



# Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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### *This Month's Highlights:*

- *Remembrance Day Acknowledgement Thursday November 7 at 10:45 a.m.*
- *Fall Break Nov 11-15*



### **November 7- School Remembrance Ceremony**

The school ceremony will begin at 10:45 and will help to remember and honor those who have sacrificed for our country. The school leadership team will be the Masters of Ceremonies.

**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. The deadline for submissions this year is November 7.

Junior High Volleyball finished at the end of October with the tier 2 divisional tournament. I would like to thank both the boy's and girls' teams for their participation and dedication to the teams and hope to see you next year. Elementary volleyball has now started and runs until the end of November.

Report cards will be sent out on November 28.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers involved in breakfast and hot lunch programs.

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.

Greg Ferguson, Principal



# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Change (Fall Back 1 hour)</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>School Board School Visit and Meeting</b></p> <p>Parent Council Meeting 4:30 p.m</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Remembrance Day</p>  <p>Fall Break - no school</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fall Break - no school</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Fall Break - no school</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fall Break - no school</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fall Break - no school</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ag Society Christmas Market - School Gym</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Classes Resume</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Elem. Volleyball to Swan Hills</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Drive Away Hunger Start</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Report Cards Sent Home</b> Elem. Volleyball Tournament at Westlock Spirit Center</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>Dec 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Drive Away Hunger Ends</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>7</p>

## Important Upcoming Days:

December 6 - Bear Day NO SCHOOL  
December 12 - Christmas Concert  
December 13 - Bear Day NO SCHOOL  
December 20 - Bear Day NO SCHOOL  
Dec 20 to Jan 5 - Christmas Break  
January 6, 2025 - Classes Resume



Please use the School Messenger [Safe Arrive](#) App to report student absences. Easy and convenient and can be used 24/7

You can still call the school 780-584-3751 if you need to report an absence.

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### *Breakfast Club Volunteers Welcome*

Servers: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Duties include:

- Serving Breakfast 8:15 - 8:30
- Clean up

General Baking:

Anytime during school hours

Duties include:

- Baking Muffins or other Breakfast Dishes that can Be easily served the next Day

ALL ingredients supplied

And of course Clean Up

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 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.

## *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.

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



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**Fort Assiniboine Legion Remembrance Day Service.**

November 11 at 10:30 a.m.  
At the Fort Assiniboine Legion Hall

Everyone Welcome



## School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen  
Vice Chair – vacant  
Secretary/Treasurer– Sara Rouw

Minutes from previous meetings available on the school website: [www.fortschool.ca](http://www.fortschool.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Danielle Calahasen @

e-mail: [FASchoolCouncil@pembinahills.ca](mailto:FASchoolCouncil@pembinahills.ca)

The next Fort Assiniboine School Council Meeting is on Wednesday, November 6th at 4:30pm in the school.

Currently, Danielle stayed on as chair and Sara stayed on as secretary. We are still looking for a vice-chair.

We discussed the new cell phone policy, updating the school handbook, and CTF class options were discussed.

Fort Assiniboine School is actively seeking volunteers for our Breakfast snack program. If you can come in the morning from 8am-9:30 am to prep, serve, and clean it would be appreciated, additionally, we are always looking for bakers to come in during school hours.

If you have any great ideas to boost volunteering within our school please let us know! In addition, we are always seeking new ideas for CTF options. If you have a skill that you can share in about 2 hours a week for 2 months, please contact our school principal.

School Council is looking into spending our grant funds to bring in Soul Sisters from Westlock to give a presentation to parents/children on Mental Health and Suicide. Keep watch for updates.

Please check our school website to read the minutes from our last meeting and we hope to see you out at our next meeting in November!



## Pembina Hills School Board

Board members have been actively pursuing the business of the board.

Along with regular board meetings and various division committee meetings trustees have attended both Alberta School Boards Association and Public School Boards Association.

Meetings with local MLAs have been set up and meetings with municipalities are being arranged. I recently attended the PH Transportation Liaison meeting where the topic of bus flybys is on the table at each meeting. If we all take every opportunity to talk about the risks involved in this dangerous practice maybe we can make a difference.

The board has been working together at online PD offered by PSBA. Both board and superintendent evaluations are currently underway.

At our most recent board meeting we had a report from our communications department. One thing she talked about is the new Safe Arrival piece connected to School Messenger. It's a quick and easy way to update your child's attendance so driver's know who should be on the bus and school staff know who should be in the classroom.

Please remember to check the division website for board meeting agendas and minutes and other division-wide information. Your school websites are a great source of local information. "Policy 30 A Place for All" was passed. We felt it was important to get an inclusivity policy on the books although it may need to be altered once Provincial legislation comes down. The board would also be happy to hear any input from individuals in our school community as well.

The administration also introduced "AP 40-26 Employee Cell Phone Use" ensuring that students will see staff modeling the same behaviors that are expected of students.

I am always pleased to hear any comments or questions that anyone may have.

Sherry Allen Pembina Hills Trustee



# Fort Assiniboine Public Library

## Upcoming November Events:

Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> -  
TEEN NIGHT 4:00pm-6:00pm

Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Remembrance Day Crafts and  
Cookie  
Decorating: 11:00am-3:00pm

Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Pizza & Movie Night At The Library:  
The Wild Robot  
Movie Start Time 6:10pm.  
Please call the library to RSVP

The library will be **CLOSED**  
for **Remembrance Day**  
Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2024.



## CTF Jr High

**Monday/Wednesday  
Film Studies**

**Tuesday/Thursday**

**Fit Pit or Drama: Readers  
Theatre**



**SCHOOLMESSENGER®**  
**SafeArrival**

Use SafeArrival to report your child's absences!

Three convenient methods:

- SchoolMessenger app (Google Play or Apple Stores)
- SchoolMessenger website [home.schoolmessenger.ca](https://home.schoolmessenger.ca)
- By phone 1-833-568-2538 (toll free)

Visit [peminahills.ca/absence-reporting](https://peminahills.ca/absence-reporting) for more information

Starting November 18, 2024, our school will begin using a new, more efficient online student absence reporting system called SafeArrival!

Parents will be able to report their child's absences 24/7 to the Fort School, in one simple communication through:

- 📱 The SchoolMessenger app
- 🌐 SchoolMessenger website
- ☎️ Central toll-free phone number (division-wide)
- ✉️ An email will be sent to all of our families November 8 or 12 with full details.

Learn more about the SchoolMessenger app in this video:  
<https://vimeo.com/180768415>

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THANK YOU

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

This community ROCKS!!!!

# Sports Report

## Jr. High Volleyball

Congratulations on a great volleyball season. Both our boys and girls qualified for playoffs at the Divisional Thank you to coach Mr. Ferguson

## Elementary Volleyball

Oct 30 - Home vs Swan Hills & Neerlandia

Nov. 22 - Away vs Swan Hills

Nov. 28 - Divisional Tournament @ Westlock Elementary School

## 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 Remembrance Day Assembly on November 7.



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

November 25 -Dec 5

Students are asked to bring in non-perishable food and place it into their Bear House Bin and at the end of those 8 days the food will be weighed and the points will be awarded to the bear house with the most weight.

On December 6 all food items collected will be delivered to the FCSS Food Bank in Barrhead.

Thank you in advance for your support



**Christmas MARKET**

NOVEMBER 16 11:00-5:00 PM

Fort Assiniboine School Gym

ALL VENDORS ARE WELCOME, COME ON DOWN TO BUY SOME GREAT PRODUCTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

SEE YOU THERE!

eventsfortag@gmail.com to book your table \$20

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WILL START TOURS AT 6:00PM.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

Join Hedwig Betz at the Fort Assiniboine School Wednesdays at 6:30pm. All ages welcome!

Ft. Assiniboine Community **CHOIR**

This is a five week FREE program. It starts on Wednesday, Nov. 20 and runs until Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Program taught by Hedwig Betz sponsored by Westbank Arts and Music Society





Fire Prevention 2024



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Thank you the AWESOME day



Woodlands County Fire Department - Fort Assiniboine



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2024**

