start Time 1:30.

Friday June 16th Father's Day
Crafts and Cookie Decorating:
11:00-3:00



Annual Used Movies 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 3rd to July 6th from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily. All items are 10¢ each. We will be accepting gently used books and DVDs to add to the sale starting June 1st. Please drop these items off at the library.

The library will be CLOSED Monday July 3rd for Canada Day.

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

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



School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen

Vice Chair – Tiffany Rondeau

Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is the set for:

Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday September 20th 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

The last School Council Meeting was held on Wed. May 24th. We are experiencing low attendance and would like to see our numbers increase next year. Did you know, it is mandatory for each school in our province to have a School Council to advise the Principal. The main role of Parent Council/School Council is to advise on educational and school community matters. There are volunteer positions available in our council as well as throughout the year, however, you can choose to simply attend our bimonthly meetings with no other time commitments!

We had our Vice-Chair, Jennifer Schulte, step down and we welcomed Tiffany Rondeau as the new Vice-Chair. Currently our Secretary position is still vacant. If you would like to have more information or volunteer for this position please contact the faschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca.

At this last meeting we went over the PHSD(Pembina Hills School District) Survey results which while responses were low in number, they were mostly positive in nature. Mrs. Hiemstra also went over staffing changes, and grade configurations for next year. Also discussed were the new division wide bussing changes for chosen schools, as well as our schools bussing changes for the mornings.

We went over the ASCA(Alberta School Council Association) Annual General Meeting Voting results. These can be found on their website. Our board has also elected to use our grant funds to book an online workshop on June 1st at 7pm entitled, "Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose". We are aware this conflicts with baseball, however at our last workshop on May 15th, "School Council Purpose" it was highly recommended and in this last workshop they presented very useful information. We encourage all to attend. If you are interested, please contact us to register. We do have a few virtual links so you do not necessarily have to attend with us in the school.

An issue of concern was brought up and our Trustee, Melissa Hanna will bring this back to the board for discussion, was School Attendance and Health Status. During Covid, we trained our kids to stay home for 10 days with any little snuffle, now kids feel they should stay home. We wonder if the school division could be sending information out to parents and students on when you can attend school and when you should stay home.

Parent Society members were not present at this meeting, however there will be some changes coming to breakfast program in the fall. Note, if all volunteers for this can please get their criminal record checks into the school ahead of time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday September 20th, 2023 at 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 Society

President – Meghan Koster

VP – Michyla Kerr

Treasurer – Jenny Kuelken

Secretary – Megan Petryshen

Members at Large – vacant

Next Parent Society Meeting is the set for TBA

June 3 -Roadside Clean Up pick up supplies from 8-9 at the library

June 3 - We will also hold a drop in open house about our outdoor classroom project for community members with questions, concerns, comments and ideas between 9-11.

June 13 - hot lunch hot dog, chips, and ice cream \$6.00.

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



JULY 14 – 16



Volunteers Needed

Fort McMurray – Rivers Casino & Entertainment Centre

POSITIONS

GENERAL MANAGER ❖ ALTERNATE GENERAL MANAGER
BANKER ❖ CASHIER ❖ COUNT ROOM

Please contact Megan Petryshen at 780-584-2227 for more information.

No experience needed
All expense paid
Easy fun filled weekend getaway!



CONTRACTOR QUOTES NEEDED FOR OUR OUTDOOR COVERED SHELTER

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Megan Petryshen at 780-584-2227 or email for more information

(faparentsociety@gmail.com)



Specifications:

- **Approximate Size: 32' x 24'**
- **Concrete Floor**
- **Metal Roofing**
- **Steel or wood post/beam/truss construction**
- **See below for examples**



Congratulations to our Gr. 1&2 students who published their fractured fairy tale version of Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs!!



Authors Read Aloud

"Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs"



Congratulation to our 4-H participates this year



Kort Hillmer with his Steer - Tank Reserve Grand Champion



Caid Hillmer with his week old calf - Rosie



Ashlyn Hillmer with her Steer - Max



Learn to Do by Doing





Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial

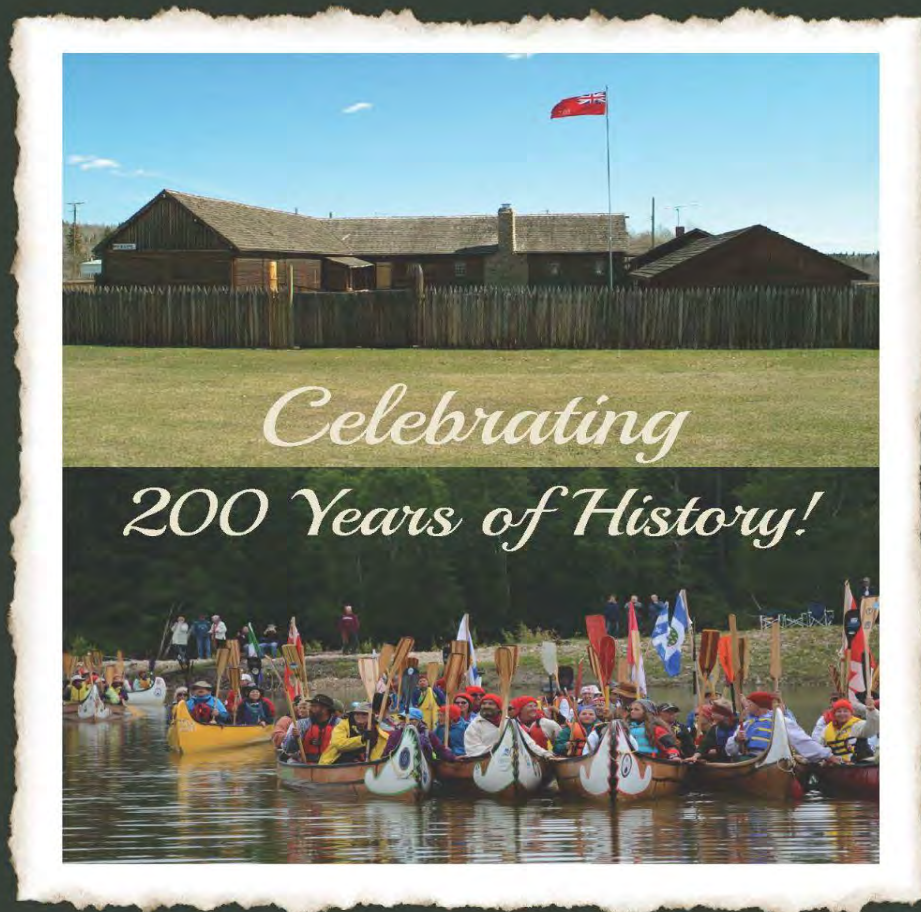
Join us to celebrate 200 years of history at one of the oldest fur trading posts in Alberta.

**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!

fortassiniboine.ca



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 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.

Municipal Office:

#1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt
780.778.8400 | administrator@woodlands.ab.ca

Regional Municipal Office:

61053A Highway 33, Fort Assiniboine
780.584.3866 | ftadmin@woodlands.ab.ca



Fort Assiniboine Bi Centennial 2023 Event



We are waiting for confirmation on additional activities/demonstrations. An updated pamphlet will be available on July 7th or check often for updates on the official Bi Centennial website fortassiniboine.ca

Parking for the event will be in Walsh Park.

NO PUBLIC CAMPING IN WALSH PARK

If you are interested in volunteering for the Bi Centennial, contact Dale @ 780-674-1494 or Louise @ 780-584-2474

Schedule of Events subject to additions, deletions or venue changes.

Local Restaurants

Linda's Motor Inn
780-584-3882

Little Ranch Café
1-780-318-4617
13 State Avenue

On Site Food Trucks

Gypsy Gems

Dot's Mini Donuts

Thank you to everyone for celebrating Fort Assiniboine turning 200 years, a True Milestone.

Friday, July 7, 2023

Indigenous Showcase & Demonstrations will run throughout the weekend
2-6pm Farmer's Market - Curling Rink
3 -5pm Try Axe Throwing

Doors open at 7pm Show at 8pm
Fort Assiniboine Legion #210 featuring Voices of Legends show featuring music by Elvis & The Beatles. Tickets \$30 Call Charlene at 780-674-1688

Saturday, July 8, 2023

10am-4pm Farmer's Market - Curling Rink
10:30am – 2:00pm Fort Assiniboine Museum will be open
12:30-2:30pm Craft Corner – hosted by Fort Assiniboine Public Library
1-2:30pm Try Axe Throwing
3pm – Start watching for the voyageurs on the river
3:30pm – Voyageurs land at the Woodlands Marina east of the hamlet with Black Powder presentation
4pm – Voyageurs parade up from the Marina to main street
5 – 7 pm Free supper at the Arena. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER GO TO fortassiniboine.ca TO GET YOUR TICKETS OR ONE OF THE**

Camping Available

Freeman River RV Park – west on Hwy 33- 780-584-2364 \$30 w/o power, \$ 35 with power

Holmes Crossing – South of the Athabasca Bridge – No Services - \$12/night

Linda's Motor Inn – 5 with power \$ 15/night 780-584-3882

Ralph Morrison Rentals & RV Park – beside Linda's Motor Inn – 31 sites – Power, water & sewer - \$40/night 780-333-2727, 780-333-6121 or 780-333-5079

Motels

Linda's Motor Inn – 780-584-3882

WOODLANDS COUNTY OFFICES. You must present a paper ticket or QR code on your phone at the door

7:15pm Dignitary speeches

7:45pm Wild West Fiddlers

Followed by HEADLINER - Calvin

Vollrath & Country Swing Entertainment

Sunday, July 9, 2023

10am – 12noon – Try Knife Throwing

10am – 5pm Fort Assiniboine Museum will be open

11am – 2pm Experience a voyageur canoe ride down the Athabasca River

Noon – Pack an old-time picnic lunch to enjoy or check out one of the local restaurants or Food Trucks

12-1:30pm Chili Fundraiser at The Museum Cost \$10

1-3pm Kids Games hosted by Fort Assiniboine Moms & Tots Preschool

1pm- Barrhead Spinners & Weavers Guild demonstration at the Palisade at the Museum

1:45pm Barrhead Walkie-Talkie Volkssport Walking Club is hosting a Guided Walk of the Original Hudson Bay Cart Trail. Meet at the museum to carpool to start.

5km walk wear good footwear

Thank you to our Sponsors,

Major Sponsor - Woodlands County

Pembina West Co-op

Barrhead Spinners & Weavers Guild

Barrhead Walkie-Talkie Volkssport Walking Club

Fort Assiniboine Ag Society

Fort Assiniboine Library

Freeman River Bison

N7 Energy Ltd.

Barb van Dijken

Woodlands RV Park & River Marina

The Fort Assiniboine Bi Centennial 2023 committee has had some inquiries about how to make a donation to the event.

If you would like to make a donation, please send your cheque to:

Fort Assiniboine Bi Centennial 2023
Box 32
Fort Assiniboine, AB T0G 1A0

or there are some sponsorship opportunities available please contact Louise at 780-584-2474 for more information.

This is an opportunity to showcase where we live, Fort Assiniboine and area