

Principal- Mrs. Lisa Baird & Vice- Principal- Mrs. Giselle Meyer

# Important Dates

- February 5th- Student of the Month Assembly
- February 9th- Professional Learning Day- No school for students
- February 13th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- February 14th- Kindness
  Day-School Dance- Pink Shirt Day
- February 15th- Ski Day at Canyon Ski Hill
- February 19th-23- Winter Break/Teachers Convention- No school for students
- February 28th- Students vs. Staff hockey game over at the Multiplex
- February 29th- Hot Lunch Orders are due for March

#### Up and Coming...

- March 4th- Student of the Month Assembly at 2:15pm
- March 8th- No School-Professional Learning Day
- March 12th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- March 20th and 21st- Parent Teacher Interviews

#### School Fees

If you have not done so already, please login to <u>Student Quickpay</u> to pay your child's school fees. CTF Option Fees and Agenda fees have been posted to your account already this school year.

# From the Principal's Desk

The long month of January has come and gone! We survived a cold snap, indoor recesses, a ton of ice on the playground, and some fun taking place inside of our classroom walls!

Our students had the opportunity to enjoy Mission Impossible down in the gym during Physical Education, and the last two weeks students have been curling with our Rocks and Rings program. We have some natural curlers here at PES! Our grade 6 students were invited to the live curling event, Grand Slam in Red Deer and took in spectating the event.

Many of our classes have taken the opportunity to showcase their global citizenship skills by shovelling driveways and sidewalks through the town of Penhold! It is important for our kids to learn the importance of giving back to the community! There have been many thankful and grateful phone calls from residents, as well as some elderly citizens coming outside of their homes to thank the kids for their hard work!

Worldwide Literacy Day was celebrated here at PES with a school community reading event where our teachers read to classes other than their own, and the students enjoyed the Panther Cafe down in the library where they sipped on warm drinks, and enjoyed some cafe treats like brownies and cookies.

We have a number of fun activities taking place in the coming weeks: Kindness Day, Valentines Day Dance, Candy Gram Sales, our first Ski Day of the year, and our Students vs. Staff Hockey game!

Our Report Card system, Parent Portal had some major glitches school division wide, which have yet to be figured out. They are working on the issues, and our hope is that we can push Report Cards out soon! Parents and Guardians can still view the marks and assessments through the parent portal.

On February 28th, we will be hosting a Staff vs. Students hockey game over at the Multiplex! We have 32 students signed up to play along with 15 staff members! Our Parent Council is providing some snacks for the students in the stands who are watching the game! We will also be hosting a "chuck the puck fundraiser"... the puck closest to the center of the ice will win a Candy Basket provided by Parent Council!

We are looking forward to another fun month here at PES!

As always, if you have any questions, please give me a call at the office. 403-886-4390

Yours in Education, Mrs. Lisa Baird Principal of PES



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# Skiing at PES!

Our first Ski Day is coming up on February 15th. Please make sure that your child (ren) are dressed appropriately for the day. They need to have snow pants, winter jacket, gloves and warm socks. A bagged lunch should also be packed!

### Hot Lunches

Our hot lunches are up on student quick pay and ready for purchasing for the months of March and April. Ms. Boorman will be making many of hot lunch items in house! The students were a huge fan of her homemade pasta and sauce along with her chicken quesadillas!

### Panther Sports

A huge thank you to Ms. Boone, Ms. Eberts, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Deckert for donating their time to afterschool programming! At this time, we are running Grade 4 and Grades % Basketball after school.

A special thanks to Mr. Blake Jackson, a parent volunteer who is assisting with Grade % Basketball.

Our students are having a blast and developing more skills such as dribbling, shooting and passing.

### Grade 4,5 & 6 Lunch Intramurals

Students have the option to attend some intramural programming in the gym at lunchtime on their selected grade level day. Games such as floor hockey, badminton, volleyball, basketball will be played. Thanks to our staff for putting these on for the kids!

#### **Report Cards**

Please take some time to view your child's marks on the Parent Portal. At this time, we are waiting on Division Office to send out the Report Cards once the portal has been reset and all marks are uploaded. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

# Parent Council

Our next meeting is <u>February 13th, 2024 at 7:00pm!</u> Please come out and join us. Meeting will be held in the staff room at PES.

Come on out and hear what's going on in our school community. PAC wants to say a huge "Thank-you" to all parent sand volunteers who have contributed so far this year in volunteering their time and efforts in support of our school community.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in volunteering opportunities, you can email our executive at penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

## Penhold Panther School Values

For our monthly assemblies, these are some of the qualities that teachers and staff are looking for in our students.

The mission of Penhold School is to establish academic, creative and social excellence in students while promoting understanding and tolerance of others through their own positive self-concept.

> Penhold School is a "GREAT Place to Learn!"

The Panther Five: G = Growing Citizenship R = Respect and Responsibility E = Excellence through Effort A = Active and Healthy T = Truthful and Trustworthy



# Some of the FUN around PES....



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Penhold is at great risk of losing its minor soccer program. Currently there is no board to run the 2024 season

We are holding a meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Penhold Drop In Center and invite everyone to attend to save Penhold Minor Soccer. Visit www.penholdsoccer.ca for more information and get involved!

