

March 2020 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

March 3: Gr 2 & 3 Field Trip to Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village

Our Grade 2 & 3 students have the great opportunity to visit the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village on Tuesday, March 3rd. The field trip bus will be here at school at 7:30 am and we plan to be loaded up and on the road by 7:45 am. The students will be participating in Velykden (Ukrainian pioneer Easter). Remember to send students with a bag lunch (no heat-ups) and a water bottle. Pick-up time for students is 5:00 pm at the school. Costs for this trip are covered through our lunch sales and a per student subsidy from the PNCS Fundraising Association.



March 5 and 11: Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are taking place on March 5th and March 11th, with appointments between 4:10-6:30 pm. Please sign up for an interview time using the on-line appointment booking system at <https://pncs.schoolappointments.com>. You can also call the office and we can book an appointment for you (780-954-3790).

March 7: Basketball Zones Tournament

Our Junior High Girls Basketball Team will be going to their Zones Tournament in Slave Lake on Saturday, March 7th. We wish them all the best in this final competition of their season. Schedules have been handed out, [or you can find one posted on our web-page.](#)



March 10: Lunch Orders Due

Please have [lunch orders](#) sent in with payment or [placed on-line](#) by **Tuesday, March 10.**

Thurs, March 12: Hotdog lunch

Tues, March 17: Boston Pizza Lunch

Tues, Mar 31: Quiznos Sub Sandwich Lunch

March 9: All Junior High Students Curling in Westlock (afternoon)

As part of their Phys Ed program we will be taking all of the Junior High students curling at the Westlock Rink in the afternoon on March 9th. The bus will leave PNCS at 12:20 pm and return to Dapp in time for regular bus rides home. [Permission forms went home last week \(please sign and return\).](#) This activity is part of our Phys Ed programming so there is no charge. If students choose to do some extra curling and become part of our extra-curricular curling teams they will need to pay an Extra-Curricular Curling Fee of \$25.

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March 9: PNCS Choir Going to Music Festival in Barrhead

Our PNCS Choir will be taking part in the Rotary Music Festival in Barrhead on Monday, March 9th. They will be leaving PNCS at 10:30 am. They perform at Barrhead Elementary School at 11:50 am. After their performance is complete they will be eating lunch (please send a bag lunch with no heat-ups) and then travelling to Westlock for swimming from 1:00-2:00 pm. After that there will be a pit-stop for treats in Westlock, and then the choir will come back to PNCS in time for buses. ***The original field trip note that was sent home had them swimming at Barrhead and having pizza for lunch, but the pool plans changed to swimming in Westlock so there isn't time to order/eat pizza and make it to the Westlock pool for 1:00 pm....so please remember to send a bag lunch along.*



March 10: PNCS Band Going to Music Festival in Barrhead

Our PNCS Junior High Band will be playing at the Rotary Music Festival in Barrhead on Tuesday, March 10th. They will be leaving PNCS at approximately 9:00 am and will be performing in the Theatre located in Barrhead Comp at 10:35 am. Once they are finished at the Music Festival they will be going for pizza and swimming at the Barrhead Pool. They will be back at PNCS in time for afternoon bus rides home.



March 11: Grade 9 Immunizations

In the morning on Wednesday, March 11th the nurses from AHS will be at our school to administer immunizations to our Grade 9 students.

March 17 & 18: Jr High Curling Teams Practice and Bonspiel

For those Junior High students who choose to join an extra-curricular curling team, there will be an afternoon practice on March 17th at the Westlock Curling Rink. We will have a bus to take students to the rink, leaving PNCS at 12:20 pm and returning to Dapp by 3:30. Then on March 18th the Curling Teams will be competing in an all-day Bonspiel at the Westlock Curling Rink. Once we receive a schedule for the bonspiel we can determine bussing. As noted above, there is a \$25 fee for students who choose to participate on an extra-curricular curling team.



March 17: Wear Green!

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day so we expect to see a sea of green in our hallways (and maybe a few rainbows and a big pot of gold!).

March 18: Ice Cream Sale

Wednesday, March 18th is the date of our next Ice Cream Sale. Cost is \$2.00. Proceeds raised go towards Elementary Sports Expenses.



March 19: School Spirit Day

Our Student Leadership Team wants to celebrate all that is great about PNCS by having a School Spirit Day on March 19th. Pull out your Panther hats and shirts, your black and yellow socks, and anything else in PNCS colours! Let's see your School Spirit!

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News and Notes

Grade 10 Orientation Sessions @ RF Staples

Our Grade 9 students will all be bringing home [a letter from RF Staples](#) outlining their upcoming Grade 10 Orientation Sessions which will be held on April 7th. There are two evening sessions to choose from. **Please make sure to choose your session and return the form to our school by March 9th.** We will forward them on to RF Staples. Parents must accompany their child to the Gr 10 Orientation. (Note: Staff from RF Staples will be coming to our school on March 19th for an introduction visit prior to the orientation sessions so they can meet our grade 9's and help alleviate some of their nervousness before orientation night).



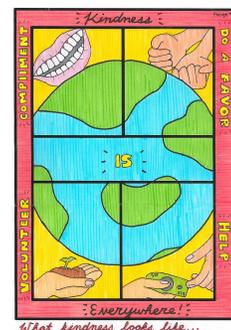
Junior High Badminton (coming up in March/April)

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).



Poster Contest: This is What Kindness Looks Like

Thank you so much to all the students who took part in our Anti-Bullying Poster Contest this year. We had 150 entries in the contest! Wow!! The thoughtfulness and creativity put into all the posters was so great to see. Our students really do know What Kindness Looks Like! It was nearly impossible to pick just a few winners from all the wonderful entries, but we managed to narrow it down to these four: Vera Seatter (winner K-3); Brianna Broesky (winner Gr 4-6); Elle Seatter and Paige Tymkow (tied for winner Gr 7-9). Congratulations girls!



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More News and Notes

Pembina North Community School: 2020-2021 Calendar

The Pembina North Community School 2020-2021 Calendar was approved at the recent Board of Trustees meeting. [A copy of the approved calendar is available on the Division web-page.](#)



School Planning Day on April 24: Save the Date!

Our Annual School Planning Day happens on Friday, April 24th. Parents are welcome to attend. We will be looking at survey results and other feedback as we evaluate the school year to-date and initiate plans for next year.

Volunteer Registration Forms

Pembina Hills School Division requires all those who volunteer in our school to complete a [Volunteer Registration Form](#) which includes providing a Criminal Record Check and an Intervention Record Check. The Criminal Record Check can be obtained from the Westlock RCMP office. There is no charge and they give it to you before you leave. The Intervention Record Check can be obtained from the Alberta Supports building (behind Boston Pizza). There is no charge but it takes 2-5 days to receive this one. Once we have this paperwork on file you do not have to complete any further volunteer paperwork for the duration of your child's time at PNCS.



Rink Report (From the Dapp Community Council)

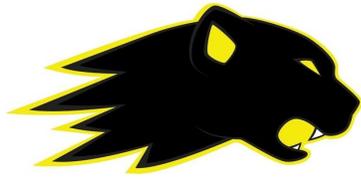
We are so pleased to have the Dapp Outdoor Rink available to use throughout the winter. All of our students have spent many hours out on the ice, improving their skating skills and enjoying the upgraded rink. Our Junior High Hockey and Ringette option classes have had a blast this winter, making use of the ice nearly every day. The Dapp Community Council holds the lease on the rink, so they are responsible for upkeep and maintenance. They've provided us with a Rink Report showing all the improvements done last summer and this past fall. A copy of the Rink Report is attached at the end of our newsletter if you'd like to have a look.

Update on Ward Review

At the February 26th Board Meeting our Trustees released the Electoral Ward Review Report entitled "What We Heard". [For full information on the status of the Ward Review, please see the School Division web-page news article.](#)

Home Alone Program - April 3rd @ PNCS

From 9:30 am to 12:00 pm on April 3rd, FCSS will be holding their Home Alone Program at our school. This program is open to children from 10 years old (Gr 4) and up. Registration and a fee of \$10 are required. There is a maximum of 15 participants. [Refer to our webpage for more complete information.](#) Registration forms are available in the school office.



March 2020

Calendar of Events

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<i>Mar 1</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>	<i>Mar 3</i> Kindergarten Day Gr 2 & 3 Field Trip to Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Leave 7:45 am, Back at 5:00 pm	<i>Mar 4</i> Westlock & District Science Fair	<i>Mar 5</i> Kindergarten Day Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:10-6:30 pm	<i>Mar 6</i> Alternate Day (No School)	<i>Mar 7</i> Jr High Girls @ Zones Tourne (Slave Lake)
<i>Mar 8</i>	<i>Mar 9</i> PNCS Choir Trip to Music Festival All Jr Highs go curling in Westlock in the afternoon	<i>Mar 10</i> Kindergarten Day Lunch Orders Due PNCS Band Trip to Music Festival	<i>Mar 11</i> Gr 9 Immunizations Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:10-6:30 pm	<i>Mar 12</i> Kindergarten Day Hot Dog Lunch	<i>Mar 13</i> PD Day (No School for Students)	<i>Mar 14</i>
<i>Mar 15</i>	<i>Mar 16</i>	<i>Mar 17</i> Kindergarten Day Wear Green! Pizza Lunch Jr High Curling Teams go to Westlock for practice in the afternoon	<i>Mar 18</i> Ice Cream Sale (\$2) Jr High Curling Teams Compete in Bonspiel in Westlock	<i>Mar 19</i> Kindergarten Day School Spirit Day RF Staples staff coming to visit with Gr 9's (in the afternoon)	<i>Mar 20</i> Alternate Day (No School)	<i>Mar 21</i>
<i>Mar 22</i>	<i>Mar 23</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Mar 24</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Mar 25</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Mar 26</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Mar 27</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Mar 28</i>
<i>Mar 29</i>	<i>Mar 30</i>	<i>Mar 31</i> Kindergarten Day Quiznos Lunch	<i>Apr 1</i>	<i>Apr 2</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Apr 3</i> Alternate Day (No School)	<i>Apr 4</i>

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

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The Dapp Community Skating Rink
(Report from Dapp Community Council Meeting)

Replacing Rink Boards – 2019/2020

A huge thanks to all that supported in having this new structure built—to tearing down, building, and fundraising for it. It was a real community example of everyone from parents to grandparents working together. Thanks to Janice Tymkow who was instrumental in texting and coordinating the work bees.

The work started in July, 2019 for taking it down with the idea that we were remodeling the rink by adding a few pipes, but due to many broken boards the present group of workers decided that we should rebuild the enter rink. Jeff Boulerice suggested secan frames for the walls so that these would be floating. The frost heaving in the spring time was cause of the breaking of boards due to the post in the ground. It took some time to get it going due to the wet weather but once that was agreeable the work began in late October 2019 and finished in January 2020.

Four loads of gravel were hauled in to prepare the base for the ice area. A portion of the gravel was donated by Lance Auger – thank you.

A 2” banjo pump was installed in the skating shack near the water source, and a 2” line was also installed going outside the shack to enable us to easily hook on to a hose when flooding the rink.

A BIG thanks also to Pembina North Community School for their fundraising and donations to the cause! In 2018 they raised \$6,041.00, in 2019 they raised \$5,440.00 and just recently in 2020 raised \$6,500.00 from their annual Skate-A-Thons. Together with the Grant from Westlock County of \$9,200.00, we were able to pay for this very needed upgrade! Total costs for this project to date are \$22,627.13.

Hands that helped (we apologize if we missed anyone) - there have been approximately 425 man hours spent on this project to date!

Take down:

Jared and Kiera King
Heather Beaver
Brian & Janice Tymkow

Laurie Walker
Danielle Sawchuk
Chad Wolff

Jeff and Venessa Boulerice
Karl, Matthew & Micah Rottier

Building it:

Brett Moore –backhoe equipment
Karl Rottier—tractor/bobcat
Brian Tymkow
Richard Seatter
Andy Bakker—welder equipment

Chad Wolff—truck picker
Duke Dobyanski
Jeff Sharpe
Herb Seatter
Ivan Indenbosch

Jeff Boulerice-tractor
Graham Evans
Chris Rottier
Matthew Rottier
Vance Auger

Thank you,

Karl Rottier