



Fort Assiniboine School

Newsletter

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at www.fortschool.ca/
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A Great Start to the School Year!

Welcome back! We're excited for another busy year. Extracurriculars like **Cross Country** and **Soccer** have started. Please check the **school calendar** for important dates and your child's agenda for updates.

Staff Directory - 2025/26

- Kindergarten - Mrs. Kiselyk
- Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Spitzer
- Grade 3/4 - Mr. Erickson
- Grade 5/6 - Math/LA: Mrs. Breitzkreitz, Social: Mrs. Payne, Science: Mr. Hawken
- K-9 PE/Health - Mr. Ferguson
- Junior High Humanities & Science/Math - Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Breitzkreitz
- Educational Assistants - Mrs. Kien, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Wieland
- Office Staff - Mrs. Fleming

Breakfast Program Volunteers Needed!

Thanks to our volunteers, the breakfast program is running well! We need help:

- 8:00-9:30 AM: serving & cleanup
- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM: baking/cooking (flexible hours)
All food must be prepared on-site per health rules. Contact the office if you can help!

School Council Meeting

- Date: September 23
- Time: 4:00 PM
- Location: Science Lab

Join us to stay informed, share ideas, and support our students!

Questions or ideas? Contact me anytime.

Looking forward to a great year!

Greg Ferguson
Principal

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August 25	August 26  Open House 3:30-5:00 p.m.	August 27 First Day of School	28	29	30
31	Sept 1 Labor Day No School	2 First Day of Kindergarten for ½ of the class	3	4 First Day of Kindergarten for ½ of the class	5 Ice Cream Treat at the Woodlands RV Park and River Marina	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Alternate “Bear” Friday No School	13
14	15	16	17 Gr. 4-9 Cross Country Running @ Westlock Golf Course	18 Western Day Dress in your Western Wear	19 Teacher PD No School	20
21	22	23 Picture Day  School Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m.	24	25 Terry Fox Run @11:00 am Lunch Provided National Day of Reconciliation Orange T-Shirt Day (See page 3 for more details) Please wear an ORANGE Shirt	26 Alternate “Bear” Friday No School	27
28	29	30 National Day of Reconciliation No School	Oct 1	2	3	4

Important Upcoming

- October 10 - Bear Day NO SCHOOL
- October 13 - THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL
- October 17 - Extra Kindergarten Day
- October 24 - PD Day NO SCHOOL
- October 28 - Picture Retakes
- October 31 - Bear Day NO SCHOOL

PLEASE watch Your Child's Day Planner for Class Field Trips or Special Activity Days

**Main Doors open for students
@8:08 a.m.**

**Elementary Doors open
@ 8:15 a.m.**

Warning Bell @ 8:25

**Classes Start (First Attendance)
@8:30 a.m.**

Lunch @11:45 a.m.

**Afternoon Classes start
@12:35 p.m.**

Dismissal @3:50 p.m.

School Registration Form and School Supplies Fees for 2025-26 school year

Can be completed and payable on your Powerschool Parent Portal (see page 4 to access your account). Fees can also be paid at the school office with debit, cash or cheque as a last option. School Supply Fees (K -6 only) will be \$30 - \$50.00 depending on class - invoices will be sent home shortly.

☀ Back Again this year. ☀

Every FAMILY who completes their 2025-2026 Returning Student Enrollment Verification Form(s) by September 30 will be entered into a draw for a \$50 Prepaid VISA Card on October 1

Terry Fox Run

Fort Assiniboine School is proud to participate in the **Terry Fox** Annual School Run

Thursday, September 25

approx. **11:00 a.m.**

We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit. Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/FortAssiniboine>

#niboine #terryfoxschoolrun

#nomatterwhat @theterryfoxfoundation

**Help us meet our goal of
raising \$1200.00
Or \$15 per student**

Parents are welcome to join us in the run/walk. Please watch for updates on our website, Facebook page, notes and agendas

Terry Fox LUNCH



DDC

Sand*Gravel* Concrete

Trucking

Along with the Little Ranch Cafe

Will be serving
FREE
Hamburgers
to all our



students and staff following
the Terry Fox Run!

Thank you DDC Trucking
and Little Ranch Cafe



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

What is Orange T-shirt Day? Every Child Matters

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student himself.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive, and as a result of the realization that every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. Former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

**We are asking students to wear
an orange t-shirt on Thursday,
September 25.**

You can also purchase the 2025 Orange Shirt online. Please contact Mr. Ferguson directly if you have any questions or concerns.

MEDICATION: We can not administer medications such as Calamine lotion, Polysporin, Afterbite, anything with any kind of medicine in it. If a student requires any kind of medicine (prescription or over the counter) to take during the day, **the medication must be brought in by a parent** to the school office. Medication should be in its original packaging. Consent forms must be completed, medication will be kept and dispensed as directed under supervision in the office.

For those students with Epipen, Puffers, Twinject etc. please inform the office and teacher, bring those items to the office to make arrangements for safe storage.

Jr High CTF/Option Classes August 28-October 30

Monday & Wednesday - Genius Hour

Tuesday & Thursday - Art or Outdoor Sports



Sports Report

Cross Country Running

Gr. 4-9 will participate in the Pembina Hills divisional race at the Westlock Golf Course on Sept. 17. Top Jr. High runners may qualify for Zones (location and date TBA).

Jr High Soccer Tournament



A Grade 7-9 Soccer Tournament will be held at Pembina North Community School (date to be announced). Parent letters and consent forms will be sent home once the date is confirmed.



Complete the annual
Returning Student
Enrollment Verification
Form in your
PowerSchool Parent
Portal



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EACH YEAR, PARENTS OF RETURNING STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL RETURNING STUDENT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM. PARENTS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 (TO EMAIL ADDRESSES ON THE STUDENT'S FILE) TO COMPLETE THIS FORM THROUGH THE POWER SCHOOL PARENT PORTAL.



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FORM TO ENSURE SCHOOLS HAVE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CONTACT/DEMOGRAPHIC AND MEDICAL/HEALTH INFORMATION AND ALSO CONTAINS THE YEARLY CONSENTS FOR FOIP, WALKING FIELD TRIPS, THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.



PARENTS: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS EMAIL, OR DO NOT SEE FORMS TO COMPLETE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL. A BIG THANK YOU TO PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS FORM!



Violence Threat Risk Assessment

How Pembina Hills responds to threats of violence

Young people dealing with difficult situations and challenges they can't resolve may resort to high risk behavior which puts them and others in danger. Because we want to keep *all* students and schools safe, we are working with our community partners to respond to and support those students who may pose a risk.

Our school administrators have completed intensive safety training through the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. Working with Evergreen Catholic Schools, government agencies, the RCMP and community partners, we have developed a prevention and intervention protocol to guide our response to students who may pose a threat.

Fair Notice

I am sharing this message to give parents fair notice that our school will address and respond proactively to any high risk behavior and threats.

It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. However, if for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment.

Our commitment to proactively respond to threats is a key element of this protocol. As always our goal is to keep our students and schools safe. We thank our protocol partners for working with us to sustain healthy, caring learning environments for the students we serve.

If you have questions, please give me a call at 780-584-3751

Greg Ferguson - School Principal

More information can be found on the Pembina Hills Public Schools website at www.pembinahills.ca
Under Schools and Programs



Pembina Hills School Board

Welcome Fort Assiniboine School Community to the start of a brand new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. The board also benefited from a bit of a summer hiatus. During that time various trustees had fun participating in some of the community parades.

The 1st board meeting of the new school year took place on Aug. 22 where we confirmed the board's work plan for the upcoming year and reviewed a long list of administrative procedures that Sr. Administration worked on updating over the summer. As I am writing this everyone is paying close attention to ATA negotiations with the Provincial Government. Maybe by the time you are reading it we will have news that they are approaching an agreement. Rest assured that no matter what happens Administration will keep everyone informed with any pertinent information.

With the municipal election coming up in October please give careful consideration to who would be a good representative for your community at the School Board table and encourage them to put their name forward. Information about being a trustee can be found on the Pembina Hills web site, along with the nomination package. Hard copies of the package can be picked up at our regional office as well.

I would like to wish everyone in the Fort Assiniboine School family a great year and I look forward to hearing about all the amazing things taking place to promote learning and growing.

Regards

Sherry Allen, Trustee East ward 2



Learning and Growing with some of our new kindergarten friends

School Council

Chair – Danielle Calahasen
Vice Chair – Amber Levy
Secretary/Treasurer– vacant

Our next Council meeting will be the Annual General Meeting held near the end of September. At that meeting positions are elected and meeting dates are set for the year. Please plan on attending to have your say in important matters in our school.

Tuesday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.

All parents and community members are welcome.

If anyone would like a position on the board please plan to attend and contact Danielle with any questions.

At our last meeting the Principal, School Trustees and Superintendent went over budget changes, staffing cutbacks and curriculum changes. In addition we discussed bus cameras potentially being donated to our local area buses to prevent fly-bys.

Parent's Society

Next Parent Society Meeting - TBA

President - Meghan Koster

VP - vacant

Treasure - Jenny Kuelken

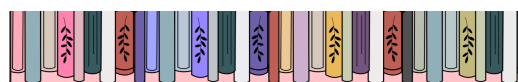
Secretary - Megan Petryshen

NO updates at this time





September 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Library Closed	2	3 STEAM activities 11 - 12:30	4	5
8 S'mores @ Library 6:30	9	10	11	12 Story time 11 - 12:30
15 Teen + YA Movie Night 6 - 8 Happy Gilmore 2	16	17 STEAM activities 11 - 12:30	18	19 Movie Afternoon 1:15 All ages welcome Smurfs
22 Paint Night 6 - 8	23	24	25	26 Story time 11 - 12:30
29 FALL Adult book Club 1:30 Teen + YA Book Club 6:30	30			



Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm
Closed daily from
12:30pm-1:00pm for lunch

Monday Evening
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Megan Petryshen
Library Manager | Fort Assiniboine Public Library
#20-1st Street
Fort Assiniboine AB T0G 1A0

Ph: 780-584-2227
Email fortassiniboinelibrary@yrl.ab.ca

Leadership Club

Bear House Activities for September

- Ice Cream Treat at Woodlands RV Park and River Marina
Friday September 5 At 3:00 p.m.
- Western Day September 18
- Terry Fox Run/Orange Shirt Day
Thursday September 25
at 11:00 a.m.

A Place to Grow, Play, and Belong: Christian Discovery Kids Club Returns This September



ARE YOU BETWEEN GRADES 1-6?

Join Us

at our
Christian Discovery Kids Club

Starting September 10, 2025 - Wednesdays from 4-6pm!

Moms or Dads - Text or call Krista Fountain
780 674 1503



PARENTS:

If you're children are in grades 1-6, and you are looking for something for them to do after school, consider our Christian Discovery Kids Club!

Our club is a fun space where kids can:

- Make new friends
- Play games
- Get creative with crafts
- And most importantly, learn about God's love through Bible stories—all in a safe, supportive environment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 4 - 6PM!

For more information:
MOMS OR DADS - TEXT OR CALL
KRISTA FOUNTAIN AT 780 674 1503

"Please note: The Christianson Discovery Kids Club is renting our facility for their event. This group is not affiliated with or endorsed by Fort Assiniboine School/Pembina Hills School Division."



presents the

2025 WRA Rodeo Finals Tradeshow & Market

Friday, Sept 19 @ 4 - 8
Saturday, Sept 20 @ 10 - 6
Sunday, Sept 21 @ 11 - 3

Barrhead
Curling Rink

Still looking for vendors
Contact Elaine @ 780-674-0793
or email trashoil@me.com

WOODLANDS ARTS & MUSIC GUILD PRESENTS

BACKWOODS SUPERBREAK



The ultimate rock and country revival!

Kids Eat Free!

Tickets - \$15 (Kids free!)
Hamburger - \$10
Food and cash bar by Little Ranch Cafe
Order food by Sept 22

September 27
Doors @ 6 ~ Band @ 7
Fort Assiniboine Legion

Tickets and food orders at Fort Assiniboine Library
or e-transfer woodlandsamg@gmail.com




AGM & REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 @ 6:30PM
HOCKEY ARENA (UPSTAIRS)

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Elections
2. Treasurer report
3. Registration
4. Fair Play Code of Conduct
5. Practices
6. Game dates
7. Season start/end dates
8. Fees
9. Volunteers (Coaches, jerseys, referees)
10. Tournaments
11. Merchandise (hoodies, hats, duffel bags, etc)
12. Arena responsibilities (cleanup, lockup, etc)





BULLETS (AGE 3-7) or **PISTOLS** (AGE 8-10) or **RANGERS** (AGE 11-16)
(Age groups are approximate and team allocation may vary with player comfort level.)

I'M JUST NOT SURE HOW
MY CHILD WILL SURVIVE
BACK AT SCHOOL
WITHOUT 6 BREAKFASTS,
2 LUNCHES AND 367
SNACKS DAY