



Fort Assiniboine School

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This Month's Highlights:

- *Elem. Soccer Tournament*
- *Election Information*
- *Halloween*



Dear Parents,

Although there are ongoing labour issues across the province, we are planning for a regular school year. We will do our best to minimize any impact on student learning should disruptions occur; however, it is not possible to predict the certainty or duration of this situation. If you have specific concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Breakfast Program Thriving

Currently, we have a fantastic group of volunteers serving breakfast every morning and doing fresh baking daily for our students. We appreciate you! Special Thanks to Megan Koster and Amber Levy for coordinating the start up and parent volunteers.

Elementary Soccer Tournament- Friday, Oct 3

We are hosting both Neerlandia and Barrhead Elementary for a fun day of soccer. This is a fun day tournament with all Fort Assiniboine grades 3-6 participating.

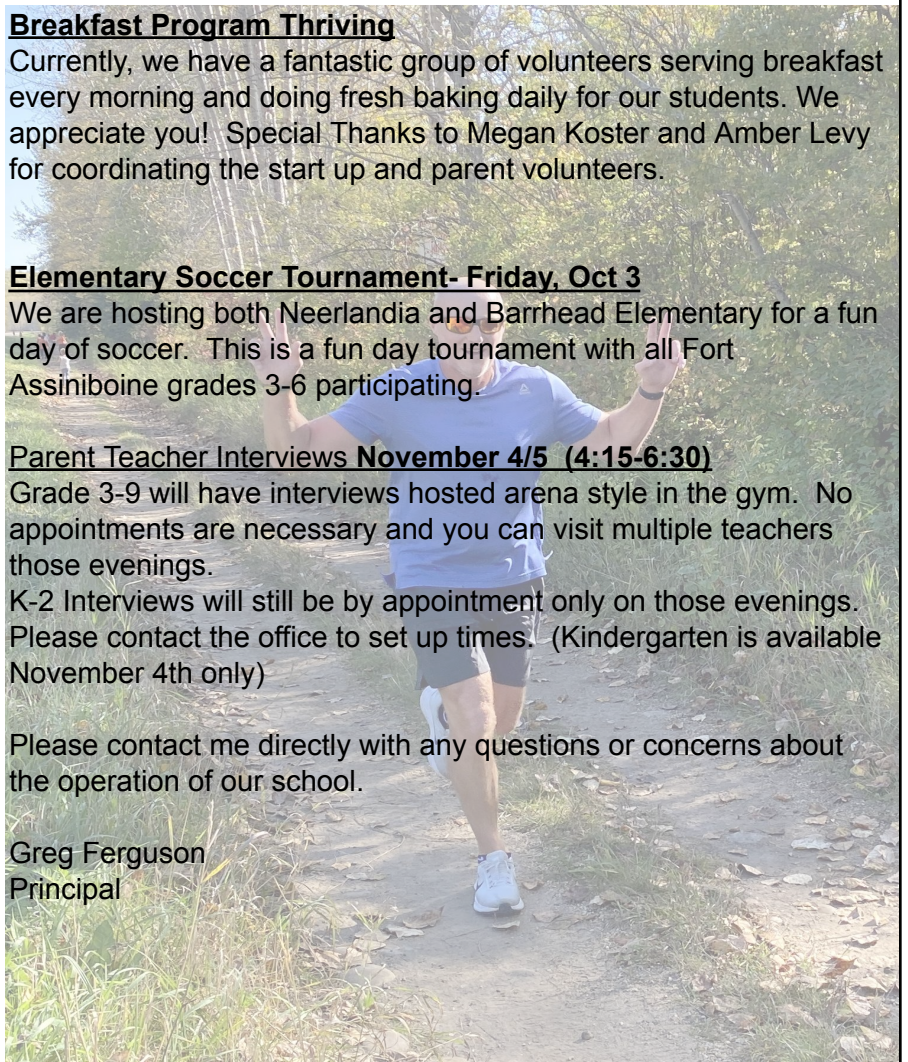
Parent Teacher Interviews November 4/5 (4:15-6:30)

Grade 3-9 will have interviews hosted arena style in the gym. No appointments are necessary and you can visit multiple teachers those evenings.

K-2 Interviews will still be by appointment only on those evenings. Please contact the office to set up times. (Kindergarten is available November 4th only)

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

Greg Ferguson
Principal



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sept 29	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day  NO SCHOOL	Oct 1	2 Hot Lunch Personal Pizza	3 Elem. Soccer Tournament	4
5	6	7	8	9 Fire Prevention Day	10 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 Thanksgiving Day NO School 	14	15	16 Safely on Board - Bus Safety K-5	17 Extra Kindergarten Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 PD Day NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28 Picture Retakes	29	30 Halloween Activities	31 Halloween Day Bear Day NO SCHOOL	Nov1
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4	5	6 Remembrance Day Assembly	7 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	8

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.

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Important Upcoming Days:

Nov 4 & 5 Parent Teacher Interviews
 Nov 6 - Remembrance Assembly
 Nov 7 - Bear Day - NO School
 Nov 10-14 Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
 Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
 Nov 17 - Classes Resume
 Nov 21 -Bear Day - NO School
 Nov 28- Bear Day - NO School
 Dec 19 to Jan 4 - Christmas Break

Important Message for Everyone who Stops in at the School

The MAIN DOORS into the school will be locked throughout the day. Please knock on the door, the window or call the school at 584-3751 and someone will be with you shortly.

We would like to ask **ALL** visitors to the school to check in and out of the building at the office. This includes dropping off lunches, or picking up your child early from school. Please **DO NOT** use the Library as an entrance into the school. This request is for the safety of the children, the school staff, as well as yours. For example, if we have a fire drill or lockdown we need to know who is in the building.



NATIONAL
FIRE PREVENTION
-WEEK-

Fire Prevention Week
 October 5 - October 11



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

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.



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

Approx 86% of our Registration forms have been completed with updates as of today. It takes less than 5 minutes per form to complete and the data provided is needed for accurate contact information.

REGISTRATION FORMS **MUST** be completed online.

If you need assistance call or stop in and see Mrs. Fleming
Registration forms are to be completed at Powerschool Parent Portal . Any fees are payable through the same account or at the school office with cash or cheque as a last option.

School Fees, including supplies or athletics, are available to pay either online or cash/cheque at the school office. Invoices will be sent home shortly.

Thank you to all the parents that completed the 2025-2026 Returning Student Enrollment Verification Form(s) by September 30.
 The WINNER of a \$50 Prepaid VISA Card is: **Brittany Jacobson**
 Congratulations! Please call the school to make arrangements to pick up your card Brittany!

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

School Council

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

Minutes from previous meetings available on the school website: www.fortschool.ca

The next Fort Assiniboine School Council Meeting is on Tuesday, November 18th at 4:00pm in the school.

The School Council Annual General Meeting was held on September 23rd. The chair position remains vacant. Amber Levy was elected as Vice-Chair, and the Secretary position remains vacant. Parents are encouraged to step up for these positions and attend meetings so they can remain informed and help give direction for our school and our children's future.

With the upcoming elections this October, community members are reminded of the importance of participating in the vote for our next School Trustee. Four candidates are running for this vital position, and we encourage all parents and community members to review their platforms carefully before heading to the polls. When you go in to vote, please make sure you request a ballot for the School Trustee election. This step is crucial to ensure your voice is counted in shaping the future of our children's education. A special reminder to residents of the Goose Lake area: even if this is the only item on your ballot, your vote still matters. Please make it a priority to attend and vote for your School Trustee. Let's work together to ensure that parents have a strong voice in the decisions that affect our schools. Every vote counts — don't miss your chance to make a difference.

This year there are a few changes to the school schedule which seem to be positive as well as a change to the upcoming parent-teacher interviews. These will now be held on a trial basis as arena-style for grades 3-9, as many of our students have multiple teachers throughout the day and this enables parents to meet with all of them. The potential teacher strike was also discussed and is likely to go ahead for October 6th, please ensure to make plans for your children during this time. The school division will keep parents informed.

If you have some time, please consider volunteering with our school. Due to privacy legislation, unless you give your contact information to the School Council or Parent Society we have a hard time getting in touch to ask for help! Some items we need volunteers for are; Breakfast program, hot lunches, Christmas Dinner, White Elephant Sale, Concessions, Helping with CTF classes, assisting with sports, attending field trips or sports events, assisting with other fundraisers. Please contact Mrs. Fleming in the office to volunteer.

Thank you for allowing me to be your School Council Chair for the past 3.5 years.
Sincerely, Danielle Calahasen

Pembina Hills School Board

As I write this we have heard the result of the teacher's vote on the tentative agreement between the Alberta Government and the ATA. An overwhelming majority declined the offer. Now that the 2 parties have come to this point a strike on Oct. 06 is imminent and we can only hope that they find a resolution quickly. Please continue to check the Pembina Hills website for updated information.

At the most recent board meeting, trustees approved the Board Work Plan for the upcoming year. We also updated policies around Trustee Code of Conduct and Committees of the Board. We received an assurance report from the Assistant Secretary Treasurer confirming the inspections have been done at all schools to ensure everyone is following operations protocols. We received the student count as of the 1st day of school and there have been some increases. The final count will be made at the end of Sept and submitted to Alberta Education.

I was very pleased to see the number of attendees at the most recent school council meeting. It is wonderful to see parents supporting their school and it is exciting to think about what will come of the collaboration and co-operation. Remember too that School Council is a great place to get information about what is happening in the school and to engage with the Principal.

As election day draws near this will be my last message to the Fort Assiniboine School Community. It has been my pleasure to serve you and I hope I have represented you well. Please check the Pembina Hills website for bios written by the candidates running in your ward and get out and vote on Oct. 20. I understand that the Trustee names will not be on the same ballot as municipal candidates so you will have to visit a second table at your polling station.

Best Regards
Trustee Sherry Allen



Halloween 2025

Thank you Matt and Amber Levy for the pumpkins for our students to paint or carve once again this year!! It was an amazing experience for our students to visit your pumpkin patch to pick out their own pumpkins this year.



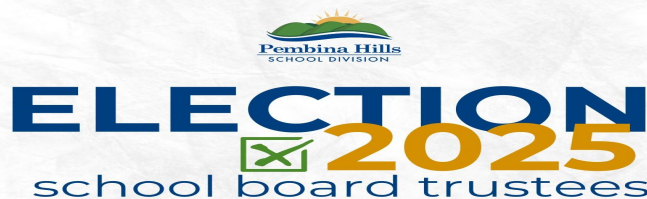
Grade K-9 - Thursday, October 30

- Our student leadership group will be running Bear House activities in the afternoon (watch for more info in student agendas)
- Please make the costume simple enough for the child to get into with minimal help.
- We have a policy at the school where **no weapons or replicas** (guns, swords, etc.) of any kind are permitted. Please keep this in mind when planning a costume for our Halloween dress-up.
- We will do a costume parade TBA (Parents are welcome) (watch for more info in student agendas)

Terry Fox Run

Fort Assiniboine School was proud to participate in the **Terry Fox** Annual School Run on Thursday, September 25 - thanks to the parents/grandparents that joined us that morning and the Fort Assiniboine Volunteer Fire Department for Traffic Control.

Thanks to the generosity of the community we were able to raise **\$1896.10** for the Terry Fox Foundation



West Ward 2 Candidates:

Cindy Carswell

Kim Hooey

Shirley Morrow

Paige Snell

Candidates Statements posted on Pembina Hills Website under School Board - Elections 2025

Advanced Polling Station

will be at the

Woodlands County Office

Thursday, **October 16**, 2025

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, **October 18**, 2025

12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

County of Barrhead Administration Office

Wednesday, **October 15**, 2025

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 PM

Saturday, **October 18**, 2025

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 PM

Polling Stations

Will be at the

Fort Assiniboine Legion Hall

Goose Lake Community Hall

Tiger Lily Community Hall

Monday, October 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Be sure to get out and vote for your
Pembina Hills SchoolBoard Trustee**

Fort Assiniboine Public Library

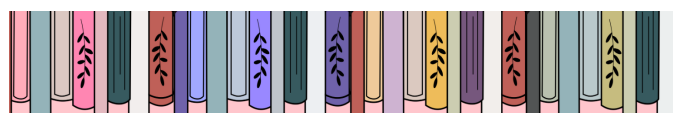
OCTOBER 2025				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
 Fort Assiniboine Public Library	30	1	2	3  Nature walk and snack 1:30 
6  Adult colouring and mocktails 6 - 8 pm 	7	8  STEAM Homeschool hangout 11 - 12:30	9	10  Thanksgiving Crafts 11 - 3 
13 Library closed	14	15	16	17  Story time 11-12:30 
20  Fall/Halloween Gnome Craft 6 - 8 pm 	21  Senior Tech Help 1 - 3 pm 	22  STEAM Homeschool hangout 11 - 12:30	23	24
27  Young adult book club 6:30 pm	28	29	30 	31  Halloween crafts 11 - 3 

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Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm

Closed daily from
12:30pm-1:00pm for lunch

Monday Evening
6:00pm - 8:00pm



780-584-2227



EVERY CHILD MATTERS



Thank you - DDC Trucking and Little Ranch Cafe for the Hamburgers after our Terry Fox Run



Happy Thanksgiving Day





Terry Fox Run 2025



Happy Halloween

