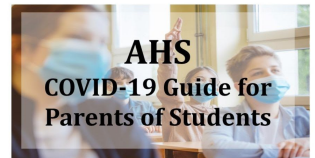


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AHS COVID-19 Parent Guide (Updated Jan 6, 2021)

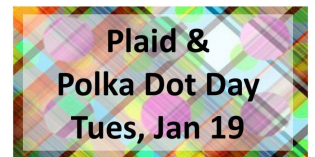
[This link will take you to the Alberta Health Services page, Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School and/or Childcare.](#) Please familiarize yourself with the protocols that are in place. Thank you in advance to everyone for your continued support and cooperation as we endeavour to provide the students and staff at PNCS with a safe and caring environment as we move forward this school year.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 19: Plaid & Polka Dot Day

Let's shake off those winter blah's by filling our halls with plaid and polka dots! Just plaid? Just polka dots? A combination of both? Anything goes! We want to see everyone dressed from top to bottom in their favourite plaids and polka dots!



Thursday, January 21: Hot Dog Sale

We will be having a Hot Dog Sale on Thursday, January 21st. Cost is \$2.00 per hot dog. No pre-orders will be taken. Students can pay on the day of the sale. Staff will be collecting the money and tallying up the orders first thing in the morning (so we'll have the numbers figured out by the time our parent volunteer cooks get here) so please ensure your child has their money with them when they get to school that day.

Tuesday, January 26: Ice Cream Sale

Tuesday, January 26 is the date of our first Ice Cream Sale for this year. Cost is \$2.00. No pre-orders will be taken. Students can pay on the day of the sale. We will have ice cream sandwiches, creamsicles, fudgesicles and revels.



Thursday, January 28: Skate-A-Thon

On January 28th our students will all be participating in a Skate-A-Thon to raise funds to help with the yearly maintenance expenses of the Dapp Community Rink. [Click here to see the Information Sheet.](#) [A paper copy of the information sheet and pledge form will be sent home with students later this week.](#)



An Update on That Thing We All Love....Food!

In Food News, it has been a very boring food year so far without our school hot lunches (monthly hotdog, pizza and sub sandwich sales). With the uncertainties surrounding our school year we have been reluctant to proceed with taking lunch orders and payments. With the increased potential for student absences, restaurant closures, etc. we wanted to avoid any chaos and just keep things simple.

With that in mind, we are still going to avoid doing our pizza and sub sandwich sales. For both of these it is necessary to take pre-orders and payments and then submit our orders to local restaurants. We are reluctant to go this route for fear that a restaurant closure may leave us in a last-minute lurch, and we also do not wish to process multiple refunds should we unexpectedly have large numbers of students absent.

BUT....we are going to go ahead with a monthly Hot Dog Lunch. Rather than taking pre-orders as we have done in the past, students can just pay on the day of the sale (this way we don't have to worry about processing refunds if someone is absent). We will make a generous estimate and purchase enough hotdogs and buns for sale day, and can freeze anything that is not used.

We are also going to start up our monthly Ice Creams Sales again, with students just paying for their ice cream bar on the day of the sale. We will have ice cream sandwiches, fudgesicles, creamsicles and revels.

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Thank You to the Pembina River Natural Gas Co-op

Many thanks to the Pembina River Gas Co-op for their generous donation to our school.

Funds were used to pay for our Christmas Hot Dog Lunch for our K-6 students, and we will also be able to use remaining funds to pay for a future meal for all students.



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Other News Items That Aren't About Food

Reminder of Calendar Change

When marking down your dates for 2021, please remember the change on our school year calendar. Friday, February 12th is now an Alternate Day (no school). Friday, May 14th is now a regular school day. This change was made to accommodate a week-long Trickster Theatre residency, happening May 10-14th. [This link will take you to a copy of our 2020-21 Calendar.](#)

School Buses and Bad Weather

We have had a spell of beautiful weather so far this year, however we all know this will not be the case for the whole winter. [This link will give you all the information you need if you have questions about School Buses and Bad Weather.](#)



Outdoor Winter Carnival Plans

Our Winter Carnival plans have resumed! Students in the Junior High “Panther Pride” option class will be working to plan a school-wide Outdoor Winter Carnival, set for Thursday, February 11th. We are looking forward to a great day of outdoor activities and festivities for our students!

Trimester Two: Junior High Options Classes

The 2nd trimester of Options classes has started for our Junior High students. [If you are curious about the options choices they have available for this trimester, this link will take you to the Course Descriptions.](#) FYI for those who don't have junior high students: Our Jr High Options are split into three trimesters, and students are able to take 2 different options in each trimester, giving them a choice of 6 different option classes per year.

Lockdown Practice

We are planning to conduct a Lockdown Practice in the month of January. [This link will take you to a write-up on our school website that outlines the reason we practice lockdowns and answers many common questions parents may have.](#) If you have any further questions please give us a call at the school and Mrs. Drake will be happy to talk with you about it (780-954-3790).

Dapp Outdoor Rink

Thank you once again to Karl Rottier and his family for the tremendous amount of work they have put into making the Dapp Outdoor Rink operational. Thank you also to the other community volunteers who helped repair the perimeter boards that were torn loose by ground heaves last spring. Our students are incredibly fortunate to have access to this great rink all winter because of the volunteers in our community. Thank you!





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Calendar of Events

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Jan 3</i>	<i>Jan 4</i> At-Home Learning	<i>Jan 5</i> Kindergarten Day At-Home Learning	<i>Jan 6</i> At-Home Learning	<i>Jan 7</i> Kindergarten Day At-Home Learning	<i>Jan 8</i> Alternate Day (No School @ PNCS)	<i>Jan 9</i>
<i>Jan 10</i>	<i>Jan 11</i> Return to At-School Learning	<i>Jan 12</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Jan 13</i>	<i>Jan 14</i> Kindergarten Day	<i>Jan 15</i> Alternate Day (No School @ PNCS)	<i>Jan 16</i>
<i>Jan 17</i>	<i>Jan 18</i>	<i>Jan 19</i> Kindergarten Day Plaid & Polka Dot Day	<i>Jan 20</i>	<i>Jan 21</i> Kindergarten Day Hot Dog Lunch \$2 per hot dog pay-on-the-day	<i>Jan 22</i> Alternate Day (No School @ PNCS)	<i>Jan 23</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Jan 26</i> Kindergarten Day Ice Cream Sale \$2 per bar pay-on-the-day	<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Jan 28</i> Kindergarten Day Skate-A-Thon	<i>Jan 29</i> PD Day (No School for Students)	<i>Jan 30</i>

[PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN 2020-2021](#)



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