



# PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Hard to believe the month of December is already here!! Our students continue to show resiliency and compassion as they navigate through this pandemic. Learning continues to move forward each and every day in our classrooms. The students have set goals, and are working towards accomplishing these. Our staff recognize the impact this pandemic continues to have on our youth. We are seeing a higher rise in Mental Health concerns which effects students coming to school, their social connections and their ability to perform academically. We reflect on the impact of students perception of a normal learning environment. It has been 3 years since our students had a 'normal school year'. The YES program, as well as Family School Wellness can continue to support our students and their needs.

A huge thank you to our staff who provide wrap around support for our students and their families. They are pushing students academically, and trying to fill in the gaps of disrupted learning loss which took place the last two years during this pandemic. In order to meet the needs of our students, our entire school has been trained in the school divisions SEW Training (Social Emotional Wellness). The training has given our staff the skills to respond to our students complex needs.

In the month of December, we are focusing on giving back to our community and being Global Citizens. We will be running two fundraiser, both supporting those in need. We will be collecting mittens, hats and socks to donate to the Safe Harbor Society, and Potters Hands. Students are encouraged (if they are able) to bring items, and place them on the tree outside of the office. All items will be donated before Christmas Break to those in need.

The grade 4's in Mrs. Matthie's classroom are selling candy canes from the 1st of December to the 16th for \$1.00 each. Students are allowed to purchase as many as they would like to give to friends and family members. All candy canes will be delivered to classrooms on the 15th of December for students to take home. All funds raised will be donated to the Women's Shelter of Red Deer.

If you and your family are traveling during the holiday season, please refer to this [one pager](#) from Division Office.

On December 14th, we will be having a School Wide Turkey Dinner put on by our own Mrs. Tindall and the staff at PES! Students will receive a meal with all the fixings; turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and a fresh dinner bun! We are tremendously fortunate to offer this event to our students, and hope they enjoy it as much as the staff do!

We are busy putting together Christmas Hampers for the community of Penhold. If you know of a family in need (your own family included) who would benefit from this, please give us a call at (403-886-4390) and we will add the name to the list. All names, and families are kept confidential. We are happy to be able to give back to our families.

We truly hope that our students, families, and staff members are able to find time to connect, relax, reflect, and enjoy down time together this holiday season! We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Mrs. Baird, Principal of Penhold Elementary School

Chinook's Edge students, staff and families continue to show incredibly strong and courageous examples of good citizenship. Our schools are filled with people who are achieving success despite competing priorities, who are reaching out with acts of kindness, and who are investing their time and resources to make this holiday season a special one for their neighbours.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. Our division is filled with compassionate and innovative global citizens, just as it is outlined in our vision statement. We take good care of one another in Chinook's Edge, as we look beyond our current global challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office team are incredibly grateful for the hard work and perseverance that is ever-present in our schools. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Kurt Sacher  
Superintendent of Schools

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

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

### SCHOOL WIDE TURKEY DINNER

To celebrate the Christmas Season at Penhold Elementary School, our students and staff will be participating in a free plated **Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on December 14th** during lunch time, which will be cooked and served by our Nutrition Coordinator, Mrs. Tindall and the staff at PES. With all the changes taking place around the province, we want to find way to come together, find cheer and celebrate all the **GREAT** things we have in our lives, like each other! The meal will be individually plated for each student, and served to them in their classroom. Social distancing guidelines, and sanitization precautions will all be in place for the meal.

### Important Dates @ PES

- December 1st- Report Cards Go Home
- December 10th- No School
- December 14th- Turkey Dinner & Christmas Sweater Day
- December 15th- Red and Green Day
- December 16th- Christmas Sock Day
- December 17th- Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day
- December 18th- January 3rd- Christmas

### December Hot Lunches

- Dec. 2- Chicken Burgers, chips and juice
- Dec. 7- Butter Chicken, rice and naan
- Dec. 9- Little Caesars
- Dec. 14- School Wide Turkey Dinner
- Dec. 16-Subway



**January Lunch Orders due December 16th by 8:00am. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### MITTEN TREE at the OFFICE

We will be collecting mittens and socks on the front tree outside of the office. All mittens and socks will be donated to Potter's Hands and Safe Harbor Society.

### Candy Cane Sales

Grade 4 students will be selling candy canes for \$1.00 from the 1st to the 15th of December. All money raised will go to the Women's Outreach Centre.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT - MR. KURT SACHER**

**COMPASSIONATE AND INNOVATIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS**



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**HOT LUNCH ORDERS FOR JANUARY ARE DUE DECEMBER 16TH BY 8:00AM**

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