



# Pembina North Community School

## February 2021 Newsletter

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### Our Sincere Thanks

Our principal, teachers and staff want to express our sincere thanks to all of our PNCS families for being so very diligent in following the current health regulations that have been set out by Alberta Health Services. As we move forward in our school year we encourage our families to stay the course by continuing to follow the AHS Daily Screening Checklist and ensuring that students in Grades 4-9 come to school with their masks and wear them accordingly. If you have any concerns about your child's schoolwork or academic progress due to extended absences, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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### Upcoming Events

#### February 1: School Council Meeting 7 pm

Our School Council will be holding a meeting on February 1st at 7:00 pm via Google Meet. All parents are welcome to attend. [Both the meeting link and the meeting agenda are posted on our webpage.](#) One of the main items on the agenda will be the presentation of the PNCS 2021-2022 proposed school calendar.



#### February 8-19: Grade 4 Bottle Drive

Our Grade 4 class will be holding a [Bottle Drive from February 8-19.](#) You can drop off your bags of bottles, cans, etc outside the front entrance of the school and our Grade 4 families will make sure they get to the bottle depot. Funds raised will go towards the May Drumheller Trip (we are still hopeful that we will be able to see this trip happen this year!)

#### February 11: Progress Reports

Progress Reports will go home on Thursday, February 11 for our K-6 students. For our junior high students, [Powerschool](#) will also be fully updated with teacher comments by February 11th. Parents of junior high students can access their marks and teacher comments through your [Powerschool Parent Account.](#) (Please give the school office a call if you need help setting up your account).





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### February 11: PNCS Winter Carnival

We've set February 11th as our date for our PNCS Outdoor Winter Carnival! Our Junior High students have been working hard to plan a fantastic Winter Carnival for the rest of the school. Plans were set into motion back in November by the Jr High Outdoor Pursuits class, and now our Jr High Panther Pride students are putting all the details together to make it happen. [Check out the attached poster \(or our webpage poster\) for more details!](#)



### February 11: Valentine's Day Activities

This year February 14th falls on a non-school day. We still want to be able to give students the opportunity to exchange Valentines cards and enjoy some Valentine fun, so here is what we are proposing for Thursday, February 11th:

- February 11th will be **Red-And-Pink Day**. Students can wear red and pink to their heart's content, however please make sure that their clothes will be suitable to fit under their coats and ski pants for their afternoon outdoor adventure time at the PNCS Winter Carnival.
- Students can bring **Valentine's to exchange** on February 11th. In order to follow our AHS guidelines in limiting items from passing from household to household, we will collect the Valentines for each child and place them in a ziplock bag. We will send the bags home with the students, and they can open and admire all their Valentines on February 14th (this meets our requirements of quarantining paper products for 72 hours as directed by AHS).
- We will be serving a **FREE LUNCH** of chicken nuggets and fries for all students. This lunch is paid for by a donation given to our school by the Pembina River Natural Gas Co-op. Please let Andrea Gibson know if you are able to help out with cooking or serving (andrea.gibson1@hotmail.com).
- We will have a special **Valentine's themed snack** for all students in the afternoon on February 11th as part of our Winter Carnival festivities.



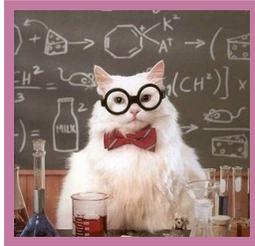
### February 18: Hotdog Sale (\$2)

We will be holding our next Hotdog Sale on Thursday, February 18th. No pre-orders are needed. Cost is \$2.00 and students can pay on sale day. We will be compiling the orders first thing in the morning on sale day, so please make sure students have their money with them in the morning. (Although....if disaster strikes and that toonie gets left behind on the kitchen counter in the morning rush, please just let the office know and we'll make sure that hotdog gets ordered. There's no need for hotdog-stress!)



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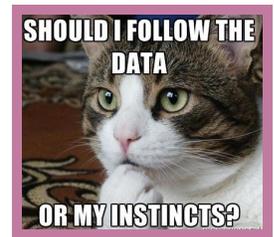
### February 18: PNCS Science Expo Registration Deadline

This year's PNCS Science Expo is going virtual! Ms. Beaver has created a great [web page](#) explaining everything you need to know about this year's PNCS Science Expo. [Participants need to fill out the registration form on the PNCS Science Expo website by the February 18th deadline.](#) Parents will also need to fill out 2 consent forms in order for us to share your child's work virtually. [The consent forms are available through your Powerschool Parent Account.](#)

We are excited to see the creativity that our students always show with their fantastic projects. We anticipate that going virtual will give our students an even greater ability to expand their projects and explorations. (...and parents get the added bonus of not having to haul all those backdrops, gizmos, thingamajigs and whatnots to and from school!)

Here are the other dates you need to know:

- February 18th: Deadline for Registration
- March 4th: Deadline for Submissions
- March 4th: Deadline for Consent Forms
- March 8th: Website will go "live" and submissions can be viewed
- March 12th: Deadline for Registration and submission of videos for the Westlock & District Virtual Science Fair



### February 24: Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day

Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day is celebrated annually around the world on the last Wednesday of February. The event started in 2007 when two Canadian students took a stand against bullying after they witnessed another student being harassed and threatened for wearing pink.

- **Wear Pink!** We encourage our students to wear something pink on February 24th to symbolize their stand against bullying.
- **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 "**What Does Kindness Mean To Me?**" [Check out the attached poster or our webpage for contest details, deadlines and prizes!](#)



### February 25: Ice Cream Sale (\$2)

Our next Ice Cream Sale will be on Thursday, February 25th. Cost is \$2 per bar. No pre-orders are needed. Students can pay on the day of the sale.





## News Items

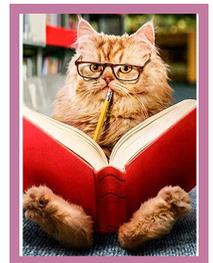
### Skate-A-Thon Success!



This year's Skate-A-Thon was once again a great success. Our community came through with huge support for the Dapp Outdoor Rink! 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 this amazing community support. We can't yet publish the total amount raised or our prize winners because we want to make the big announcement to our students on Tuesday, February 2nd when our Kindergarten students are with us at school, so stay tuned! We will send out a separate email with the final results!

### Scholastic Book Fair March 2-March 15

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will run from March 2-15 and will be held in a virtual format, with items available through a special on-line catalogue. While this is not what we are used to, we still think it will be a great opportunity for our families to purchase some excellent books for their home reading. We will provide more information later this month on order details and special purchase incentives.



### Book-Fair-Bucks (BFB's)

Last year we rewarded some of our 2020 Skate-a-Thon fundraisers with Book-Fair-Bucks. These were coupons that the students could use to purchase items at our 2020 Book Fair. Unfortunately we were dismissed from in-school learning before we were able to hold the 2020 Book Fair. We still want to honour those Book-Fair-Bucks coupons. Here's how we will make it work with this year's virtual format:

- We kept a master list of all students who won BFB's
- We will give any student who won BFB's a special order form with the amount they have available to spend
- Once the on-line catalogue is released, students can view the catalogue and choose their purchase
- Students will record the purchase details on the order form. If the purchase price exceeds the amount of BFB's available, students will need to attach the proper amount of money to complete the full price of the item
- The school will place one large on-line order for all of the BFB orders. The school will pay any shipping charges. When the items are received at the school we will distribute them to the students.



# February 2021

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	<b>Feb 1</b> <a href="#">PNCS Science Expo Website Open for Registrations</a> <a href="#">School Council Google Meeting 7:00 pm</a>	<b>Feb 2</b> Kindergarten Day Skate-A-Thon Prizes will be awarded	<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>Feb 4</b> Teacher's Convention (No School)	<b>Feb 5</b> Teacher's Convention (No School)	<b>Feb 6</b>
<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Feb 8</b> <a href="#">Gr 4 Bottle Drive Begins</a>	<b>Feb 9</b> Kindergarten Day	<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Feb 11</b> Kindergarten Day <a href="#">Red &amp; Pink Day</a> <a href="#">Free Lunch for All Students (Chicken Nuggets and Fries)</a> <a href="#">PNCS Winter Carnival</a> <a href="#">Progress Reports go home with Gr K-6; Powerschool comments updated for Gr 7-9</a>	<b>Feb 12</b> Alternate Day (No School)	<b>Feb 13</b>
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Feb 15</b> Family Day (No School)	<b>Feb 16</b> Kindergarten Day	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Feb 18</b> Kindergarten Day <a href="#">Hot Dog Sale \$2</a> <a href="#">Registration Deadline for PNCS Science Expo</a>	<b>Feb 19</b> Kindergarten Day Gr 4 Bottle Drive Final Day	<b>Feb 20</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Feb 22</b> <a href="#">Anti-Bullying Poster Contest Entries are Due</a>	<b>Feb 23</b> Kindergarten Day	<b>Feb 24</b> <a href="#">Anti-Bullying Day (Wear Pink)</a> Announcement of Poster Contest Winners	<b>Feb 25</b> Kindergarten Day <a href="#">Ice Cream Sale \$2</a>	<b>Feb 26</b> Teacher Directed Day (No School for Students)	<b>Feb 27</b>

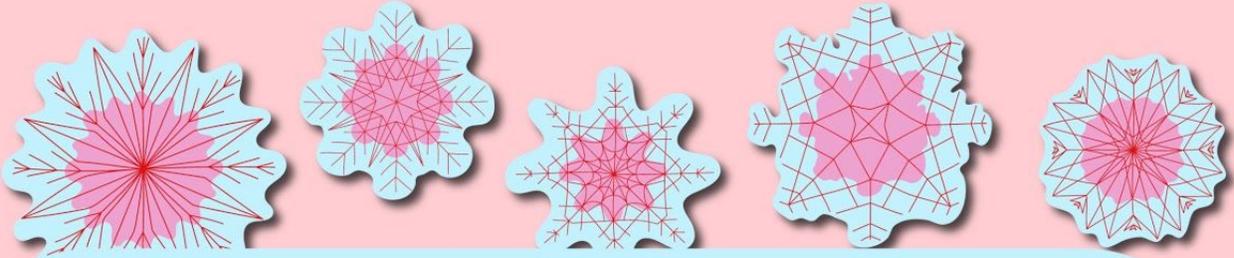
**PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN 2020-2021**



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# **PNCS WINTER CARNIVAL**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

A Special  
Afternoon  
of Outdoor  
Activities  
for our  
PNCS  
Students!

**DRESS  
WARMLY**

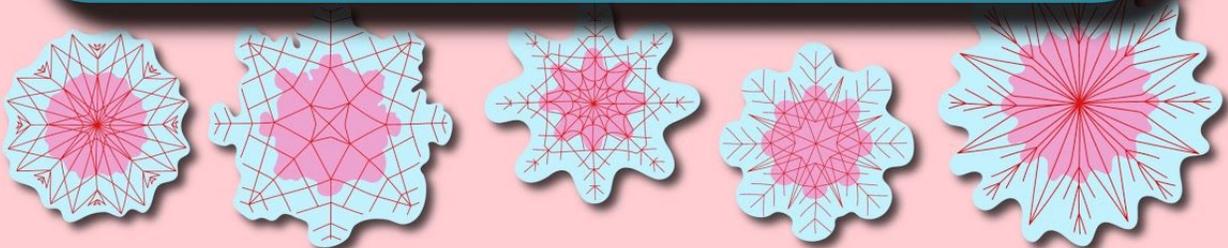
**FREE  
LUNCH**

**GAMES**

**RACES**

**RELAYS**

**SNACKS**



# **What Does Kindness Mean to Me?**

## **Poster Contest**

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

### **What Does Kindness Mean To Me?**

- Poster paper is available at the office
- Posters will be judged on creativity, neatness and how well the theme is communicated
- 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 Entry Deadline for Posters is  
Monday, February 22**