



## January 2024



PNCS  
Reads!  
Tuesday, January 9

Reading is a lifelong joy that our PNCS students and staff are privileged to enjoy! On January 9th we will be transforming our school into a special reading sanctuary, with cozy corners, nooks and forts.

All of our students and staff will gather together in these welcoming spaces to read our favourite books!

Our youngest readers will be partnered with our older students to read and enjoy their books together!



Who doesn't dream of being a Superhero?!  
ZAP! BAM! POOF! ZOOM!

On January 18th pull on your tights, strap on your cape, fasten your masks and spend the day dressed as your favourite Superhero!

### Upcoming Events:

- Jan 8**  
Back to School
- Jan 9**  
PNCS Reads!
- Jan 10**  
JH B-Ball Games @ Clyde
- Jan 12**  
Panther Day (No School)
- Jan 16**  
Ice Cream Sale \$2.00
- Jan 17**  
JH B-Ball Games @ RFS
- Jan 18**  
Superhero Day!  
Deadline for hotdog orders
- Jan 19**  
Panther Day (No School)
- Jan 20**  
JH B-Ball Tournament @ BCBS
- Jan 23**  
Hot Dog Paid Lunch
- Jan 25**  
Skate-A-Thon!
- Jan 26**  
Panther Day (No School)
- Jan 30**  
Free Pizza Lunch  
JH B-Ball Home Games
- Feb 1**  
Gr 6 B-Ball Mini-Tournie @ Spirit Centre in afternoon
- Feb 2**  
PD Day (no school for students)
- Feb 5**  
School Council Mtg @ 5 pm  
JH Girls B-Ball Home Game
- Feb 6**  
Free All-School Lunch  
Jersey Day
- Feb 8-9**  
Teacher's Convention



**Ice Cream Sale**  
\$2.00  
Tues, Jan 16



A graphic for an ice cream sale. It features a purple background with a blue pushpin in the top left corner. The text "Ice Cream Sale" is written in a white, cursive font, with "\$2.00" and "Tues, Jan 16" below it. On the right side, there are several chocolate and vanilla ice cream bars on wafers. In the bottom left corner, there is a small black silhouette of a dog's head with yellow eyes.

Thank you for supporting our Ice Cream Sales. Money raised from sales goes toward our Elementary Extra-Curricular Sports Expenses.



**Hot Dog Sale**  
January 23  
\$2.50 each  
(pre-orders required)



A graphic for a hot dog sale. It features an orange background with a blue pushpin in the top right corner. The text "Hot Dog Sale" is written in a white, cursive font, with "January 23", "\$2.50 each", and "(pre-orders required)" below it. On the left side, there are several hot dogs in buns with mustard and ketchup. In the bottom left corner, there is a small black silhouette of a dog's head with yellow eyes.



Our next Hot Dog lunch is on January 23rd. Orders can be placed on-line through Powerschool. If you require a paper order form, please request one from your child's homeroom teacher. Money raised from hot dog sales goes towards school field trips.



**Free Pizza Lunch**  
Tuesday, Jan 30



A graphic for a free pizza lunch. It features a yellow background with a blue pushpin in the top left corner. The text "Free Pizza Lunch" is written in a white, cursive font, with "Tuesday, Jan 30" below it. On the right side, there are several slices of pepperoni pizza. In the bottom left corner, there is a small black silhouette of a dog's head with yellow eyes.

Through our Nutrition Funding we are able to provide another Free Pizza Lunch for our students on January 30. Students may have 2 slices. Varieties offered are cheese, pepperoni or Hawaiian.



# Skate-A-Thon

In support of the  
Dapp Outdoor Rink

Thursday, Jan 25

We are very fortunate to have unlimited use of the Dapp Outdoor Rink for our students every school day during the winter months.

On Thursday, January 25th we will be holding our  
Annual PNCS Skate-A-Thon  
in support of the Dapp Outdoor Rink.

Pledge forms will be available for those students who want to help raise money. Funds raised will all go towards the Dapp Community Council who look after the maintenance and upkeep of the rink.

We will have prizes for the top individual and family fundraisers, a Snake-Cake for the class that raises the most money and anyone who raises \$20 or more will be entered into draws for additional prizes!

We will be making a schedule so all classes will get a chance to be out on the ice to take part in Skate-A-Thon activities.

We'll need help from parents (especially in the younger grades) to get all those skates tied so our kids can enjoy their time out on the ice.

If you can help tie skates, let your child's teacher know (they will communicate the skating time to you).

Our School Council will be on-site throughout the day and will be arranging all of the on-ice activities for the Skate-A-Thon! Please email our School Council Chair, Lisa Lawrence, and let her know if you can help with this part of the event: [lisamichellek@hotmail.com](mailto:lisamichellek@hotmail.com)



## Welcome Mrs. Schmidt!

We are excited to announce that we have hired Mrs. Lori Schmidt for our temporary Kindergarten position at our school beginning January 9. Mrs. Schmidt has been teaching in Leduc for the last few years and moved to Barrhead this summer. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience with early childhood programming and child development.



## We have many things to be thankful for!



Thank you to Andrea Gibson, Charlene Dechaine and all the other volunteers who prepared, cooked, served and cleaned up the fantastic Christmas Dinner last month! The dinner was amazing and you are all amazing!



Thank you to the Jarvie Community Center for allowing us to use your beautiful facility for our Christmas Dinner.

Thank you to the Pembina River Natural Gas Co-op for your donation which paid for our Christmas Dinner.

Thank you to Westlock Motors Ltd for your donation towards our school. These funds will be used for health & fitness opportunities for our students.

Thank you to Donna and Calvin Beamish for donating the potatoes for our Christmas Dinner.

We wish to express sincere thanks to all those who have sent donations to our school in memory of Dolly Gordon. These donations will be used to enhance musical/performance opportunities for our PNCS students.

Many thanks to Winding River Maintenance Ltd. (Gwen and Don Booth) for your recent donation towards our school. These funds will be used to further enhance learning opportunities for our students.

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## Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6
Jan 7	<b>Jan 8</b> Back to school! JH Boys B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm JH 3rd Semester CTF Options Start (Hockey, Drawing, French)	<b>Jan 9</b> Kindergarten Day PNCS Reads 2024 Staff vs Students Intramural Dodgeball 12:20-12:45 pm JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 10</b> JH B-Ball Games @ Clyde (Bus departs PN 3:00 pm, returns to PN 6:30 pm)	<b>Jan 11</b> Kindergarten Day JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 12</b> Panther Day (No School for Students)	Jan 13
Jan 14	<b>Jan 15</b> JH Boys B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 16</b> Kindergarten Day Ice Cream Sale JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 17</b> JH B-Ball Games @ RF Staples (Bus departs PN 2:45 pm, returns to PN 5:00 pm)	<b>Jan 18</b> Kindergarten Day Superhero Day Order Deadline for Hotdog Sale JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 19</b> Panther Day (No School for Students)	<b>Jan 20</b> JH B-Ball Tourne @ BCHS (See schedule on PNCS webpage)
Jan 21	<b>Jan 22</b> JH Boys B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 23</b> Kindergarten Day Hotdog Lunch JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 24</b> JH Boys B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 25</b> Kindergarten Day PNCS Skate-A-Thon JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 26</b> Panther Day (No School for Students)	Jan 27
Jan 28	<b>Jan 29</b> JH Boys B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Jan 30</b> Kindergarten Day Free Pizza Lunch JH B-Ball Home games vs St. Mary (Boys play 2-3 pm Girls play 3-4 pm)	<b>Jan 31</b> JH Boys B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Feb 1</b> Kindergarten Day Gr 6 B-Ball Mini Tournament @ Spirit Centre (exact times TBD - students will be back in time for afternoon buses) JH Girls B-Ball Practice 4-5:30 pm	<b>Feb 2</b> PD Day (No School for Students)	Feb 3

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