



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Penhold Elementary School- A Safe and Caring School Community

Penhold Elementary School actively promotes safety and community with our students. We want our children to be both safe and happy at school. This month, we have focused on the understanding and practice of our Panther 5 Values which make our school and community a **GREAT** Place! These Panther 5 values are present in every day interactions and learning for all of our students. Our Panther 5 are:

- 1. Growing Citizenship**
- 2. Respect and Responsibility**
- 3. Excellence Through Effort**
- 4. Active and Healthy**
- 5. Truthful and Trustworthy**

Here are some examples of how Penhold Elementary School staff, parents and students help to create a safe and caring environment:

- **Academic and Social Development** – are equally important at PES and why so much of our time is spent on character education.
- **Extra-curricular activities** – such as the Panther Cub Sports Programs provide social development along with great memories for our students.
- **PES Safety and Security Plan** – outlines how drills, supervision, first aid, and building security protect our students and staff on a daily basis and also in the event of an emergency situation.
- **Student Recognition** – comes in the form of daily encouragement, pictures, cards, positive phone calls, Panther Paw Tickets, Student of the Month and positive recognition to proudly acknowledge students as they demonstrate their personal successes.
- **Thinking of the Others** – motivates us as a school community to support organizations such as the Terry Fox Run. This year, our school raised a total of \$616.60 for the Marathon of Hope.

We feel fortunate to be a part of your child's life. We want to thank-you for working so closely with us each day to bring your child success at Penhold Elementary School. We will continue to be dedicated to Penhold Elementary being a safe and caring school. Our students have been enjoying the Nutrition Program once again this year! Fresh fruit, yogurt parfaits, smoothies, waffles, sausages, cereal, breakfast sandwiches, biscuits, and english muffins have all been on the menu, and were a hit with the kids!

Our ADmazing fundraiser has kicked off - this is our biggest fundraiser which helps to off set costs of field trips for our students. Coupon books are \$25.00, please refer to this [letter](#) for more detailed information. Last day of sales is October 15th.

Thank-you for helping us work together to keep all of our children safe and cared for. Together we will make a difference in the lives of all children!

Yours in Education,

Lisa Baird - Principal & Giselle Meyer- Vice Principal

School Council and Parent Advisory Council

Our next School Council, and Parent Advisory Council meeting is **October 12th at 7:00pm.**

Please come join us at the school. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend! We would love to hear your questions and feedback

If you have any questions or would like more information about the council; please email: penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Important Dates

- October 1st - FMNI Day & Orange Shirts
- October 5th- World Teacher Day
- October 6th- Crazy Hat Day
- October 8th & 11th- No School
- October 12th- Parent Council Meeting
- October 15th- ADmazing Sales Due
- October 22nd- No School
- October 26th- Picture Retake Day
- October 28th- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- October 29th - Halloween at PES

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Parent/Teacher interviews will be held virtually on **October 28th from 3:30pm until 7:30pm.** Our teachers will be holding interviews through Google Meet or Phone Calls. Parents/Guardians will sign up for a specific time.

More information to come from your homeroom teacher in the coming weeks.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT - MR. KURT SACHER

In Chinook's Edge School Division, we take pride in building meaningful relationships and trust with our students. This is a critically important foundation for creating a safe and caring environment in our schools. I want you to know that our caring staff are as committed to developing your child's well-being as they are to ensuring they learn at the highest levels possible, even in difficult times.

Throughout the pandemic it has been a struggle for all of us at different times along the way. Safety is always on our minds as we work hard to consistently follow the guidelines from Alberta Health. We are very proud of our staff for all that they continue to do to support your child in finding success in spite of what is taking place all around us.

In the days ahead we want to not only be safe during the pandemic, but to also be prepared for the hazards of winter weather. We know from previous years that winter weather can fall upon us at any time. Please make yourself and your child aware of our inclement weather procedures so that no one is caught off guard by an interruption in busing service or a brief school closure.

Please take a moment to visit our Inclement Weather procedures and ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather when they either ride one of our buses or walk to school on a cold day.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

READY TO LEARN IN OUR SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS

For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please visit our [website](#).



SCHOOL RETAKES
OCTOBER 26TH

Fees have been added to guardian accounts. Please log into **Student Quick Pay** for payments

HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 30TH BY 8:00AM