

FOX NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 4 No School- Holiday

Sept. 13 & 14: Picture Days
See more info below

Sept. 14: Dr. Ungar parent
Presentation 7-9 pm
@ CATs theater

Sept. 15: PD Day- no school

Sept. 21 Long Distance Run
at Golf Course for
Gr. 4-6 students who
are participating.

Sept. 22 Terry Fox Run
Please donate a \$1 or
\$2

Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 29- No School
National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation (Stat)

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope that you had a great summer with family and friends. School staff have been busy prepping their classrooms and were excited to meet their students last week!

We have had several renovations throughout the summer. Our Gr. 5/6 bathrooms have been renovated and the school office. Out front you will see a new gazebo. Thank you to School Council for overseeing this project. It looks amazing. We are still waiting for swings to be installed on both playgrounds. Due to the rain over summer, this hasn't happened yet. We also have a new outdoor digital sign being installed on the gym wall. This will be up and running in the next few weeks.

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it out for our Open House. We had our biggest turnout yet!

Mr. Robert Weiss, Associate Principal and myself look forward to the year ahead working with our students, parents and community members.

Sincerely,
Amber Monteath
Principal

Office news...



Office hours are 8am-3:45 pm. If Mrs. Fifield or Mrs. Kallal cannot answer the phone, please leave a message and they will return your call.

We would like all visitors, parents and guardians to check in at the office before proceeding to any classroom. Forgotten lunches, clothing etc. can be dropped off in the office and we will either call your child down or deliver at the appropriate time. This is for the safety of our students and staff and less disruptions during instructional time.

Student Absences...

If you know ahead of time of an appointment for your child, please notify the homeroom teacher. Should an absence not be known in advance please call the school first thing in the morning as attendance is done by 9:15 AM. A phone call will be made home if we are unaware of your child's absence.

Any student arriving after 10:00 am will be absent on the attendance for that morning. If students must leave before 1:00 pm they will be marked absent for the afternoon.

Student messages or change of plans...

Please write in your child's agenda or send a note for your child's homeroom teacher letting them know when daily routines are going to change. This greatly reduces the chance that a message gets lost.

When this is absolutely NOT possible and information has to be passed along to children please call the office **BEFORE 3:00 PM**, leaving office staff sufficient time before dismissal.

Those students who ride the school bus, please inform your bus driver if your child will not be on the bus. This should prevent students from accidentally getting on the bus when they shouldn't be.



Fees...



Parent Powerschool



Invoices will be sent home this week for student fees. All fees can be paid online through your parent Powerschool account. If you forget your password or require help, please call the office.

Payments by cash or cheque are accepted as well. Mrs. Kallal is in the office (Mon-Thurs) from 8:45 am to 3:30 pm to accept payments.

Time to update your Annual Enrollment forms via PowerSchool Parent...

Gr. 1-6 Annual Enrollment Verification forms, as well as walking forms, FOIP, Technology, etc. will be accessible in Powerschool Parent portal. This updates your vital information with us. We recommend that you do this on a computer versus your cell phone.

Parents will receive an automatic email from Pembina Hills (School Engage) in early September indicating they need to update their child's school enrollment information and to complete this form.

Please complete these forms by Sept. 15 through the PowerSchool Parent Portal (select the New Registration & Enrollment Verification link in the bottom of the left menu). Instructions on how to complete it will also be listed in the email notification.

Please note that if the walking permission form is not completed, your child will not be able to leave the school grounds with the classroom teacher.

Outside school doors locked...

Please note that all school doors will be locked during school hours. [If your child arrives after 8:50 am, please send them to the front doors.](#)

If you need to drop off something for your child, there is a doorbell on the right hand side of the front main doors.

8:35 am- students to enter the school

8:48 am- announcements/O Canada

8:51 am- period 1

11:28 am-11:58 am- recess

11:58 am-12:18 pm- lunch time

1:51 pm- 2:21 pm- recess

3:25 pm- dismissal

We also ask that parents wait outside in the morning and after school to drop off or pick your child. Each classroom has been given a designated spot to line up. An adult supervisor is there to greet and let students in when the bell rings.

Parking lot and bus lane...

Please use the south parking lot when arriving at school with a vehicle. Pay attention to the **No Parking** signs and **yellow and blue curbing** in front of the school. These areas are NOT to be used to park vehicles, attended or unattended, for any length of time. By-law enforcement and the Fire Department authorities help us monitor this area throughout the year and can issue \$80 parking tickets.



Also, **do not enter the bus lane** when dropping off or picking up your child, specifically

between **8:15 – 8:55** and again between **3:00 – 3:40**.

If you are parked behind the Rec Center or Community Hall, use the sidewalk to go to and from the school. For safety reasons we ask all students to do this, so the adults must as well. We also ask that parents parked in this area not use the bus lane to cut through to the main road.

Goal setting meetings..

Our first round of parent teacher conferences will be Tues. Oct. 11 & Wed. Oct. 12. These meetings will be in person. Parents will need to book online to set up a time. More information and the online booking system will be available early Oct. We will notify parents once this system is up and running.

Picture Day...

Wed. Sept. 13- WPREP, K, Grade 1, 2, 6

Thurs. Sept. 14- WPREP, K, Grade 3, 4, 5, French Immersion 3/4 & 5/6

Retake Day: October 12



School Council AGM Meeting...

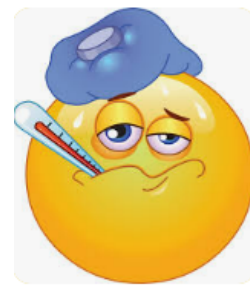
Our first WES School Council meeting this year will be held Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 5:00pm. This will be an in-person meeting in the school library. The meeting will begin by voting in the executive board. Regular meeting will follow.

Student Illnesses...

Please keep your child home if he/she has one of the following symptoms:

Fever, Sore Throat, Coughing (uncontrollable), Vomiting and Diarrhea.

We want to keep our students and staff as healthy as possible.



Medications...

As per PHSD Medication policy (F 5-23) medication should be brought to school appropriately labeled by the pharmacy in the original prescription container. Medication should be brought to school by the parent, not the student.

Please stop by the school office to fill out the appropriate forms.

Foxes Treats...

Every Friday, students can purchase "Foxes Treats". Each week a variety of treats are listed for students to buy for \$2. Throughout the year we sell chocolate bars, ice cream, popcorn etc. This is a Grade Six fundraiser for Outdoor Ed that occurs in June.

Starting next week, you will be able to purchase a \$20 prepaid card. Teachers will keep these in the classroom. Students can bring \$20 to the office to purchase their card.

You can find the weekly Foxes Treats on our [website](#). Click on Student & Parent Info and then Foxes Treats.

Orange Shirt Day...

On September 28, we ask all students and staff to wear orange to show support and honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. During this week, staff will take the opportunity to educate our students regarding the residential school experience of Canada's Indigenous people.

Family Feud Debut...



If you haven't already heard, five staff members got the opportunity of a lifetime to participate in Teachers' week on Family Feud. Congrats to Mrs. Roberts, Miss Biberdorf, Mme Thompson, Mrs. Evans and Miss Johnston.

The episode will be airing **Monday, Sept. 18 @ 5:30 on CBC**. *There is a PG rating due to some possible content that may be aired.*

We look forward to seeing if WES wins!

Dr. Ungar Presentation for Parents...

If you wish to attend, please call the school at 780-349-3385. There is limited seating.

Pembina Hills School Division is pleased to offer a **free evening parent session** with

DR. MICHAEL UNGAR

Renowned expert on resilience, parenting and risk

Nurturing Resilience: Nine Ways Families, Schools and Communities can Help Children Thrive

In this fast-paced, story-filled presentation, Dr. Ungar will show that our children's resilience is much more than their individual ability to overcome adversity and just as much the result of how well their families, schools and communities work together.

Dr. Ungar will also provide nine practical strategies that parents, caregivers and educators can use to help children heal, regardless of a child's emotional, psychological or behavioral issues.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

7:00-8:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Coffee will be available

R.F. Staples Secondary School Theatre

RSVP to your school's principal
to ensure adequate space