

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

#### **Important Dates**

- January 6th- First Day Back for students and the First Day of **Options Round #2**
- January 13th-Student of the Month Assembly for December at 2:15pm
- January 14th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm in the staffroom
- January 22nd & 23rd-Astrodome visiting PES
- January 23rd-Literacy Day
- January 23rd-Hot Lunch Orders are due
- January 24th-Ski Day #1 at Canyon
- January 30th- Professional **Development Day- No School**
- January 31st- No School

#### **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.

Swimming fees will be added to student accounts before they start swimming. All swimming fees need to be paid in advance for students to swim.

Please connect with Mrs. Baird or Mrs. Meyer at the office if you need some support with school fees!

We now have a DEBIT Machine at the school office\*\*\*

#### From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we embark on the exciting journey that is 2025. I hope that each of our students had a magical Christmas with lots of time outdoors in the beautiful weather we had, filled with time surrounded by family and friends! My staff are anticipating that our halls of Penhold Elementary School will be buzzing with energy as we return from the winter break, and hope that the students return refreshed and ready for a fantastic start to the new year on the 6th.

As we delve into January, it is a time of reflection and renewal. It's a chance for us to set new goals, embrace fresh opportunities, and build upon the successes of the past. Here at PES, we are committed to providing an enriching and supportive learning environment for our students, and we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

#### A few important reminders:

Attendance Matters: Regular attendance is crucial for academic success. Please ensure that your child attends school on time every day. If your child is unwell, be sure to notify the school office or your child's teacher. Kids get sick, and we appreciate when you keep them at home when ill. If you would like work to complete on those days, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Stay Connected: Follow us on our Facebook Page to stay updated on school news, events, and important announcements. Our school website is also a valuable resource for information.

Weather Advisory: As we know, January tends to bring cooler weather in Central Alberta. Please be mindful of weather conditions, and check your phones and email before school in case of inclement weather days regarding any potential school closures or busing cancellations.

We have a number of things taking place at PES over the next few weeks including: student of the month assembly, visit from the Astrodome, literacy day, our first ski day, Mission Impossible down in the gym, among tons of learning taking place!

A reminder that there is no January report card this year. We are piloting the Power Teacher Pro/ Power School Program, and our teachers are working hard at inputting marks, and comments on your child's academic progress on a regular basis. If you have yet to login to PowerSchool, please connect with the office or your child's teacher for assistance!

On January 13th, we have our school wide assembly. Student of the month awards will be given to a number of students who have shown the 'Panther Five' characteristics. Please join us for this assembly at 2:15pm! If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will contact you. We are hoping to reveal the new logo and mascot!

As we embark on this new chapter together, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, achievement, and memorable moments for our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful January filled with inspiration and success! 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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#### **PES December Assembly**

January 13th @ 2:15pm

We will be celebrating students who have shown the character trait of student showing PATIENCE!

#### **PES Hot Lunches**

Can be found on our <u>Calendar</u>

#### Parent and School Council Update

Parent Advisory Council wants to wish all our families and students a happy 2025!

#### Upcoming events:

Watch out for a collaborative fundraiser with Jesse Duncan Elementary School in the new year.

The next **<u>Parent Advisory Council meeting</u>** is January 14th at 7:00pm at the school. All are welcome!

<u>Commemorative End of Era shirts</u> and hoodies are available for sale. Check out our Facebook page or email <u>penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Thank you to all those who contributed and participated in our Bad Caroling Christmas event. Much fun (and bad singing) was had by all!

#### Leadership Activities

<u>**Candy Canes:**</u> Ms. Wiggins and the leadership students worked hard to promote and sell all of the candy canes! They did a fantastic job, and raised over \$500.00 for our Valentine's Day Dance and activities.

**Food Drive:** The winner of our food drive challenges were 4 Boone and 6 Fletcher! Thanks to all the families who supported this initiative. We were able to make 8 hampers of food that were delivered to families within the Penhold and Springbrook areas.

Locker Decorating: Our students did an amazing job decorating their lockers to get our building into the festive spirit! Thanks to the parents and guardians who supplied the many supplies that were used!

## <u>Penhold Waskasoo Middle</u>

Penhold Waskasoo Middle School (PWMS) is on time! The construction crews were hard at work the entire Christmas vacation, and things are progressing as expected! All the exterior walls are being closed in, and the interior walls, electrical and HVAC system are being installed. Furniture, LED outdoor sign, and LED gym screen have been

ordered!

Thanks to everyone who voted for the new animal of PWMS..... The winner is....

#### The Waskasoo Red Wings

The logo is being designed as we speak, and a vote will be taking place the first week of January by students. An email will be going out to parents as well the first week back!

### Canyon Ski/Board at PES

Our skiing permission forms have gone out! Please check your email and complete them as soon as possible. The skiing fees have also been added to student quick pay accounts.

#### Please note: All outstanding fees need to be paid before students can attend skiing.

Ski dates are: January 24th & February 7th

Students who are staying back at school will be split into two rooms. Learning and activities will be provided by the teachers staying back.

#### <u>Grade 4, 5 & 6 Lunch Intramurals</u>

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.

A huge thanks to Mrs. Hanett for setting up the Mission Impossible program down in the gym for the students to use for 2 weeks in January!





PYC is a safe, healthy, supervised environment for youth to hang out and participate in fun, interactive, and age appropriate activities.

n School Time: Wednesdays 3:00-5:00pm Fridays 3:00-5:00pm

Penhold Multiplex , 2nd floor beside Kids Kingdom.

At PYC your voice is heard and you are provided the guidance, resources, and support you need to advocate for yourself and turn your ideas into reality.

Questions? PYC Youth Coordinator Amanda can be reached @ 403-886-4567/ alindgren@townofpenhold.ca

The Penhold Youth Club registration form can be picked up at the Penhold Municipal Office (2nd Floor, Penhold Regional Multiplex) or during program hours NO REGRISTRATION COST! PROGRAM IS FREE

Penhold January 2025 Grades 4-6						strict
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO PYC!	2	3 NO РУС!	4
		7	8 No Bake Baking!	9	10 Chicken Day!	11
	3		15 Monster Inc. Day	1 6	l 7 Tin Creations	18
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# Kick Ott The New Year!

## **5WK REGISTERED SESSION Starts January 15th**

TIME: 5:30 PM **Penhold Elementary School Gym** 





We are thankful to the many community organizations and businesses that have supported our playground fundraising goals over the past several years! We are VERY close to our goal and our playground dreams are becoming a very close reality!



Penhold School Parent Council & Penhold Elementary School

\*Includes \$250,000 from Alberta Education