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This Month's Highlights:

→ *JH Ski Trip to Jasper*

→ *Swimming Lesson*



Principal's Message:

Spring is finally here, and with it comes the promise of warmer weather and exciting summer activities. We're now in full swing with badminton season, which will run through the end of April.

Our Grade 9 students are preparing for their transition to high school. Recently, they took part in Career and Technology Tours at Barrhead Composite High School. They are well on their way to an exciting next chapter!

On April 10th, our Junior High students will be heading to Marmot Basin for the Ski Trip. Both students and staff are eagerly looking forward to this fun-filled day on the slopes.

A heartfelt thank you to the Parent Society for celebrating "Pie Day" with our students, serving delicious pie in honor of the mathematical marvel that is 3.14. It was a fun and tasty way to commemorate Pi!


Looking ahead, we have Swimming Lessons scheduled for May 25, 26, 27, 28 and June 1. Students will receive a total of 5 lessons. Further details will be shared as the date approaches, so please expect communication from your child's teacher.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the operation of our school, please feel free to contact me directly.

Greg Ferguson



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 29	30	31	April 1	2	3 <i>Good Friday</i> NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 <i>Easter Monday</i> NO SCHOOL 	7 Classes Resume No Housework Day	8	9 Grade 9 BCHS Tour	10 Jr High Ski Trip to Jasper Dress Like a Grandma/ Grandpa day <i>Extra</i> <i>Kindergarten Day</i>	11
12	13	14	15	16 <i>National High Five</i> <i>Day</i>	17 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	18
19	20	21 Earth Day Parent's Society Hot lunch Hot Dogs, Juice & Cookies	22	23	24 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29 Kindergarten Open House for 2026-2027 New Students <i>International Dance Day</i>	30	1 PD Day NO SCHOOL	2 Roadside Clean Up see Parent Society for more info
3	4 Star Wars Day - May the Fourth be with you	5	6	7 Hats on for Mental Health	8 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	9

Important Upcoming

May 1 - PD Day NO SCHOOL
May 8- Bear Day- NO SCHOOL
May 12 School Council Meeting
May 14 - Whole School and Kindergarten Grad Pictures
May 15 - Bear Day-NO SCHOOL
May 18 -Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
May 21 and 22 - PAT Exams
May 29 - Bear Day - NO School
June 2 - Pioneer Day at the Drop In Center
June 5 - Collaboration Day - No School
June 9- 23 - PAT Exams
June 24 - Last Student Day
June 25 - Summer Holidays BEGIN

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

Please watch for information coming home shortly in regards to swimming lessons on May 25,26,27,28 and June 1.



Jr High CTF/Option Classes

March 2 - April 30 (Tentatively)

Monday & Wednesday

Genius Hour

Tuesday & Thursday

Art and Fitness



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

Come explore with us!

NOW ACCEPTING Early Learning Pre-Kindergarten 2026-2027 applications!
pembinahills.ca/EL-apply



Before you register

Confirm that Fort Assiniboine School is your Designated School. Here's how you can find out:

- **Check out our** Attendance Area Map

You will also need:

- **Proof of age such as a child's birth certificate or immigration documentation** (for newcomers)
- **Rural gate address** (rural Students)
- Copies of any **court orders** affecting the student
- These documents may be uploaded to the online registration form. (Accepted filetypes include PDF, JPG, PNG)

How to register

If you are new to Pembina Hills and have no other children attending one of our schools, you need to create a new parent account in *SchoolEngage*

Please visit the Pembina Hills website at <https://www.pembinahills.ca/>

And follow the directions for setting up a new parent account or adding a student



Student Activities This Month

Our students have been busy learning, creating, and connecting with the community! Here's a snapshot of what's happening around the school this month:

- ❖ **Kindergarten** Are building boats and have planted tomato seeds that have been to space and back
- ❖ **Grades 1-2** hatched out 15 babies chicks (so far) as part of their live sciences curriculum



- ❖ **Grade 5-6** have been learning about fractions and playing different games BUT would love to have some volunteers to come in and bake with them to apply what they've learned about fractions

- ❖ **Grades 5-6** will be also be visiting the **Friendship Centre on Wednesday, April 15**, from **1:30-2:30 p.m.**, where they will be building puzzles with the community members that are there

- ❖ **Grade 3-4** We have built 3D models of the water cycle





CASA Mental Health Classroom Coming to Pembina Hills

The Pembina Hills Board of Trustees has approved a new mental health program that will bring specialized support directly into one of our schools. Starting in September 2026, a CASA Mental Health Classroom will open within the division as part of a partnership between CASA Mental Health, the Government of Alberta, and Pembina Hills School Division.

New Courses Support Land-Based Learning and Leadership

The Board of Trustees has approved a suite of locally developed courses focused on Leadership, Character, and Social Responsibility, available at the 15, 25, and 35 levels for both three and five credits. These courses will be offered beginning in the 2026–2027 school year through to 2028–2029.

These courses are connected to an exciting hands-on opportunity for students. Pembina Hills will be hosting a Land-Based Learning Camp at Lessard Lake from May 27 to 29, 2026. Indigenous students who participated in the camp last year will take on leadership roles this spring, guiding and mentoring students who are attending for the first time. This kind of peer leadership is at the heart of what these courses are designed to support.

Board Approves Three-Year Capital Plan

Pembina Hills School Division has submitted its 2026–2029 Three-Year Capital Plan to Alberta Education, identifying three school facilities in need of significant upgrades. The division's top priority is a partial modernization of École Barrhead Elementary School, estimated at \$12,318,015.

The second priority is a partial modernization of École Westlock Elementary School, estimated at \$7,652,469. The third priority is Swan Hills School, estimated at \$7,534,948. The plan includes significant upgrades to the building as well as right-sizing — reducing the school's physical footprint to better match its current enrollment of 220 students.

The 2026-2029 Capital Plan will be posted to the division website Assurance Reporting webpage soon.

School Council

Chair – Amber Levy

Vice Chair – Meghan Koster

Secretary/Treasurer– Amanda Williams

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

The next School Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12 @ 4:00 pm** in the Junior High wing of the school. Please consider attending.

This year the students at the Fort Assiniboine school have had a lot to be grateful for!

They have gone pumpkin picking, and played in soccer and basketball tournaments. They went skating, curling, sledding, snowshoeing and very recently went on a whole school trip skiing! That's right- grades k-9, skiing!



They've had a business fair, marshmallow roasts, chick hatchings, fish release program, seniors visits, a whole school Christmas concert, whole school Christmas dinner, many other outdoor activities, and swimming lessons just to name a few. Our school also has an incredible breakfast program that serves every child every school morning!

All of this is thanks to our amazing teachers, staff, parents and community members.

Our school is truly amazing.

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, March 17. Please view the minutes on our website for full details. Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m.



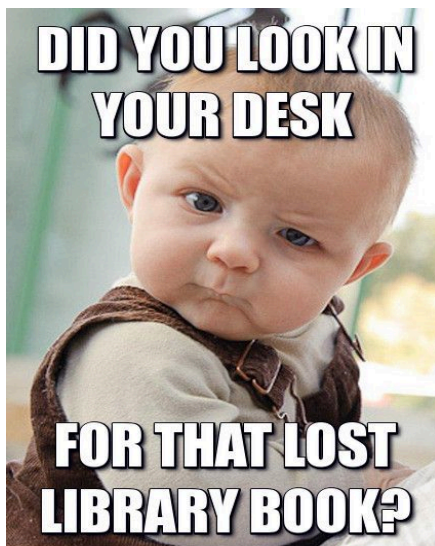
APRIL 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Homeschool Hangout 1-3pm	2 Easter Crafts + Cookie Decorating 11am-3pm	3 Library CLOSED Good Friday
6 Library CLOSED Easter Monday	7	8	9	10
13 Hunger Games Movie 4-6pm teen - adult book club	14	15 Homeschool Hangout 1-3pm	16	17 Movie Afternoon 1:30pm Spongebob
20 Candle Making night 6-8pm	21	22	23	24 Brunch & Story Time 11am - 12:30pm
27 Teen + Adult Book Club 6:30pm 6-8pm Slip N' Stitch	28 FALL Adult Book Club 1:30pm	29 Homeschool Hangout 1-3pm	30	

The library is open on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00.
The library closes daily from 12:30-1:00 pm for lunch.

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Leadership Club

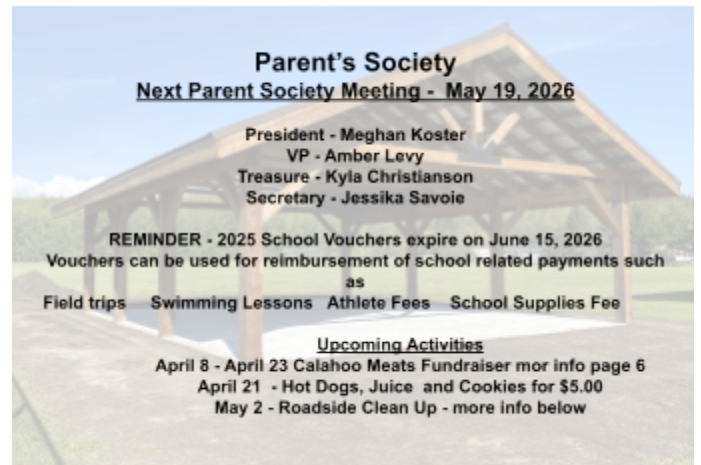
Bear House Activities of April

On April 10 it is Dress Like a Grandma/Grandpa day in honor of the 100th day of school.

We will also have a bear house activity on April 16 based on the sacred teaching of wisdom. Every bear house will be making flowers with inspirational notes attached to them.

These flowers will be available around the community for people who need/want them.

Hats on for Mental Health - May 7



Parent Society Fundraiser

Highway RoadSide Clean Up

Saturday May 2, 2026

Starting at 8:00 a.m. Meeting at the library (with Saturday, May 9 being the alternate day in the event of inclement weather)

This fundraiser will help cover the cost of bussing for field trips (swimming, skiing, sports)

Participants must be 9 years or older - All Participants are required to view the Safety Training DVD

To request a section of roadside to clean please contact Meghan Koster or call the school and we'll forward your name and number to the coordinators.

More info to follow closer to May 2



April 8 to 23

1. Order forms coming home April 8
2. Participants use the convenient order form included
Note: Use only one form per order
3. Customer makes cheque payable to the fundraising organization.
4. When sales are complete, order forms and payment return to school by **April 23**
5. Tentatively: Pick up orders May 7

Cash or Cheque ONLY - made out the Fort Assiniboine Parents Society



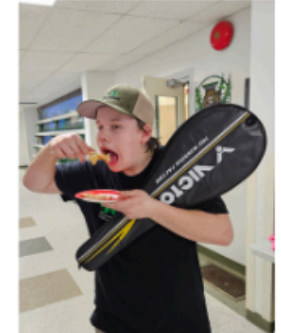
When? April 29, 2026
Time? 1-3:30 p.m.

Come explore with us!
Meet the teacher, tour the classroom and ask questions!

New Kindergarten Registration
pembinahills.ca/StudentReg



Celebrating Pi Day with Pie





March 24, 2026

With spring fast approaching, many will gather and travel to visit loved ones. Measles is circulating in our communities and spreads easily, especially when people get together. Protect your family from measles.

What Is Measles? Measles is a very contagious illness. It spreads through the air when someone with measles breathes, talks, coughs, or sneezes. Measles can make people very sick and, in some cases, it can be deadly.

What Is the Concern With Measles? Measles can cause problems like: ear infections, deafness, lung infections (pneumonia), seizures, brain damage from swelling of the brain (encephalitis) and death.

It can be worse for young children, pregnant women, and people with weak immune systems. If you've had measles before, you're unlikely to get it again. However, measles can weaken your immune system, making it harder to fight other illnesses for a while.

Signs of Measles:

- A fever of 38.3° C or higher
- Cough, runny nose, red eyes, white spots inside your mouth
- A rash that appears 3 to 7 days after fever starts, usually beginning behind the ears and on the face and spreading down to the body and then to the arms and legs. The rash can be very red, brownish-red or purple depending on your skin colour.

Signs of measles can start 8 to 12 days after being around measles, but sometimes it can take up to 21 days.

What to do if you have measles: If you or your family have any signs of measles, stay home and away from other people so you don't make them sick. If you have a rash, stay home for four full days after the rash has started. Call **Health Link at 811** before going to a doctor, a clinic or a hospital and tell them you may have measles. They may tell you to go to a clinic or hospital, to get tested for measles, and how to help stop the spread of measles.

Why is testing for measles important if you have signs of measles? Testing is important to know if you have measles so you can get the best medical help and to help stop the spread of measles to others, especially babies, pregnant women, seniors, and those with weak immune systems.

How to stay safe from measles: The best way to keep yourself and your family safe is the measles vaccine. The measles vaccine works very well, is safe and free of charge.

- **Babies** who are six months, up to and including, 11 months old, may be recommended to get an early dose of vaccine. They should also still receive their routine two doses after they reach one year of age.
- **If you were born in 1970 or later**, you need **two needles** of the measles vaccine to be safe.
- **If you were born before 1970**, you likely had measles and are generally considered immune or safe from measles. You can get a single needle of measles vaccine if you have not received any measles vaccine previously.

If you or your children have not had the measles vaccine, or if you are not sure about what vaccines you have had, please call Health Link at 811 or your local health unit.

Wishing you and your families a bright start to spring.

Medical Officers of Health, North Zone



Camp He Ho Ha

Join The Adventure!



Teens & Children with Developmental Disabilities

Teens & Children with Physical Disabilities

July 20-24, 2026

August 10-14, 2026

Activities :

- Water Sports & Activities
- Camp Outs
- Arts & Crafts
- Swimming
- Climbing Wall & Adventure Course

Camp He Ho Ha
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Registration Link
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