

September 2021

# Apple Center Newsletter



## Amisk School

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone! We are so happy to be back in our building, working and learning together. As you know, our start up was a bit difficult, with lots of student illness. I want to thank all families for your cooperation and support in keeping students home when they have symptoms of illness. I realize that having children away from school for extended periods is not ideal, but we really need to do our best to avoid spreading illness among students and staff. It's so good to see our attendance rising again, and to welcome students back when they return to school.

Our Parent Advisory Council is looking for a new chairperson. We want to thank Ginette Fletcher for her dedication and service to Amisk School, as she was the chairperson for many, many years. Ginette's youngest child is now attending Hughenden School, so she has moved on to new ventures. If you are interested in becoming the chairperson, or in serving as part of the PAC, please attend our inaugural virtual meeting for this school year on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 9:00 a.m. Please email the school to be added to the list of parents who will receive the meeting link by email. PAC meetings are held every second month on a Thursday from 9:00—10:00 a.m. These meetings are a great way to get involved with your child's school, and to make a positive difference. PAC members volunteer for a number of events, raise money for field trips and other items for the school, and have a voice in decisions made at the school level. We'd love to see you there!

Our classes have been enjoying the wonderful warm weather with outside gym classes and extra walks. Soon the temperatures will be changing again and a more typical fall will be here. Please be sure to send mittens, toques and a warm sweater or coat with your child for chilly morning recesses.

Take care,

Mrs. West

**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 months.*

**Oct 5**– Basket of Greatness.

Students & staff only at this time.

**Oct 7**– Fire Safety presentation from Amisk Fire Department.

**Oct 8**– Day off for students & staff.

**Oct 11**– Thanksgiving Day : No school.

**Oct 20**– Downtown library.

**Oct 21**– Lifetouch photos

**Oct 22**– No school for students.  
Professional learning for staff.

**Oct 27**– October newsletter  
Published.

**Oct 28**– Kindergarten Halloween party.

**Oct 29**– Grades 1-3 Halloween party.

**Nov 8-12**– Fall break, no school for students.

# Amisk School Info!

- Please make sure to check out our website <http://amisk.btps.ca/> . 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 Tuesday's. Please make sure to return completed books each week so your child is able to sign new ones out.
- **Amisk School is a Nut and Seafood/shellfish Aware School. For more info check our handbook on the Amisk School website.**
- Once again this year BTPS students are able to access the SORA reading APP which is an online digital collection of books. Go to [SoraApp.com](http://SoraApp.com) and using your student email address and password sign up to read thousands of books that are available. For any help signing up please contact Mrs. Hovde in the office at 780-856-3771.



Hot lunch will begin in October! Please stay tuned for more details.



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool

# Parent Council

Attention all parents! The Amisk school parent council meets once a month on a Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00 AM. This year we are looking for a **new chairperson**. If this is something you may be interested in please contact Mrs. West at the school. **The first meeting is Thursday October 7th @ 9AM via google meet.** Please email [becky.west@btps.ca](mailto:becky.west@btps.ca) for the meeting link!



**Lifetouch school pictures  
will be happening on  
October 21st!**

Thank you **Irene Babowal** for the generous donation of home made masks for both students and staff. We have been enjoying all of the fun designs and comfy fit!



# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

Wow, the month of September has flew by. The Kindergarten class has learned and experienced many new things in the month of September. The students have started learning their uppercase letters and sounds. They know the letters: F, E, D, P, B, R. They have learned three new sight words.. In Math the students have been learning all about patterns and can make AB patterns. In Social and Health we have be learning all about being unique. The Kindergarten students love to do action songs and have been having lots of fun singing and learning new songs. They did an awesome job walking around town for the Terry Fox Walk. I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful fall weather with their families. It has been a great September in the Kindergarten Room.

## Grade One

September was a month of getting to know each other. All of their personalities have started to shine through as they get more comfortable into the classroom. We spent a lot of time getting to know classroom routines, which they all picked up quickly! In literacy we reviewed our alphabet, started on some word families (at, an, am, ap, ag), and have been reviewing and learning some new sight words! During our writing time, students have been exploring their ideas, how to plan out a story, and have started to make sure their stories have a beginning, middle, and end. They have been working really hard on strategies on how to sound out words. In math we learned about patterns. We discussed the pattern core, that patterns repeat, discovered different types of patterns, and they learned how to create their own patterns! Towards the end of September we started Social Studies and Science. In Social Studies we are exploring the different groups and communities that we belong to. In Science we have started learning all about colors! I am really looking forward to what October will bring!

## Grade Two

This month we have been spending some time getting to know each other and learning the rules and routines of grade 2. In language arts we have reviewed consonant sounds and have started on short and long vowel sounds. We have been reviewing our sentence structure in our writing by making sure we include capitals and punctuation as well as complete sentences. In math we have worked hard on repeating patterns and are moving onto increasing patterns. Science has been all about magnets! The students are enjoying completing experiments and learning about polarity, strength of magnets and where magnets can be found in our daily lives. In social we have been looking at communities and what makes them unique. Next we will work on mapping concepts such as how to read and interpret a map, symbols on a map and how to make a map!

## Grade Three

Welcome back to school! This month we have been busy diving into the Grade 3 curriculum. In Language Arts students have been enjoying a novel read aloud titled "A Stranger at Home". We are also working on a fun parts of speech menu project! In science we are putting on our geology hats to study rocks and minerals. In math we are finishing up our patterns unit and in social studies students have been reviewing how to read and interpret maps. Gym class has been all about cooperative games and team work. Way to go students on raising money for the Terry Fox Walk. We are looking forward to all the fun that October has to offer!



# Orange Shirt Day

September 30th 2021

*Communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and support.*

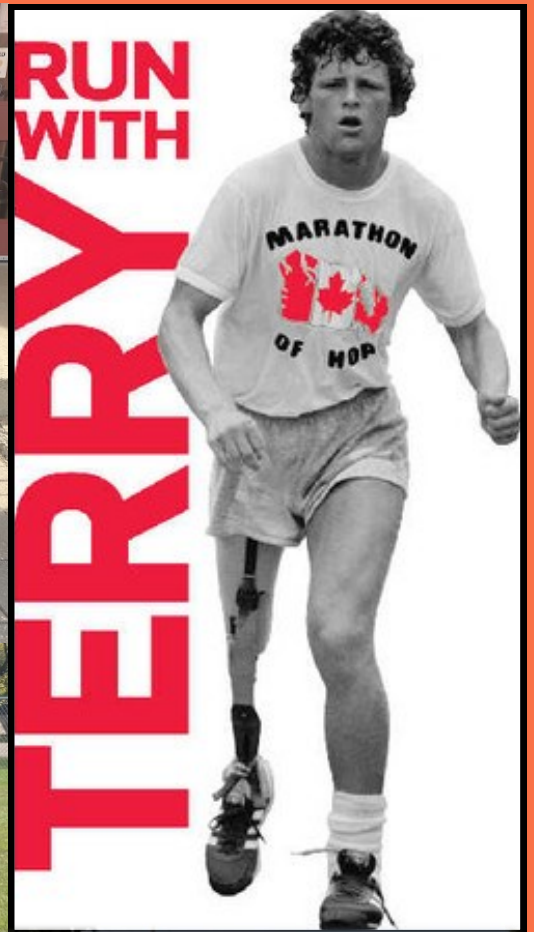
Wear an orange shirt to school on this day!





# Terry Fox Walk!





**Amisk school raised a total  
of **\$2278** for the  
Terry Fox foundation! Way  
to go students and families!**





# SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back to school students and families! The Scholastic Reading Club is now available for the 2021-22 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 [scholastic.ca/rc/digiflyer](https://www.scholastic.ca/rc/digiflyer). 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.**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

By using the code **RC203472** 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.

## Have Questions?

Be sure to contact Mrs. Paulson at the school by calling 780-856-3771!



# Student Spotlight!

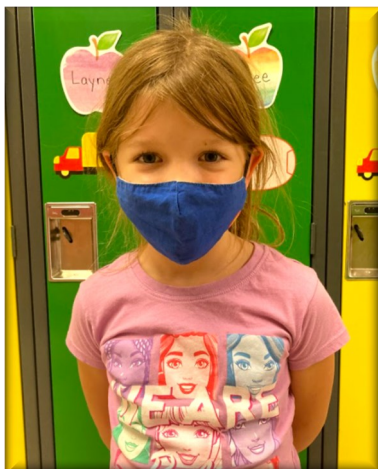
Amisk School students **Abel Walters, Brayson Sayer, Jacob Redekop, and Georgia Swanson** competed in the Hardisty cross country race on September 23rd. All 4 students crossed the finish line after 1.5 KM. Way to go all-stars! Your school family is proud of you.



I asked some apple center students the **BEST** part of their school year so far. Here were their responses...

## Grade 1

"We have a new teacher this year and she is lots of fun! She does centers with us and we get to play fun games."



Dixie-Lee White

## Grade 2

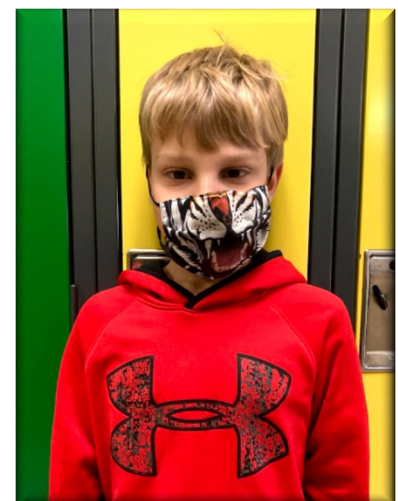
"I like gym because we get to do running!"



Rhyse Geddes

## Grade 3

"I like recess because I get to spend my time climbing and playing with my friends."



Emmett Peacock

## Report cards and Parent Portal Information 2021-22

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

### 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.

Thank you, Amisk School Teaching Staff