## **Apple Center Newsletter**



Amisk School Mantra: I Can...You Can...We Can...Succeed!

# Upcoming Events!

Check out all the exciting things happening at the Amisk School in the upcoming month.

**Dec 1-18:** 12 Days of Christmas Food Bank Giving

**Dec 14:** Christmas sweater/ Hat day.

**Dec 14:** Christmas thrift shop

Dec 19: Christmas Concert

Dec 21st: PAC Lunch

**Dec 22nd:** PJ Day/Last day before Christmas Break

Jan 8th: Return back to school after Christmas Break



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Amisk School Christmas Concert 2023-2024

# **CHRISTMAS COOKIES!**

Join us for a Christmas play celebrating togetherness & friendship and accepting one another's differences.

# December 19th 2023

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7:00 PM

Performances

More details to come

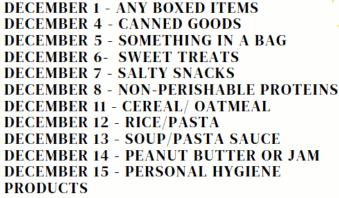
# ÁMISK SCHOOL 12 DAYS OF **Christmas** GIVING

THROUGHOUT DECEMBER OUR SCHOOL WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE AMISK SCHOOL TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVING. FROM DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 18, WE WILL BE COLLECTING SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK. THIS IS NOT MANDATORY, HOWEVER IF YOUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE WITH US, PLEASE SEND IN WHAT YOU CAN, WHEN YOU CAN. THE ITEMS NEEDED ARE LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SEND THEM IN WITH YOUR CHILD OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE SCHOOL. EACH DAY, OUR SCHOOL WILL TALLY THE NUMBER OF ITEMS BROUGHT AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS TO DATE. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE HOW MANY ITEMS WE CAN GATHER, AND TO SHOW OUR SHARING AND CARING SPIRIT TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THIS PROJECT!



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How many items can we collect?



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# **Amisk School Info!**

- Please make sure to check out our website <u>http://amisk.btps.ca/</u>. Here you can find a calendar with important events, any forms or news from the school and you can also sign up for email notifications to be reminded when our newsletter is released!
- Amisk School collects can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The collection bin can be found in the office.
- Library happens every week for students in Grades 1-3 on Fridays. Please make sure to return completed books each week so your child is able to sign new ones out.
- Amisk School is a Nut Aware School. For more info check our handbook on the Amisk School website.

#### A BIG THANK YOU to

Kam Davidson for speaking to our school at the Remembrance Day ceremony, as well as Hardisty Legion for providing our students and staff with Poppies.





Find us on Twitter. Facebook and Instagram!

## **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**



Students Parents School Council Calendar Bookings About Programs Contact



Did you know we have a Amisk School website? Take a look. Our website contains a lot of important information and is a good place to reference if you have a question about upcoming events or the happenings at our school.

#### Visit: https://amisk.btps.ca/

If your child will be away from school, please let their teacher or the school office know, and let us know the reason for their absence. Thanks so much!

**Amisk School Staff** 

**Please make** sure you are sending your student to school with weather appropriate clothing and footwear



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#### **Class Happenings!**

#### Kindergarten

The month of November was a very busy month in the Kindergarten room. The students have been busy learning their uppercase letters and high frequency words in Literacy. In Math we have started the number unit and we are busy working on sorting, counting and making groups of numbers. In Science we have been learning all about our 5 senses and doing some fun activities. The month of November we have been talking about dinosaurs and learning all sorts of interesting facts about dinosaurs. The kindergarten class has been busy practicing for our Christmas Concert. The parents and grandparents will love the songs we are singing. Wishing everyone a great month of December!!

#### Grade One

It has been a very fun month in grade one! We have finished our letter review and started working on th, sh, ch, wh and ph! It has been amazing watching our reading and writing soar with our new decoding skills! In math we have continued our count to 100! Currently we are at 56. Students have finished a unit in patterning and have been working on adding numbers to and from 20! This month in science we explored hibernation, migration and adaptation. As the weather cools down we have been noticing animals start their autumn routines! So far we have learned about squirrels, owls, geese, frogs and bats! The students have been busy traveling Alberta in social studies! We have been learning about community! I can not wait to see the excitement December brings!!

#### Grade Two

This month in grade 2, students have been having a lot of fun completing literacy activities from Robert Munsch books. In math we finished up our unit on patterns and have moved on to numbers. The students will be building their understanding of place value to 1000. In social we have been exploring Nova Scotia and learning about the Acadian culture. It has been fun learning about how different parts of Canada are similar and different from where we live. This month in science we finished up our materials unit with an exciting egg drop project. The students were very excited to test out their contraptions to see if they were able to keep their egg safe. Next we will be learning about scientific methods and having some fun with coding. December is sure to bring a lot of excitement as we prepare for our Christmas concert and all of the exciting things the holiday brings.

#### Grade Three

November has been a fun filled month in Grade 3! This month we have continued learning about Matter in science, investigating the 3 states and taking a deep dive into the water cycle. In Social we have been learning all about the culture and traditions of India and are excited for our *India Day* on November 30th. In Math students rocked their quizzes on Place Value and now we are continuing to work on our number sense learning strategies to add and subtract. Language Arts has been full of mysterious fun as we take on the roll of detectives trying to crack the case in our novel "The Case of the Turtle Snatcher". Soon we will apply what we have learned to create Christmas themed mystery stories! In Gym students have blown me away with their hockey and lacrosse skills. Keep it up Grade 3's!

## **Basket of Greatness!**

Thanks again to the Amisk Public Library for your donation of books for our apple award winners!

#### November 28th 2023

#### <u>Kindergarten</u>

Elyse- She has been doing fantastic work with her literacy and numerously work. She is a good friend.

**Colt–** He is helpful to everyone in the class. He has worked hard to learn his uppercase letters and sounds.

#### Grade I

Koven– He is an excellent classroom helper. Greysen- She is a determined, confident, and passionate student.

#### Grade 2

Kenna– She has very strong literacy skills. Porter– She is a dedicated and hardworking student

#### Grade 3

Allie– She thinks of others and is a great friend. Kylie– She is confident and a great leader.

<u>November Cub Coupons</u> Lily, Hannah, Spencer, Beckett, Maverick, Myla, John, Blakely, Isaac, Tao, Thomas

> Cub Coupon prize winners Dixie, Vaughn, Beckett

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards- Greysen and Allie

Entertainment by the Kindergarten Class Mc- Grade One Class

## **Basket of Greatness!**



# Happy Halloween!

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Thank You to Hughenden Thrift Store for their generous donation to our school!

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#### AMISK SCHOOL PAC

FOR PROVIDING OUR STAFF WITH A DELICIOUS SUPPER AND DESSERT WHILE WE HOSTED PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS VERY APPRECIATED

#### Haley Norman- BRITE Program

Haley is the mental health and wellness facilitator (BRITE program) that works out of Hughenden and Amisk public schools. You may have heard your kids talk about her, and the Superflex program they have been working on this year. The kids are only a few weeks away from program graduation and turning into social superheroes themselves; we are so proud of their hard work!! Haley is excited to be a part of the B.R.I.T.E.(Building resilient individuals through empowerment) program this year, and is enjoying being a part of the children's growth and education. Haley enjoys spending her free time with her 2 children, husband and friends, playing with her 2 dogs, and likes reading, sports, camping, and country music. When you see Haley around the school, please stop by to say hello!

As a Wellness Facilitator, Haley's role is to provide programming, education, support and awareness to students and families in all areas of wellness; she works with the school and community to create programs and activities and provide support and services to students and families as they reach their wellness potential and find success with their mental health.

## **Grade Level Day**

BRITE











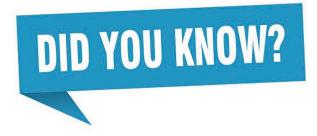
# SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back to school students and families! The Scholastic Reading Club is now available for the 23-24 school year. At the start of this month one member from each family should have received a paper copy of our scholastic flyer. The online version of the flyer (Digi-flyer) will be included in each month's newsletter as well as sent by email for easy online ordering.

## If you are new to Scholastic you will need to sign up an account online.

To set up a new account, go to <u>scholastic.ca/rc/digiflyer</u>. On the left side click Reading Club, then click Create an Account. Follow the links and instructions. Purchases are by credit card; no more cheques are to be made to Scholastic Canada

# It is important to note scholastic is no longer accepting payment by cheque, a credit card will now be required to pay for any Scholastic orders



**Have Questions?** 

Be sure to contact Mrs. Flaade at the school by calling

780-856-3771!

By using the code **RC272526** you can support the Amisk School and help us to buy books for our students! All orders will require the code when you get to the cart to checkout and it will remain the same for the entire year.

All purchases will be sent directly to your home or the post office.







# THANK YOU

### TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE AMISK SCHOOL BOOK FAIR!!!!! THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BRING IN MANY NEW BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

#### **Report cards and Parent Portal Information 2023-24**

#### This year we will be continuing with online grade reporting. <u>If you have not already please make sure you</u> <u>register to access your child's report cards by calling Ashley at the office!</u>

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. Will there still be printed copies of report cards for each reporting period? No, there will not be printed copies of report cards sent home for each reporting period for Grades 1-3.
- 2. When are the reporting periods for Kindergarten? There are 3 reporting periods; December, March and June.
- 3. Will there still be Student-led Conferences (Parent-Teacher Interviews)? Yes, Amisk School and BTPS believe that parent-teacher communication is vital in our quest to maximize student learning. There will be interviews scheduled in the fall and spring.
- 4. How do I get the information I need to set up a BTPS Parent Portal account? Contact your child's school to verify your e-mail address in our software program and let them know the child/children you are needing to set up an account for. The school will then request the Student Information Services Department to email the information to you.
- 5. Do I need a different account for each child? No, you will be able to create one account, choosing your own username and password. Once you are logged in, you will be able to access all the children that you linked to the account.
- 6. Can parents each have their own account? Yes, as long as the accounts are not created with the same email address.
- 7. Can students access the portal? Yes, they log in to the same portal, but they use their BTPS network login. They do not need to request information to create an account and they only see their data, not data of siblings.
- 8. Is the BTPS Parent Portal only available as web pages? No, there is also a mobile app called PowerSchool Mobile which is available for download in the App Store or on Google Play. Our district code for the app is GFST.
- 9. What information can I see in the BTPS Parent Portal? You will be able to see attendance, marks, comments, teacher email addresses, BTPS Transportation fees and BTPS tuition fees (not individual school fees), student demographic information, public messages on the School Bulletin and general school information.
- 10. Why is BTPS moving to electronic reporting of marks? There are a number of reasons:
  - \* 24/7 access to mark and comment information will promote student-parent-teacher teamwork based on current assessment data.
  - \* Mark and comment data will be accurate, timely and informative.
  - \* Teachers will be commenting on individual assignments to give guidance for upcoming assignments: effective and timely feedback is a critical component of success.
  - \* Alberta Education and post-secondary institutions are moving to electronic reporting and we want to help prepare parents and students.

For further information please contact the school at 780-856-3771.