



Pembina North Community School

October 2020 Newsletter

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Goal Setting Interviews - October 21, 22 & 23

Every fall our teachers conduct Goal-Setting Interviews with parents. These interviews help teachers and students move forward in the up-coming year with goals that are appropriate and reachable.

This year Pembina Hills teachers will be conducting Goal-Setting Interviews with parents by Telephone or by Google Meet.

- All interviews are approximately 10 minutes long
- Elementary interviews are with the homeroom teacher
- Junior High interviews include all four core-class teachers (Math, Language Arts, Science and Social)

Teachers will be available on the following dates:

- October 21 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- October 22 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- October 23 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

A Goal-Setting Interview sign-up form has been loaded into your child's Powerschool Account. Please log onto your Powerschool Parent Account and complete the form for your PNCS child(ren). The deadline to complete the form is October 14th.

Watch for a communication after October 14th from your child's home room teacher with the date, time and details of the Goal-Setting Interview for your child. Teachers will do their best to coordinate consecutive times if you require interviews for more than one child in your family.

For those who choose not to take part in Goal-Setting Interviews at this time, please know that you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher(s) at any time throughout the year with any questions or concerns that you may have. Please still complete the form in Powerschool, checking off the option stating that you do not require an interview at this time.



October Toonie Drive for the Food Bank



For the past 3 years we have held a food drive for the Westlock and District Food Bank in the month of October. We have raised over 6,000 pounds of food during that time! We have been so proud of our community for supporting our food drive and the Food Bank.

This year, rather than a food drive we will be holding a Toonie Drive throughout the month of October in support of the local Food Bank. If every staff member and student donates a toonie we will have almost \$400 to donate. If you wish to donate more than a toonie, please do. Together we can help our local Food Bank continue to serve our community!



Twin Day - October 16

Get out your matching clothes for Twin Day on October 16th. Pick a partner and dress the same for the day!

Picture Orders

All students who were at school on September 29th had their picture taken and received a paper to take home with their On-Line Order Code. If your child misplaced their paper and you would like to view and/or order pictures, just call the school office. We have a list of all the Order Codes. Smart Photography should have the pictures uploaded within the next day or two for parents to view and/or order on-line (at SmartOrders.ca).

Picture Retakes - October 22

Smart Photography will be here in the morning on October 22nd for Retake Photos. They will be taking pictures of those who weren't here on our original picture day, as well as taking retakes for those who request them.

Halloween Activities - October 29

This year's Halloween Activities will take place in individual classrooms (rather than our usual big Halloween Assembly). Watch for more information to come from your classroom teachers about what will be happening. When choosing Halloween costumes, please remember that replica weapons are not permitted at school (this includes replica guns, knives, axes, etc.).



Calling All Milk Cartons!

Ms. Sorensen is already busy making plans for upcoming winter activities. She is looking for 1 litre and 2 litre cardboard milk cartons (well-washed of course). She will be using them to make ice blocks for some outdoor events in December.



Cupcakes and Other Classroom Treats

We know that our parents love bringing cupcakes and other delicious treats to the classrooms for birthdays, parties and other special occasions. While you are still welcome to bring treats, please be mindful of these AHS restrictions that we need to follow this year:



- Any food brought into the classroom must be store bought or prepared in a commercial kitchen.
- Pre-packaged or individually packaged foods are preferred.
- Food must be served by a designated staff member only using utensils.
- No common items can be shared (ie. ketchup bottles, salt & pepper shakers).

Junior High Volleyball



We'd like to say a big thank you to our coaches for volunteering their time to work with our volleyball teams this year. Thanks to Mrs. Rau, Mrs. Hall and Mr. MacIntyre for coaching the girls and to Mr. Ivey for coaching the boys. Practices will continue this month with girls practicing Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm, and boys practicing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm.

Mrs. Rau is working to set up some games within our division cohort group. She will make this information available to players once games are confirmed. In the meantime, volleyball permission forms have been loaded into Powerschool accounts for our players. Parents will need to go into their Powerschool Parent Account to click and confirm these forms in order for players to participate in upcoming games. *Note: There are 2 different volleyball forms that need to be completed.

School Messenger - Text Messaging Service

This fall Pembina Hills School Division implemented a text messaging service called School Messenger. The purpose of School Messenger is for the school division to have a means to contact parents and staff quickly and efficiently, especially regarding emergent situations or important updates.

Parents can sign up to School Messenger simply by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 978338.

While the school division strongly encourages parents to participate, the text messaging service is entirely optional. Parents can Opt-Out at any time by replying "STOP" to any message.



October 2020

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<i>Oct 1</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 2</i> PD Day (No School @ PNCS)	<i>Oct 3</i>
<i>Oct 4</i>	<i>Oct 5</i> Food Bank Toonie Drive Begins	<i>Oct 6</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>Oct 8</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 9</i> Alternate Day (No School @ PNCS)	<i>Oct 10</i>
<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Oct 12</i> Thanksgiving Day (No School)	<i>Oct 13</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 14</i>	<i>Oct 15</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 16</i> Twin Day	<i>Oct 17</i>
<i>Oct 18</i>	<i>Oct 19</i>	<i>Oct 20</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 21</i> Goal Setting Interviews 4:00-6:00 pm	<i>Oct 22</i> Kindergarten Day Picture Retakes Goal Setting Interviews 6:00-8:00 pm	<i>Oct 23</i> Alternate Day (No School @ PNCS) Goal Setting Interviews 9:00 am-3:30 pm	<i>Oct 24</i>
<i>Oct 25</i>	<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Oct 27</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Oct 29</i> Kindergarten Day Classroom Halloween Activities Food Bank Toonie Drive Ends	<i>Oct 30</i> Alternate Day (No School @ PNCS)	<i>Oct 31</i>

[PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN 2020-21](#)



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