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IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 10 –
Remembrance Day
Ceremony

Nov. 11 –
Remembrance Day –
No School

Nov. 12 – 5:30pm
SAC Meeting

Nov. 12 & 13 –
Kindergarten case
conferences

Nov. 16 – Photo
retakes

A time to remember...

We are well into the school year with nine weeks having come and gone. Halloween is behind us (thankfully) and we look forward to Remembrance Day and the arrival of the Christmas season thereafter.

I would like to send a huge Thank-You to our extended school community for the support, empathy (the virtue of this month) and kind words as we navigate in-person schooling in the COVID19 era. We have all been asked to be flexible and nimble, and this has certainly been demonstrated through the first two months of school.

Unfortunately, with the COVID19 pandemic, our seasonal community service projects were postponed. So no Farm Credit Canada and Toonies for Toys campaigns, we are waiting to hear about Santa's Anonymous giving opportunities.

On the school side of things, we have established classroom routines, set goals, and continue to engage in professional learning and collaboration. As always, you are encouraged to speak with your child and certainly with the teachers about what they are learning. Engaged parents leads to more engaged students so do not wait for an invitation to begin a conversation about your son/daughter's school experience.

Pierre Ouimet

Some good news...

Late last week Alberta's Chief Medical Officer announced changes to the COVID19 daily symptom checklist. Runny nose and sore throat has been moved from the list of core symptoms that require 10 days of isolation, to the ancillary list that requires monitoring for 24 hours. This is great news for students and families. The daily checklist for adults remains unchanged. Below is the link to the updated screening tool for students. All updates can also be easily accessed on the Pembina Hills School Division website.

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf>

A few reminders...

- That students enter the school through their designated door at 8:35am.
- That with Fall and Winter straight ahead, students dress warmly and come to school prepared to spend time outdoors throughout the day.
- That all visitors to the school must wear a mask and that it fully covers their mouth and nose at all times.
- That all parents/guardians are diligent every morning, in taking an assessment of the child(ren) using the newly released Daily Health Checklist

Remembrance Day Celebration

Unfortunately we are not allowed to invite guests and gather as one large group as in years past but we will still honor our past and present veterans.....COVID style.



On Tuesday, November 10, Remembrance Day activities and celebrations will be confined to classrooms with some programming using the intercom system school-wide. We look to begin at about 10:45am.