### **Important Dates**

- April 3rd- Parent Engagement Night for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons.
- April 4th- Pie the Principals at 2:30pm
- April 7th- Student of the Month Assembly at 2:15pm
- April 8th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm in Staff Room
- April 9th- Pizza with the Principals for Award Winners
- April 9th to 11th- First Nations Residency
- April 11th- First Nations Pow Wow in the gym at 1:30pm
- April 18th to April 27th- No School-Spring Break!
- April 29th- Flower Sales Cut Off

\*\*\*\*Have you had a chance to fill out the Chinook's Edge School Division Survey? If not, please click the following link. We value your feedback as it helps us to plan for the upcoming school year! \*\*\*\*

### **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

Someone keeps reminding us that Spring is here, however, there seems to be more and more snow showing up! Hopefully the warmer weather is around the corner!

March was an incredible month with some fantastic school wide events taking place around the building! Our second annual Makers Market was tremendously successful! Our students enjoyed showcasing their homemade goods and making sales to both old and young! Overall, more that \$2400.00 worth of goods were sold. Basketball for Grades 4-6 came to an end, and students celebrated with their coaches!

We have a number of fundraisers taking place at PES to support the purchasing of athletic jerseys for the new Penhold Waskasoo Middle School. Our school wide Spring Hanging Baskets went live on March 4th. All sales are due by April 29th. Please use this <u>Blue Grass Fundraiser Link</u> to purchase your flowers. All flowers will be delivered the week of Mother's Day on May 8th starting at 11:00am!

Our Parent Council will be running a 50/50 cash raffle through Raffle Box-"Get your Golden Eggs!" It will run starting April 14th and end on May 8th. Tickets can be purchased for the following: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 10 for \$20 and 30 for \$50. Get your tickets before they sell out!

Pie the Principal will be taking place on Friday, April the 4th! We welcome Parents and Guardians to come and take in the fun.... And also donate to throw a pie at your favorite staff members! All funds raised will be going to the athletic jerseys at Penhold Waskasoo Middle School! Both Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Meyer and are ready to take a few pies to the face, along with a few teachers who have stepped up to join in the "whipping good fun!"

Thank you to all the families who came and supported our evenings of Parent/Teacher Interviews. We had a number of things happening in the building those nights: Makers Market, PAC Bake Sale, and Book Fair! Interviews bridge the connection between home and school. It is important for our students to feel like we all work as a team in their success in education!

Our students truly enjoyed the Alien Inline Skating Program this past week, and gained great skill and confidence as they skated around the gym, This program is paid by our hot lunch program- so thank you for supporting the hot lunches! The cost for each student is roughly \$25.00 each.

Please join Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Meyer this Thursday for our Parental Engagement Night where we will be talking and sharing ideas for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School. Please register using the <u>following link</u>.

Mark your calendars for our End of Era Celebration where previous students and staff, as well as community members can come and say their goodbyes to "Penhold School" before it gets torn down! This will be held on Sunday, June 1st, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

We've been selected by CESD to host a Indigenous Residency. On the 9th, 10th and 11th of April, students will learn from Clare Butterfly, a Knowledge Keeper and Drummer, Dean Johnson. A tradition stew lunch and bannock will be served to all students on Friday. Parents and Guardians are invited to join us for a PowWow in the gym on the 11th at 1:30pm.

As we start booking year end field trips, a reminder that <u>all outstanding</u> <u>fees must be paid before students can attend.</u> This includes agenda fees, option fees and swimming. If you need help with these fees, please call the office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office! Happy April! Mrs. Lisa Baird- Principal of Penhold Elementary



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### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to those of you who participated in our two evenings of Parent/Teacher interviews! We had a wonderful showing of families, proving that the connection from school to home is important. A HUGE thank you to those who purchased baked goods from the bake sale, book fair and items from the Makers Market! We appreciate your support!!!!!!

### **PES Maker's Market**

A huge thank you to Mrs. Meyer for putting on the Makers Market, and a job well done to all of our students for their entrepreneurial spirit! A job well done by each of students. Over \$2400.00 was made by our students from selling their handmade goods!

### Pie the Principal

The kids have told us, there is no day better than the day they get the chance to Pie the Principal. Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Meyer look forward to taking a pie or two to the face.... anything for a good cause!

All funds raised by the students will be donated to our Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Athletic Department for the purchase of team jerseys.

This year, the top two donations in each class will get to throw a pie as well we will randomly draw 10 students from each grade who donate money to also throw a pie! Come join us on April 4th at 2:30pm down in the gym for some "whipping" good fun for a great cause!

### **Book Sales**

Mrs. Keeler is working hard at going through our current collection of books before our move to PWMS. There will be a book sale on April 11th and 14th during the lunch recess and after school until 4:00. All books will be \$1.00. All money collected will go towards new books for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School.

### **Badminton at PES**

Our Panther Badminton program has started for the Grade 4's and will be starting for the 5's and 6's. Please get the permission forms back to the corresponding teachers. ASAP!

### **PES Spring Flower Fundraiser**

Please take a look at the Flower Fundraiser from Blue Grass Sod Farms. All monies raised will go towards the new athletic jerseys for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School! To order click HERE!



Add elegance to your summer with this premium 11" hanging basket. \$30.00 each.

Quantity

1 ~

Item subtotal: \$0.00 CAD



### 12" Premium Patio Planter

Overflowing with vibrant blooms and striking accent plants, this planter is a show stopper. \$35.00 each.

Quantity

1 ~

Item subtotal: \$0.00 CAD



#### 10" Caged Tomato Plant

Enjoy homegrown tomatoes with our 10" Caged Tomato Planter—perfect for patios, decks, or any sunny spot! \$25.00 each.

Quantity

1 ~

Item subtotal: \$0.00 CAD



### 4" Strawberry Plant

Easy to grow and perfect for pots or garden beds, these hardy plants produce sweet, juicy berries throughout the summer. \$4.00 each.

Quantity

1 ~

Item subtotal: \$0.00 CAD

### **Penhold Elementary School Council**

- 1. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and bakers and parents who helped make our bake sale a smashing success. With your help we raised just over \$1500!
- 2. Raffle 50/50 is back this year! The raffle will run from April 14 May 8th. Please see poster below for more information.
- 3. Casino fundraiser! PES will be doing a casino fundraiser again this year. The dates are August 1 2nd. Please stay tuned for volunteer sign-up information.
- 4. Time is running out to order your End of Era hoodies and T-shirts. Email Parent Council at penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com to order.
- 5. Our next School Council and Parent Council meeting is April 8th at 7:00pm at the school. All are welcome to attend.
- 6. School Council is proud to help fund the Indigenous dancers & singers that will be coming on April 11th through a grant made available by the Alberta School Council Association. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the assembly that afternoon. Time TBD.

Penhold Elementary School Parent Council

## Cash Raffle Fundraiser GET YOUR GOLDEN EGGS

1 for \$5 3 for \$10 10 for \$20 30 for \$50 Easter 2025 50/50

Win up to \$10,000! Don't miss out!

April 14 - May 8

Follow our Facebook page for upcoming details.

Penhold School Parent Council.

Proceeds will support th e purchase of Athletic Apparel for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Thank you for your support!

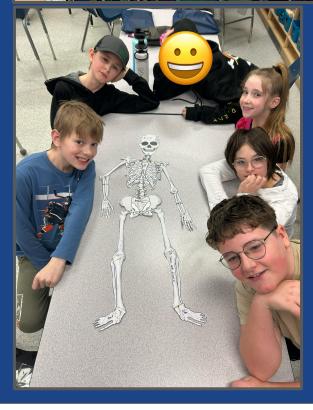


## What a Month...

A jam packed month of March with tons of learning and fun here at PES!































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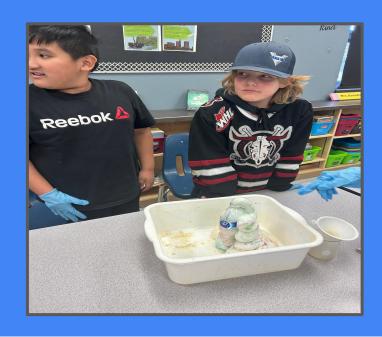














PENHOLD ELEMENTARY HOSTS AN INDIGENOUS

RESIDENCE

APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, AND 11<sup>TH</sup>

WELCOMING CLARE BUTTERFLY AND DRUMMER DEAN JOHNSON

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL BE HOSTING A POWWOW DOWN IN THE PANTHER DEN (GYM) ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. A HUGE THANKS TO OUR PARENT COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DANCERS.

A STEW LUNCH AND HOMEMADE BANNOCK WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL STUDENTS AT LUNCH TIME!





### A CRIME PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITY PRESENTED BY:







### 8TH ANNUAL



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 | 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM @WESTERNER PARK, NORTH PARKING LOT, 4847A 19 ST, RED DEER

- FOOD TRUCKS ONSITE
- NO PETS PLEASE
- QUIET TIME 9:30 AM 11 AM (NO HORNS/SIRENS)
- . RAIN OR SHINE



**ADVANCED TICKETS** 

\$30 Family Admission (on-site - up to 6 people) \$25 Family Admission (advanced ticket - up to 6 people) \$15 Single Admission (on-site - 1 person)

WWW.CACPC.CA/TOUCH-A-TRUCK



**EVENT INFO** 



### Information About Measles

### Parents, Guardians, School Staff and Volunteers

Measles cases are increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks including the United States, Europe and Canada. So far in 2025, Canada has seen a significant increase in measles cases and a number of jurisdictions have reported measles outbreaks. Cases of measles have been reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and most recently, Alberta.

There are no confirmed measles cases at your school at this time; however, it is important that parents are aware of the risk and are supported by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Public Health

### Measles Illness

Measles is very contagious and is easily spread through the air. Some people who get measles can have serious health problems. In rare cases, measles can lead to death.

Measles is a viral illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a blotchy rash. Symptoms usually start 8-12 days after exposure but can take as long as 21 days to appear.

Measles may cause complications including ear infections, pneumonia, seizures, or inflammation of the brain. Complications are more common among children under five years and people who are pregnant or immunocompromised.

A person with measles symptoms should stay home, avoid contact with others, and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any healthcare facility or any healthcare provider.

### **Protection against Measles**

The best protection against measles is to get immunized. Measles vaccines are highly effective.

In order to be adequately protected against measles, individuals born in or after 1970 need two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine.

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In Alberta, measles-containing vaccines are available free of charge for eligible individuals. The routine childhood immunization program includes two doses of measles containing vaccine.

For more information about measles-containing vaccines please go to <a href="mailto:ahs.ca/immunize">ahs.ca/immunize</a> or talk to your/your child's healthcare provider. Parents and guardians can check that their child has received two doses of measles vaccine by calling Health Link at 811 or by contacting their local local public health or community health center <a href="mailto:ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx">[ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx</a>]. Individuals who are 14 years of age and older can check their immunization record at <a href="mailto:myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords">myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords</a>.

### Measles Case Response

If measles is confirmed at your school, Public Health will immediately begin working with the school to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of measles spreading.

To reduce transmission of measles, provincial Public Health guidelines require those with infection and their contacts who are not immune to measles to stay at home and away from others until the risk of spreading the disease is over.

Further, we encourage you to keep children home when showing any signs of illness. **Two** doses of measles vaccine given before a school measles exposure provides protection against measles and avoids possible exclusion.

### **Next Steps**

If your child is not immunized, or you are unsure about you or your child's immunization status, please call Health Link at 811.

You can also learn more from <a href="myhealthalberta.ca">myhealthalberta.ca</a> about measles, who is at risk, and how it spreads, including:

- immunization: myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/pages/measles.aspx
- frequently asked questions: myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/documents/measles-faq.pdf
- text "measles" to 88111 for information by text message.

Thank you for your support.





# What's going on with YES at PES?

After School Programs 3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

### **Tuesdays**

Flag Football: Jan 14 - Feb 11 Speed Camp Feb 25 - Apr 1 Workout Club: Apr 8 - May 20

Run - Jump - Throw: May 27 - Jun 17

Thursdays

Happy Habits: Jan 16 - Feb 13 Super Smash Bros. Club: Feb 27 - Apr 3 Comics & Animation: Apr 10 - May 22 Anime Club: May 29 - Jun 19

School's Out Hangouts 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

> February 21 (4B & 4E) March 21 (4HP) April 23 (Gr. 5) April 25 (Gr. 6)

Registration required! Contact Mr. Jeremy at jwalters@cesd73.ca for more info



Mental Health Capacity Building

