



# Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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“Oh look—spring! Nature’s  
classroom is open.”

## Principal's Message:

### **Year-End Update**

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, there is still much to look forward to in the months ahead. April brought plenty of memorable moments, with the junior high ski trip to Jasper standing out as a particular highlight for both Mrs. Payne and myself.

Our Grade 9 students will have a chance to explore future opportunities at the Pembina Hills Region Career & Job Fair on May 5, 2026, at the Westlock Spirit Centre.

Plan to attend the School Council and Parents Society Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 12. Babysitting will be available.

These months will also be busy with provincial testing. The **Grade 6 and Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)** begin in May:

- **Grade 9 ELA Part A - Thursday, May 21**
- **Grade 6 ELA Part A - Friday, May 22**

*We will be offering swimming lessons at the Barrhead Aquatic Center May 25, 26, 27, 28 and June 1. Please be sure to get forms and payment in as soon as possible.*




We appreciate your continued support as we move through this exciting and important time of year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Greg Ferguson



# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 27	28	29	30	May 1 Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly 3:30 p.m.	2 Road Side Clean Up
3	4 Star Wars Day (May the Fourth be with you!)	5 Pembina Hills Career Fair - Gr 9	6 <i>Mother's Day Tea at the Drop In Center</i>	7 Hats on for Mental Health	8 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 <b>Hot Lunch</b>  School Council and Parent Society Meetings at 4:00 p.m.	13	14 Class Pictures/ K Grad Pictures	15 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	16
17	18 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL	19 Pajama Day	20	21 <b>Fish Release Day K and Gr 5 and 6</b>  Gr. 9 Language Arts PAT Part A (am)	22 <b>Extra Kindergarten Day</b> Gr. 6 Language Arts PAT Part A (am) <b>Jump Rope for Heart Main Event</b>	23
24	25 Swimming Lessons 	26 Swimming Lessons 	27 Swimming Lessons 	28 Swimming Lessons 	29 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	30
31	June 1 Swimming Lessons 	2 Pioneer Day at the Fort Drop In Center	3	4	5 PD Day NO SCHOOL	6

## Important Upcoming

June 5 - PD Day NO SCHOOL  
 June 9 -12 - Provincial Achievement Tests Grade 6 and 9  
 June 15-23 - Provincial Achievement Tests Grade 6 and 9  
 June 24 - Student Last Day  
 June 25 - Staff Last Day  
 July 1 Aug 24 - Summer Break

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

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Grade 5/6 learning about fraction! Thanks to the mom's that came in to help with this delicious lesson!

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As we approach Mother's Day, we want to take a moment to

express our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing moms in our school community. Your dedication, love, and support play a vital role in shaping our students' lives and contributing to the nurturing environment we cherish.

We hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day filled with joy and appreciation.



## 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

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## Jr High CTF/Option Classes May 6 - June 26

Monday & Wednesday - Photography  
Tuesday & Thursday - Metis Beading  
 Outdoor Education



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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## Outdoor Classrooms



# 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:

- ❖ **In Kindergarten** we had an ice cream party with Miss Deara, our Homeroom Holstein coordinator from Lakeland College for our adopted dairy calf, Haystack.



- ❖ **Grades 1–2** Made cards to thank the Woodlands County snow plow drivers and crew for all their hard work this winter keeping our roads safe and clear!



- ❖ **Grades 5–6** will be visiting the **Friendship Centre on Wednesday, May 6**, from **1:30–2:30 p.m.**, where they will be serving tea and cake to those in attendance.

- ❖ **Grades 5–6** also visited the Friendship Centre and spent some time building puzzles with the seniors



- ❖ **Grade 3-4**, we have been exploring how to program robots with Ozobots. Students programmed their robot to follow a course. Through exploring the programming options, students made their robots move forward, backward, turn corners, spin circles, light up in different colors and do some other creative things with their program!

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## Leadership Club

### Jump Rope for Heart & Spirit Week Update

Our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising campaign kicks off on May 1! Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, May 22, when we'll host our main Jump Rope for Heart event. It's a great opportunity for students to get active, have fun, and support an important cause. Let's come together as a school community and make a difference!



### Dress-Up Day in May

Tuesday, May 19 – Pajama Day

We encourage everyone to join in the fun and show their school spirit!



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Fort Assiniboine School is proud to recognize our 2025 Fort Assiniboine Legion Branch 210 Remembrance Day Poster/Essay Contest winner!

A special thank you to Legion representative Cindy Carswell for her continued support and for helping make this meaningful opportunity possible for our students.

Congratulations to our winner on this outstanding achievement—we are so proud of you!

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## 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](http://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.  
Free Babysitting Available

The agenda will be posted prior to the meeting and can be found along with the minutes from previous meetings available on the school website: [www.fortschool.ca](http://www.fortschool.ca)

The annual general meeting will take place in September when new members are elected. If you have questions or are interested please feel free to reach out!



**REMINDER - 2025 School Vouchers expire on June 15, 2026**

**Vouchers can be used for reimbursement of school related payments such as Field trips Swimming Lessons Athlete Fees School Supplies Fee**

### Upcoming Activities

**May 2- Roadside Clean Up**

**May 12 - Hot Lunch**

**Spaghetti and Meat Sauce with Garlic Bread and Juice - \$8.00**

# MAY

# 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4	5	6	7	8 Mothers Day Crafts + Cookie Decorating 11am-3pm
11	12	13 Homeschool Hangout 1-3pm	14	15
18 Library CLOSED Victoria Day	19	20	21	22
25 Teen + Adult Book Club 6:30pm	26	27 Homeschool Hangout 1-3pm	28	29 G.O.A.T Movie Afternoon 1:30pm

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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## 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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Grade 1 and 2 Spring Chickens

