



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

The month of October flew by! Learning continues to take place in each of our classrooms with a focus on essential outcomes. We appreciate all of those who are helping their children login to Google Classroom when their child(ren) are away. We are officially off of Outbreak Status from AHS, and have no current Covid-19 cases linked to our building. If AHS confirms a positive case within the school, we will send a school wide letter home to inform families.

We have welcomed Ms. Kiera, our YES Program (Youth Empowerment and Success) worker. Kiera has been running small groups activities at lunch and after school as well as targeted lessons throughout the day in classrooms. The students have been thoroughly enjoying these groups, and are learning valuable life skills. A focus on kindness was felt through our entire building this past month.

As we begin the month of November, we reflect on all the things we are thankful for. We are thankful for the men and women who wore their uniforms in past and current conflicts to protect our freedom. Thank you to our parent/guardian community for trusting the staff at Penhold Elementary School to support your children while we have them, we do so with the utmost care, compassion and kindness. Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers; Entripy Clothing, ADmazing Sales and Hot Lunch. These fundraisers generate revenue for our school to move our literacy programming forward by purchasing books, and subsidize the cost of field trips. Thank you to all the families who logged in virtually to connect with our teachers during Parent/Teacher Interviews. We had an excellent turn out! These meetings reinforce the positive effects of the partnership between home and school, as the relationship is vital for each student's success.

On November 10th, at 11:00am our classrooms will be logging in virtually for the school wide Remembrance Day Assembly. Although the ceremony will be different this year, as we cannot all gather together, we continue to teach the importance of this historic day to our students.

On October 25th, we switched up our whole school recesses to graded recesses as recommended by the Alberta Government and Alberta Health Services. Specific rules have been put into place for the students to maintain their safety and the safety of others. Each grade will have their own soccer field to play on, and their own zones to play in for the day. Grades will move zones from one day to the next. We are fortunate to have a large playground, swing set, basketball court and field area for the students to play on. Our students continue to be resilient as new changes are implemented and mandated from the Alberta Government.

Thank-you for helping us work together to keep all of our children safe and cared for. We feel fortunate to be a part of your child's life. 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 **November 9th 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

- November 9th- Parent Council Meeting
- November 10th- Remembrance Day Assembly (wear red and black)
- November 11th and 12th- No School
- November 19th- Jersey Day
- November 26th- No School

November Hot Lunches

- Nov. 2- Taco in a bag
- Nov. 4- Sausage Rolls
- Nov. 9- Chef Salad
- Nov. 16- Chicken Alfredo
- Nov. 18- Quiznos
- Nov. 23- Chicken or Beef Pot Pie
- Nov. 25- Pizza from Pizza Pizza
- Nov. 30- Lasagna



December hot lunch orders are due on NOVEMBER 25th by 8:00am

Bring YOUR own DEVICE (BYOD)

As Chinook's Edge continues to move toward a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) model, we'd like to suggest that the upcoming holiday season may be an opportunity to consider purchasing this learning tool to your child. Chromebooks will allow students the opportunity to engage with learning content, both inside school and at home. For more detailed information on BYOD in Chinook's Edge, please visit <https://www.cesd73.ca/parents/byod>.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT- MR. KURT SACHER

In Chinook's Edge, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all of our students achieve success. We are very much aware of the disruptions your child may have faced over portions of the past three school years. As a result, we need to focus on the social emotional well-being for students and staff now more than ever. In light of this, we currently have hundreds of Educational Assistants, Teachers, Administrators and a variety of other staff receiving additional training and support through what we are calling our SEW (Social Emotional Well-being) Certification Series. We are also working on a SEW curriculum for our high school students.

In addition to these SEW efforts, our staff are working very hard to assess any learning gaps and to provide appropriate support for students as we move forward. Our staff are continuing to provide high quality learning environments to ensure that your child is successful in their learning. Our staff are also making great progress with processes like our Collaborative Response Model, where teams of staff come together to share their best thinking so they can help any student who might be struggling academically or in a social emotional area.

We are all working hard for our students so that we can face our new reality of a quickly changing world with the strength and hope that is needed for the future.

In closing, please join me in congratulating our newly elected and reconfirmed Board of Trustees. I truly believe they have become trustees because they share a deep passion to help and support your children. I have provided you with their latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED.



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

HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 25TH BY 8:00AM