



Fort Assiniboine School

Newsletter

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Fort Assiniboine School
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This Month's Highlights:

- *Elem. Soccer Tournament*
- *Fire Prevention*
- *Halloween*



Dear Parents,

Breakfast Program

Thanks to all the volunteers and School Council for coordinating the Breakfast program. The program continues to offer a variety of healthy choices to start our day.

Elementary Soccer Tournament- Thursday October 8

We are hosting Neerlandia, Barrhead Elementary and Swan Hills. The Tournament will run from 10:00-2:00 and will have all our Grade 5 and 6 students participating

Terry Fox Run

Congratulations to Rachel Huff for winning the Terry Fox run and thank you for all the donations

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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sept 28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day  NO SCHOOL	Oct 1 Picture Day	2	3
4	5	6 Fire Prevention Day	7	8 Elem. Soccer Tournament	9 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day NO School 	13	14	15 Safely on Board - Bus Safety K-5	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 PD Day (Teacher Directed) NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27 Picture Retakes	28	29 Halloween Activities	30 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	31
Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6 Bear Day NO SCHOOL	7

**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 3 & 4 Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 6 - Bear Day - NO School
Nov 10 - Remembrance Assembly
Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
Nov 11-13 Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
Nov 16 - Classes Resume
Nov 20 -Bear Day - NO School
Nov 27- Bear Day - NO School
Dec 18 to Jan 3 - 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 4 - October 10



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 2026-27 school year

100% of our Registration forms have been completed by September 24.

THANK YOU PARENTS

The data provided is needed for accurate contact information.

School Fees, including supplies or athletics, are available to pay either online through the Powerschool Parent Portal or at the school office with debit, cash or cheque.

Pembina Hills School Division has introduced a new technology fee for all students in grades 1 to 12. Grades 1-6 \$20.00 , Grades 7-9 \$35.00 Also available to pay online or at the school.

Thank you to all the parents that completed those 2026-2027 Returning Student Enrollment Verification Form(s) by September 30. The WINNER of a \$50 Prepaid VISA Card is: **Rowanne Conway** Congratulations Rowanne! Please call the school to make arrangements to pick up your card!

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

Student Activities This Month

Halloween 2026

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.



Grade K-9 - Thursday, October 29

- 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)

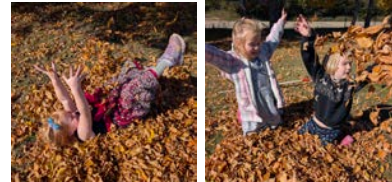
Terry Fox Run

Fort Assiniboine School was proud to participate in the **Terry Fox** Annual School Run on Thursday, September 24 - thanks to the Fort Assiniboine Volunteer Fire Department for Traffic Control.

Thanks to the generosity of the community we have able to raise **\$905** for the Terry Fox Foundation to date.

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:

- ❖ The Kindergarten class has been taking advantage of the beautiful fall weather with lots of outdoor learning! One of their adventures included raking leaves under the maple trees, turning a simple fall chore into a fun, hands-on learning experience. The students enjoyed being outside, working together, and making the most of the colourful autumn season.



- ❖ Our Grade 1/2 class had the pleasure of welcoming an exchange teacher, Miss Sophie Martin, from Germany. During her visit, Miss Martin spent time observing not only the Grade 1/2 classroom but also several other classrooms throughout the school. We look forward to continuing this exchange of ideas and experiences when Mrs. Spitzer travels to Germany in November to observe Miss Martin's classroom.
- ❖ Our Grade 3/4 students have been working very hard on their "All About Me" presentations. They were excited to share their presentations with their classmates and tell everyone a little more about themselves, their interests, and what makes them unique.
- ❖ Grade 5 the Woodlands Community Initiatives Foubdatuon is eager to continue programming with the grade 5 class this year. Students and seniors will participate in a meet and greet this month, where they will enjoy games and snacks!
- ❖ Our Junior High students have been busy interviewing community members as part of their Community Memoir project. Through these conversations, students are learning about the stories, experiences, and history of people in our community. This hands-on project is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with local residents while helping preserve the memories and stories that make our community special.

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 Fort Assiniboine School Council held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, September 15. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the meeting a success!

The 2026–27 School Council executive is **Amber Levy, Chair; Meagan Koster, Vice-Chair; and Amanda Williams, Secretary.**

The School Council Operating Procedures are available on the school website for anyone who would like to review them.

On September 29, Amber and Amanda attended an **Alberta School Councils' Education (ASCE)** session focused on the purpose and role of School Councils.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend!

PARENT'S SOCIETY

President - Meghan Koster
VP - Amber Levy
Treasure - Kyla Christianson
Secretary - Jessika Savoie

Upcoming Activities

October 15: Pembina pipelines is providing hot lunch, hot dogs and hamburgers.

October 29: Halloween floats

We will be doing a Spices fundraiser, order forms will be ready next week.

Also looking for parent volunteers for our upcoming Soccer Tournament on Thursday, October 8 - either as ref/coach or a concession shift.

Please contact the school if available to volunteer

We will be looking for more volunteers for breakfast program starting - please contact Meagan Koster at 780-305-4863 to sign up

Pembina Hills School Board

September, as always, is a busy and exciting month for everyone. New students, new friends and great expectations. October has its own set of wonders; falling leaves, cooler days, and settling back into more regular routines. This month also reminds us to be thankful and reflect on all that we have.

As a board, we are honoured to have been asked to be a part of the Alberta Child Development and Disability Supports Advisory Group. This group brings together families, doctors, services providers and educators to look for ways to improve programs such as Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) and Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD). Our board is able to bring a rural education perspective to this panel. Some of the issues include how hard it can be to reach services in rural communities and how important early help is. Trustees Kane and Truckey are our representatives on this panel.

Cindy Carswell Trustee West Ward 2

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# OCTOBER 2026

at the Fort Assiniboine Public Library

Connect. Learn. Play. Belong.

Good Books. Brighter Days.

| MONDAY                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                            | THURSDAY                                         | FRIDAY                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                      |                                                            |                                                                      | 1<br>Coffee, Conversation & Connection 10-11 AM  | 2                                                          |
| 5<br>Books, Songs & Signs 10-10:45 AM Ages 0-3                                       | 6<br>Walking Group 10-11 AM                                | 7<br>Homeschool Hangout 1-3 PM                                       | 8<br>Coffee, Conversation & Connection 10-11 AM  | 9<br>Busy Bodies 10-11:45 AM<br>Thanksgiving Craft 11-3 PM |
| 12<br><b>CLOSED</b><br>Thanksgiving Day                                              | 13<br>Walking Group 10-11 AM                               | 14<br>Rec/Gym Night 6:15-7:30 PM<br>Fitness Centre Open 6:15-7:30 PM | 15<br>Coffee, Conversation & Connection 10-11 AM | 16                                                         |
| 19<br>Books, Songs & Signs 10-10:45 AM Ages 0-3<br>Family Pizza & Movie Night 6-8 PM | 20<br>Walking Group 10-11 AM                               | 21<br>Homeschool Hangout 1-3 PM                                      | 22<br>Coffee, Conversation & Connection 10-11 AM | 23<br>Busy Bodies 10-11:45 AM                              |
| 26<br>Teen & Adult Book Club 6:30 PM                                                 | 27<br>Walking Group 10-11 AM<br>F.A.L.L. Book Club 1:30 PM | 28<br>Rec/Gym Night 6:15-7:30 PM<br>Fitness Centre Open 6:15-7:30 PM | 29<br>Coffee, Conversation & Connection 10-11 AM | 30<br>Halloween Craft 11-3 PM                              |

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- WALKING GROUP**  
Tuesdays • 10-11 AM  
All ages. Meet at the Library.
- COFFEE, CONVERSATION & CONNECTION**  
Thursdays • 10-11 AM  
A weekly drop-in for adults.

## BIWEEKLY PROGRAMS

- BOOKS, SONGS & SIGNS**  
1st & 3rd Mondays  
10-10:45 AM  
Ages 0-3
- HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
1-3 PM  
Hands-on learning & social time for homeschool families!
- REC/GYM NIGHT**  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
6:15-7:30 PM  
All ages.
- FITNESS CENTRE OPEN**  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
6:15-7:30 PM  
Call Fort Assiniboine School for more open times.
- BUSY BODIES**  
2nd & 4th Fridays  
10-11:45 AM  
Ages 2-6 • Active play, games & movement fun!
- SPECIAL CRAFT DAYS**  
October 9 - Thanksgiving Craft  
October 30 - Halloween Craft

**COSTUME SWAP**

Give costumes a second life!

Donate gently used costumes:  
October 1 - 16

Pick up a new to you costume:  
October 19 - 30

A fun, sustainable way to celebrate Halloween!

**OCTOBER 31**

Come warm up, have some hot chocolate and enjoy a photo op!

**A Quick Note for Parents:**

Our children's programs are **shared experiences!**

For safety and maximum fun, parents and kids participate, play, and learn **together** in all sessions.

(No drop-offs, please!)

ALL PROGRAMS ARE DROP-IN • EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Fort Assiniboine Public Library

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OUR LIBRARY. ♥ OUR COMMUNITY. ♥ OUR PLACE.



Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters



A Visit to the  
Levy Pumpkin  
Patch



LEVY  
PUMPKIN  
PATCH

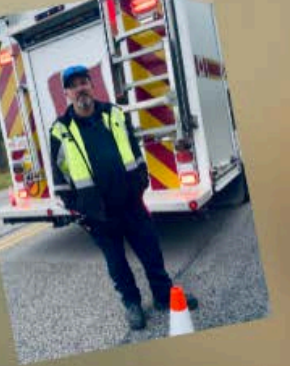


*Happy Thanksgiving Day*



# Terry Fox Run 2026

**FORT ASSINIBOINE**  
School



Thank you DDC Trucking and Little Ranch  
Cafe for the Hamburgers on our  
Terry Fox Run Day



**Happy Halloween**

