



Pembina North Community School

February 2020 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February 3: Movie Night, Fundraising Association Meeting and School Council Meeting

On February 3rd we will be having a Movie Night (starting at 5:00 pm) to coincide with the Fundraising and School Council Meetings. The Fundraising Association Meeting starts at 5:00 pm; the School Council Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. One of the main items on [the agenda for the School Council Meeting](#) will be the School Division Ward Review that is currently underway. We will also be presenting the PNCS 2020-2021 proposed school calendar at the School Council Meeting.



February 11: Lunch Orders are Due

Please have [lunch orders](#) sent in with payment or [placed on-line](#) by **Tuesday, February 11.**

Thurs, February 13: Hotdog lunch

Tues, February 18: Boston Pizza Lunch

Tues, February 25: Quiznos Sub Sandwich Lunch

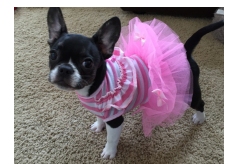


February 13: Progress Reports

Progress Reports will go home on **Thursday, February 13** for our K-6 students. For our junior high students, [Powerschool](#) will also be updated with teacher comments by February 13th.

February 14: Fancy Friday

How convenient that our Fancy Friday happens on February 14th! Let's see how well everyone cleans up for Valentine's Day!



February 14: Junior High Dance Final

Our Junior Highs are currently taking their Dance Unit in Phys Ed. The Dance Unit Final will be on Friday, February 14th right after lunch. Students are asked to wear their Fancy Friday clothes for their dance final.



February 19: Ice Cream Sale

Wednesday, February 19th is the date of our next Ice Cream Sale. Cost is \$2.00. Proceeds raised go towards Elementary Sports Expenses.



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Upcoming Events

February 20: Favourite Book Character Day

Here's a chance for students to make their favourite book characters come to life! Students can come to school dressed like Harry Potter, Flat Stanley, Pete the Cat, Scaredy Squirrel, Robin Hood, Willy Wonka, Goldilocks, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Captain Underpants?? There are so many different options! We look forward to seeing where your imaginations will take you!



February 21: PNCS Science Expo

Mrs. Beaver has sent home [Science Expo information](#) to the students who have chosen to participate. The Expo will take place in our school gymnasium on Friday, February 21. Set-up will be from 8:00-12:00 pm. Viewing will be from 1:00-2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see all the great displays, projects and demonstrations that our students will put together for the day. This is always such an excellent event at our school! (The Westlock and District Science Fair takes place on Wednesday, March 4).



February 26: Anti-Bullying Day

Wear Pink! Every year on Anti-Bullying Day we encourage our students to wear something pink to visually symbolize that we all know bullying is wrong and that we will all do our best to prevent it from happening.

Make a Poster! Every year we also encourage our students to participate in our Anti-Bullying Poster Contest. The theme of this year's Poster Contest is **"This Is What Kindness Looks Like!"** Check out the last page of our newsletter for poster contest details!



February 26: PHSD Board Meeting at Pembina North

The Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills School Division will be holding their February 26th Board Meeting at our school. The meeting agenda will be posted on the PHSD website. Board Meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend.



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A Friendly Reminder: If you are entering the school parking lot to drop off/pick up students, please remember to slow down. Lately we have seen an increase in parents flying into the parking lot at unsafe speeds. Remember that you must yield for our students who are walking home and you must yield for buses that are entering or exiting the bus lanes. If you are leaving the parking lot at the same time buses are leaving, you must wait for all buses to leave; you can not cut in-between them. Thank you!

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Sports News

Junior High Basketball

Tues, February 4: Away games @ BCHS. Game times: 4:30 pm vs Clyde, 5:30 pm vs Barrhead. We will be using parent drivers for this trip (leaving PNCS at 3:30 pm).

Mon, February 10: Away game @ Swan Hills. Game time 3:30 pm. A bus is booked to take players (and parents who want to come) to the game. We will be leaving PNCS at 1:30 pm. The game runs from 3:30-4:30 pm. The bus will return back to Dapp at approx 6:15 pm.

Tues, February 11: Home game vs Athabasca. Game time 4:00 pm.

Weds, February 19: Divisional Tournament @ BCHS. Parent drivers.

Fri/Sat, March 6-7: Zones Tournament @ Slave Lake. Parent drivers.



Grade 6 Basketball

Weds, February 12: Away game @ Clyde. Bus leaves PNCS at 3:30 pm, game time is 4:00 pm, bus returns to PNCS at 5:30 pm.

Tues, February 18: Away games @ St. Mary. Bus leaves PNCS at 2:45 pm, games at 3:45 and 4:30 pm, bus returns to PNCS at 5:45 pm.

Thurs, February 27: Divisional Tournament @ Westlock Spirit Centre.

Junior High Curling (coming up in March)

All junior highs will be going curling in Westlock as part of their Phys Ed program on Monday, March 9th. They will go right after lunch and be back in time for afternoon buses.



Mrs. Rau will also be taking some teams of junior high curlers to a Divisional Bonspiel. Students who choose to be on these teams will be going for another practice afternoon on Tuesday, March 17th (right after lunch and back in time for buses) and then going to the Divisional Bonspiel on Wednesday, March 18th. For students who are part of these teams, there will be a fee of \$25.00 per student to assist with costs of bussing, ice fees and tournament fees.

Junior High Badminton (coming up in March/April)

The junior high badminton season runs during March & April (it doesn't start until basketball is done). Players usually practice 2 times a week afterschool. Practice days will be determined once we get a feel for how many students will be playing. We plan to enter a few tournaments. The date of the Divisional Tournament is April 23rd. Fees for badminton are \$15.00 for those who compete in one event, \$30.00 for those who compete in 2 events (events consist of singles, doubles or mixed-doubles).





News Items

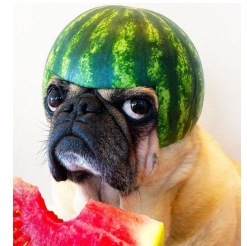
School Satisfaction Surveys - Did you get the email?



The Pembina Hills School Satisfaction Survey is still open for those who have not yet responded. Parents were emailed a survey link directly from our school division (the email didn't come from Jan). If you received the email with the survey link, could you please take the time to do the survey. If you didn't receive the email, please check your spam folder as it may have gone there. We rely on the feedback from the yearly survey to help guide our planning process for the upcoming school year.

School Nutrition Program

The Alberta Government has made School Nutrition Program Funding available to every school in the province. With the funding that PNCS receives we are able to have grab-and-go breakfast items such as granola bars, juice boxes, cheese slices, muffins and fruit available to our students as they arrive in the morning. This isn't intended as a replacement for breakfast that students should be eating at home, but is a supplement for those who show up at school with a growlie tummy and need something extra to get their day off to a good start. (Note: All of our breakfast items are peanut/nut free).



Skate-A-Thon Success



This year's Skate-A-Thon was once again a great success. Our community came through with huge support for the Dapp Outdoor Rink, pledging \$6,556.25 towards the maintenance and upkeep of the rink. This amount will help pay for natural gas and power to the skate building, maintenance and upkeep of the snow clearing equipment and skate shack, and liability and fire insurance. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Skate-A-Thon. Our school uses the rink continually throughout the winter

months. This wouldn't be possible without community support. **The following students scored the prizes for Top Fundraisers:** Memphis and Macy Durand, Emma and Bodhi Auger, Saiya St. Pierre and Mesa Miller.

Elk's Bingos - Parents of Junior Highs Needed to Volunteer (March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

We once again have the opportunity to work the Elk's Bingos every Monday evening during March as a fundraiser for our Junior High Field Trips. That means we need some volunteers! If you are able to help out, please contact the office or let Mary Kaliel know at mary.kaliel@pembinahills.ca.





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February 2020

Calendar of Events

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>Feb 3</i> Movie Night with concession Fundraising Assoc Mtg 5 pm School Council Mtg 6:30 pm	<i>Feb 4</i> Kindergarten Day Jr High Girls Basketball Away Games at BCHS. Leave PNCS @ 3:30 pm. Games @ 4:30 & 5:30 pm. Parent drivers.	<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>Feb 6</i> Teacher's Convention (No School)	<i>Feb 7</i> Teacher's Convention (No School)	<i>Feb 8</i>
<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>Feb 10</i> Jr High Girls Basketball Away Game at Swan Hills, bus leaves 1:30 pm, game time 3:30 pm, bus returns 6:30 pm	<i>Feb 11</i> Kindergarten Day Lunch Orders Due Jr High Girls Home Game vs Athabasca. Game time 4 pm.	<i>Feb 12</i> Gr 6 Basketball Games @ Clyde. Bus leaves 3:30 pm, game time 4:00 pm, bus returns 5:30 pm.	<i>Feb 13</i> Kindergarten Day Hot Dog Lunch Progress Reports go home with gr K-6 Powerschool updated with marks gr 7-9	<i>Feb 14</i> Kindergarten Day Fancy Friday Gr 7-9 Dance Unit Final	<i>Feb 15</i>
<i>Feb 16</i>	<i>Feb 17</i> Family Day (No School) Fundraising Assoc Casino February 16 & 17	<i>Feb 18</i> Kindergarten Day Pizza Lunch Gr 6 Basketball Game @ St. Mary. Bus leaves 2:45 pm, games @ 3:45 & 4:30 pm, bus returns 5:45 pm.	<i>Feb 19</i> Ice Cream Sale (\$2) Jr High Girls Basketball Divisional Tournie @ Spirit Centre	<i>Feb 20</i> Kindergarten Day Favourite Book Character Day	<i>Feb 21</i> Kindergarten Day Science Expo Set Up 8 am-12 pm Viewing 1-2:30 pm	<i>Feb 22</i>
<i>Feb 23</i>	<i>Feb 24</i> Anti-Bullying Poster Contest Entries are Due	<i>Feb 25</i> Kindergarten Day Sub Sandwich Lunch	<i>Feb 26</i> Anti-Bullying Day (Wear Pink) PHSD Board Meeting @ PNCS	<i>Feb 27</i> Kindergarten Day Gr 6 Basketball Tournament @ Spirit Centre	<i>Feb 28</i> Alternate Day (No School)	<i>Feb 29</i>

PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN 2019-2020

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POSTER CONTEST:

To mark Anti-Bullying Day this year we would like our students to make posters using the theme

THIS IS WHAT KINDNESS LOOKS LIKE

- Poster paper is available in the office.
- Posters should be colorful, clear and neatly done.
- Posters should focus on the Kindness Theme.
- Student's name and grade should be marked on the back of the poster. .
- All students who submit a poster will receive a treat.
- A winning poster will be chosen from Gr K-3, Gr 4-6 and Gr 7-9.
- Poster contest winners will receive a Snake Cake to share with their class.

**The deadline to submit a poster is
Monday, February 24th**