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This Month's Highlights:

*Remembrance Day Acknowledgement
November 2 at 10:45 a.m.*

School Council Meeting
Wednesday
November 22, 2023
At 6:00 p.m.



Gary Gator has joined Grade ½ in math and is teaching them all about greater than, less than and equal. He is a bit goofy and a lot greedy and always chomps the bigger number! Giggles galore



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.

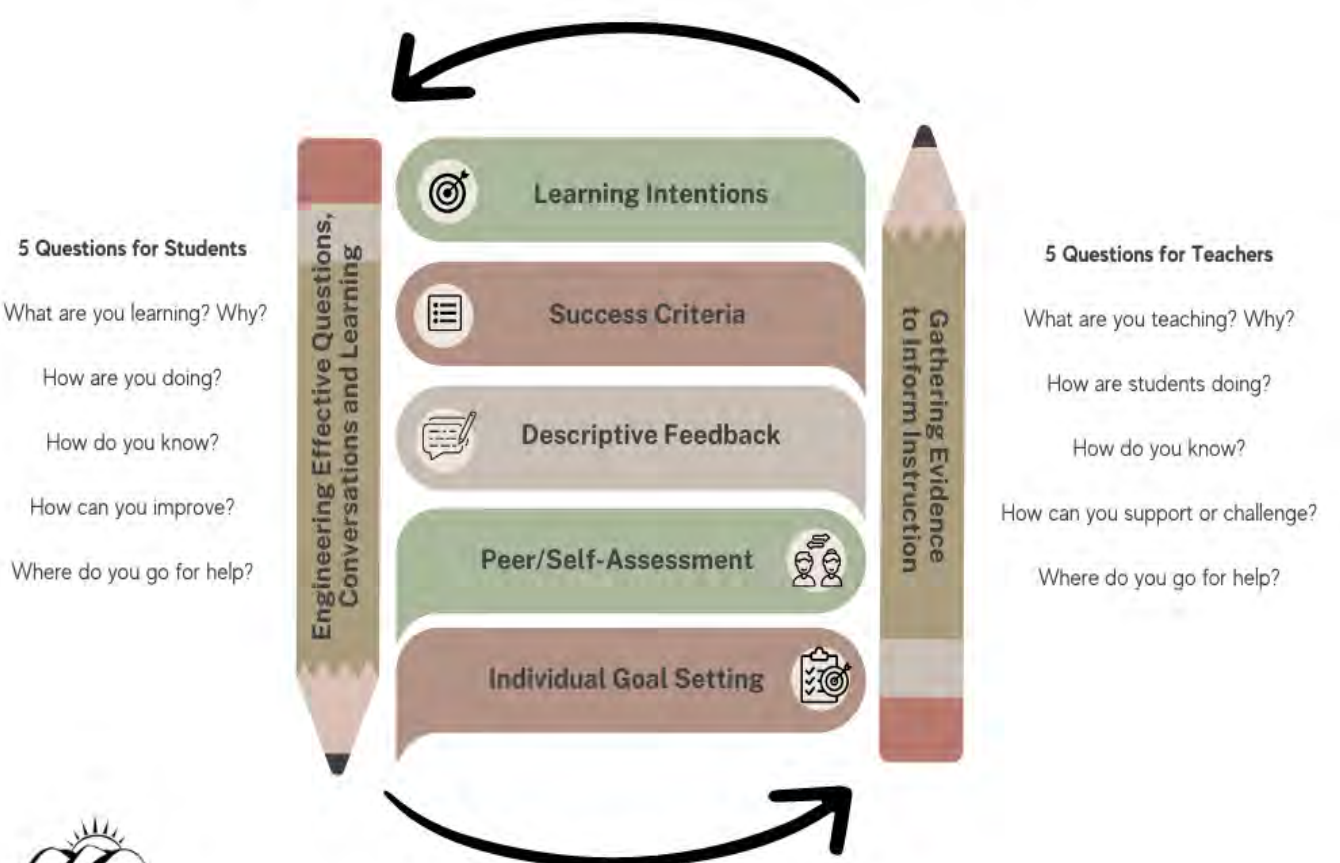
Legion Poster & Literary contests Our students have submitted many successful entries that have been provincially and even nationally recognized. Many have earned cash prizes. We are grateful for the Legion's support. Deadline for submissions this year is Nov. 21.

Literacy/Numeracy Update PHSD continues to support our teachers through initiatives like our wonderful Literacy Coach Mrs. Darcie Eamor, and professional development (PD) for new curricula in K-3 Science and Gr. 4-6 Math. Jr. High teachers are continuing to learn about Disciplinary Literacy, for example: What does it look like to read like a scientist? Like a historian? We are also aligning our assessment practices (check out the diagram below).

Our school literacy goals continue to revolve around improving student writing and reading comprehension. There is a strong reciprocity between writing and reading ability. We look within, beyond, and about the text that we are reading. Check out our bulletin boards for some fantastic examples of our student's literacy next time you are in the school!

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.

ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK



Lorna Hiemstra
Principal

Important Upcoming Days:

Dec. 1 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec. 8 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec 13 - Extra Kindergarten Day
 Dec 14 - Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 15 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec.22 - Bear Day - NO SCHOOL
 Dec 23- Jan 7 - Christmas/Winter Break
 Jan 8. 2024 - Classes Resume

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

Leadership Club

We have a group of very enthusiastic grade 6-9 students that have stepped up to take on a leadership role for student led activities.

They planned the Bear Houses Halloween afternoon activities as well as our Remembrances Assembly on November 2.

A list of dress up days have been created:

- November 28 - Teachers dress up as students, students dress up as teachers
- December - ugly sweater day
- January - Pajama Day
- February - Hawaiian Day
- March - Twin Day
- April - Dress as your favorite book character
- May - Decades Week
- June - Backwards Day



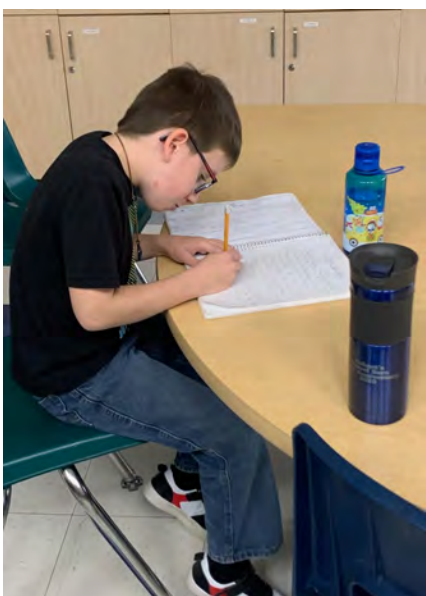
Also in November we will be having our annual Drive away Hunger.

November 13 - 23

Students are asked to bring in non-perishable food and deposit into their Bear House Bin and at the end of those 10 days the food will be weighed and the points will be awarded to the bear house with the most weight.

On November 24 all food items collected will be delivered to the FCSS Food Bank in Barrhead.

Thank you in advance for your support.





HARD AT WORK

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Tuesday November 2, 2023 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.

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 Happy Halloween	1	2 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am  Picture Retakes	3 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Change (Fall Back 1 hour) 	6 Fall Break - no school	7 Fall Break - no school	8 Fall Break - no school	9 Fall Break - no school	10 Fall Break - no school	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 Classes Resume <i>Student Lead - Drive Away Hunger Nov 13 - 23</i>	14	15 Elem. Volleyball to Swan Hills	16	17 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	18 Christmas Market
19 Christmas Market	20	21	22 Elem. Volleyball host Dunstable Parent Council Meeting 6p.m	23 <i>Drive Away Hunger Nov 13 - 23 Weigh In</i>	24 Teacher Alternate Operational Day NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 <i>Parent Society Meeting 2:00 p.m</i>	28 Parent Society Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs <i>Dress Up Day - Dress like a Teacher</i>	29	30 Elem. Volleyball Tournament at Westlock Spirit Center	Dec 1 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	9

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

Happy snowy November!

November 11 is a day we remember for all those who have served. They were ordinary Canadians who made extraordinary sacrifices.

What would it take to become a bus driver?

- Class 2 License - If you don't already have this, we will train you! Training consists of 3 days in the classroom and then as much time as you need in the yard and bus. You will need to do a written test at registries and also a driving test once you are confident and ready to do so. Our trainers will work with you until you feel comfortable to do both tests.
- S Endorsement - This is the school bus safety endorsement. If you are already class 1 or 2 licensed, we will train you for this endorsement. It is 2 days in class and 1 day in the yard/on road. All testing is done with us, not at registries. This training is included in the class 2 training that we provide, so you would only need to complete this portion if you are not doing your entire certification through us.
- Q Endorsement - This is the air brakes endorsement. All of our buses are equipped with air brakes and therefore everyone will need this training if they don't already have a Q or class 1 on their license. It is a 1 day course in Edmonton and then a written test at registries.

Good news - Pembina Hills offers all the training for free and you even get a class 2 training bonus once you are employed by us!

Perks of being a bus driver with Pembina Hills:

- ❖ Full benefits for full time drivers
- ❖ Cell phone reimbursement
- ❖ Can bring your own children on the bus
- ❖ Community involvement
- ❖ Opportunities to drive field trips
- ❖ The joy of helping students start and end their day cheerfully!

Apply today at www.pembinahills.ca/careers troffice@pembinahills.ca 780-674-8509

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FORT ASSINIBOINE AG SOCIETY
Holiday
MARKET
November 18 & 19, 2023
10-4 pm
All Vendors are Welcome!
Location Fort Assiniboine School Gym
Tables are \$40.00 for both days, \$20.00 for one day
Contact Jen Christianson 780-305-8281 or email eventsfortag@gmail.com to book a spot!

Christmas Programs 2023
Registration Information
Sign up by phone from
Nov. 8, 2023-Dec. 6, 2023
Please call the FCSS office
780-674-3341 to register
for the 2023 Christmas
Programs
To Adopt A Family
for Christmas
please contact the
FCSS office
To donate to
Santa's Toy Box
please drop off
new unwrapped
toys at the FCSS
office 5103 51 St
by Dec. 13, 2023
fcss
Barrhead & District
Family and Community
Support Services Society

Fort Assiniboine Public Library

What a great October we had at the Fort Assiniboine Public Library. 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.

Our 2023 Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success, and the library was able to receive over \$1200.00 in product and we were able to donate quite a few books to the school classrooms and library.

Upcoming November Events:

**Thursday November 9th
Remembrance Day Crafts and
Cookie Decorating: 11:00-3:00**

**Tuesday November 21st:
Story Time & Craft With Shelly at
3:00 All ages welcome**

**Friday November 24th Movie
Afternoon At The Library: Spy
Kids: Armageddon
Start Time 1:30.**

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

The library will be **CLOSED** for **Remembrance Day** Friday November 10th, 2023.



Jr FireFighters



School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen

Vice Chair – vacant

Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Next School Council Meeting is the set for

Wednesday, November 22, 202 at 6:00 pm in the Library

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

The next School Council Meeting will be on Wed. Nov. 22, 2023 at 6pm. Please plan to attend and vote in a new board and have your input on our school! We are seeking positions to be filled, contact Danielle if interested.

Please see the minutes from the Annual General Meeting on our website under parent info-school council. Note: there is also an anonymous email link at the bottom of that page for suggestions.

We are looking for a committee to update our student handbook. If interested please contact Danielle at faschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca.

We also could use volunteers to come in and wash, peel and chop/shred some carrots that have been generously donated! We will use these carrots for our breakfast program (carrot muffins) and our Christmas Dinner!

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 - Meghan Koster

VP - Michyla Kerr

Treasure - Jenny Kuelken

Secretary - Megan Petryshen

Next Parent Society Meeting - November 27 at 2:00 pm in the library

REMINDER - 2023 School Vouchers expire on June 15, 2024

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

- Field trips
- Swimming Lessons
- Athlete Fees
- School Supplies Fee

Upcoming Activities
Hot Lunch - November 28 - Hot Dog Sale



On our way to Meteghan!

Our flight attendants helped us board the plane and we were on our way to Meteghan! After a quick safety briefing, we were told to enjoy the flight while our attendants brought around snacks. After we landed we shared some of our favourite parts of travelling to Meteghan. Some of us enjoyed the flight, others liked looking out the windows and some thought it was fun to fly over the ocean.

CTF Jr High

Monday/Wednesday
DRAMA or **CODING**
 Tuesday/Thursday
HANDBELLS or
Outdoor Activities

Sports Report

Jr. High Volleyball

Congratulations on a great volleyball season. Both our boys and girls qualified for playoffs at the Divisional Tournament, but lost in the playoffs. The highlight of the girls season was a tournament win at CCRS (Neerlandia). Thank you to coaches Mr. Hawken and Mrs. Hiemstra.



Elementary Volleyball

Nov. 15 - Away vs Swan Hills
 Nov. 22 - Home vs Dunstable
 Nov. 30 - Divisional Tournament @ Westlock Spirit Center

Cross Country

Congratulations to Gr. 9 student Lina Kafka who placed 2nd at cross country zones in Slave Lake!



Gr. 3 class has been learning about rocks, minerals and fossils.



Fun with the Fort Assiniboine Volunteer Fire Department





Jr. High Bears Volleyball Wind up

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7-8:30 pm
 (Girls vs Parents 7-7:30, Boys vs Parents 7:30 - 8:00, Open Gym 8:00 - 8:30)

It's time to celebrate our Volleyball season! Both teams showed great improvement over the season and we are regularly getting 3 hits. Spiking is fun!

Bring out your parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles for some family fun and we'll have some ice cream after our games.



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.




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

This community ROCKS!!!!




Our school's progress reports will be sent home on November 23rd

Achievement Indicator Legend Emerging (Em): The student has not yet demonstrated achievement of the identified Learning Outcomes (LOs). Evidence reveals the student's level of knowledge, understanding and skills are at an introductory level. The student's path to achievement of identified LOs is at risk. Intervention is necessary. Beginning (B): The student has begun to demonstrate achievement of the identified LOs. Evidence reveals the student's partial competency with knowledge, understanding and skills. The student's path to achievement of identified LOs may be at risk. Intervention is recommended. Developing (D): The student has acquired competency with the identified LOs. Evidence reveals the student's basic competency with knowledge, understanding and skills. The student's path to achievement of identified LOs is satisfactory. Mastering (M): The student has applied mastery of the identified LOs. Evidence reveals the student's proficiency with knowledge, understanding and skills. The student's path to achievement of identified LOs is well developed. Extending (Ex): The student has integrated and made complex connections with the knowledge and skills related to identified LOs. Evidence reveals the student's ability to transfer the knowledge, understanding and skills in multiple and/or novel contexts. The student's path to achievement of identified LOs is advanced. ISP: This outcome is assessed using the Instructional Support Plan. NA: Not assessed.	Growth as a learner	Nov	Mar	Jun
	Demonstrates a positive attitude			
	Contributes to class discussions			
	Demonstrates respect for others			
	Works well with peers			
	Makes appropriate use of class time			
	Completes homework and assignments			

 Some outcomes may not have been introduced or assessed in this reporting period. These outcomes contain the "NA - Not Assessed" indicator.

Mathematics

Outcomes:	Nov	Mar	Jun
By year end: Students interpret place value within 100 000.			1
By year end: Students apply strategies for addition and subtraction within 1000.			
By year end: Students analyze and apply strategies for multiplication and division within 100.			
By year end: Students interpret fractions in relation to one whole.			
By year end: Students illustrate equality with equations.			
By year end: Students relate geometric properties to shape.			
By year end: Students determine length using standard units.			
By year end: Students interpret angles.			
By year end: Students analyze patterns in numerical sequence.			
By year end: Students tell time using clocks.			
By year end: Students interpret and explain representations of data.			

 Listed outcomes are *by year end*. Your child's teacher is providing a snapshot of your child's understanding for each outcome to date. Some outcomes are stretched throughout the year and may not have been fully covered at this point. A "beginning" or "developing" indicator at this point reflects your child's learning along a path that will continue through June. Individual comments will provide further insight into your child's areas of strength and identify next steps for learning.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Beware of Scams Pembina Hills School Division had a report of an unfortunate incident involving Caller ID phone spoofing and a Pembina Hills number.

What is caller ID spoofing? When fraudsters manipulate the phone number on the call display to look like a legitimate number (particularly a local number) in an attempt to phish your personal information or steal money.

We will never ask you for your personal banking information or to pay for anything using gift cards. It's important to recognize potential Caller ID spoofing. Always be vigilant and never assume phone numbers appearing on your call display are accurate. When in doubt, hang up and contact the division or school (or other business) directly.

For more tips, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website:

<https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/project>

