

October 2021

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that October is nearly over, and Halloween is upon us! This has been a whirlwind month, with lots of great learning and fun activities happening around the APPLE Center. Our students have been busy reading, writing, and learning about numbers in Math. We are ending our month with some fun Halloween activities in individual classrooms, complete with treats from the Parent Advisory Council. A special thanks is going out to our PAC for not only supplying Halloween treats for everyone, but also sponsoring our pumpkin painting project.

As November approaches, our thoughts turn to parent teacher interviews. These will be happening from November 16 to 18. Parents will be able to sign up for spots by accessing the booking function on our school website. Bookings will be available to select starting November 1; watch for more information coming soon about how to reserve your parent teacher interview spot.

As October ends and November begins, we see a return to colder weather. Winter is definitely on the way. Please be sure that your child has appropriate winter wear here at school, as our recesses will continue to be outside unless the temperature dips below -25° C. Recesses are more fun when your fingers, ears and toes are warm!

Before I sign off, I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all our parents for continuing to monitor your children for symptoms and keeping those who are ill at home. While we are seeing less students absent lately because of illness, we know that cold and flu season are upon us and staying home when ill is one of the most important ways we can keep others safe and healthy.

Mrs. West



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

# OCTOBER 2021

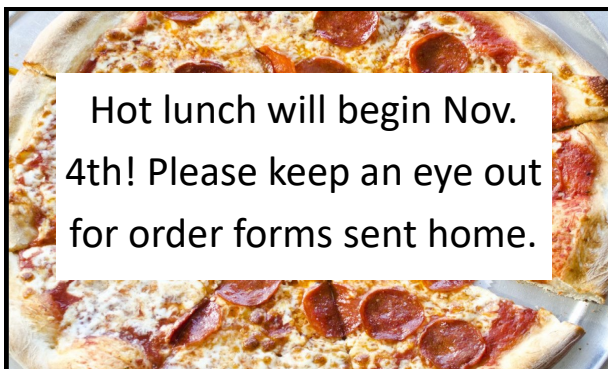
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17	18	19	20	School Pictures	21	No school for students
24	25	Basket of Greatness	26	27	28	29
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# 2021 November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Signup for P.T. Interviews opens	2	3	4 Hot Lunch Remembrance Day	5	6
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Fall Break—No school for students						
14	15	16	17	18 Retakes	19	20
Parent Teacher Interviews						
21	22	23 PJ Day!	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Basket of Greatness				

# 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.**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** are happening Nov 16-18! This year we will be hosting virtual conferences. Sign up to meet with your child's teacher on our new school website. Information on how to sign up coming soon!  
**Sign up opens Nov. 1st.**



Hot lunch will begin Nov. 4th! Please keep an eye out for order forms sent home.



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool

## Operation Christmas Child

Amisk School is a drop off for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox campaign. Please drop off by November 19th. Check the website for how to pack a shoebox.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/pack-a-shoebox/>



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Amisk PAC and community members for helping us track down approx. 80 pumpkins for our students to paint on Halloween.



# NEW WEBSITE!



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Quick Links

I Can...You Can...We Can...SUCCEED!

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Did you know we have a new Amisk School website? Take a look at the new layout. 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/>

Thank you  **Nutrien**<sup>®</sup>  
for your generous donation  
to support our Basket of  
Greatness prizes for our  
monthly assemblies!





**See something that looks familiar? Let your child's teacher know and we will get it home to you!**

# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

Wow, the end of October! October has been a very busy month in the Kindergarten classroom. The students have been working so hard on learning their uppercase letters and sounds.. The students know 7 new sight words. In math we are just finishing up our pattern unit and ready to start our number unit. In Social we are learning about being unique. In health we have learned about bus safety, fire safety and Halloween safety. We are so exciting about dressing up in our Halloween costumes and having our Halloween Party!! We painted pumpkins and the Kindergarten student's did awesome! We wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Halloween from the Kindergarten Room. November will be packed full of fun and learning!!

## Grade One

The weeks are flying by! We finished our first writing unit and they LOVED sharing their stories with each other! We learned all about different word families (an, am, ig, ip, ag, ot, en, ed, ug, un, etc). They are getting really good with their short vowel sounds and starting to get the hang of writing CVC words (cat, map, did, lug, etc). We have started to learn some reading strategies (previewing a book for words we already know, looking for word family chunks when trying to sound out a word, making predictions before and during reading, and making sure our reading makes sense). We will continue to expand on these strategies throughout the year and learn more reading strategies to develop comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and vocabulary. In math we finished up our patterns unit and are now working on learning numbers to 20. Students will count forwards and backwards to 20, build numbers to 20, compare numbers to 20, and lots more! In Social Studies we are exploring communities and groups that we belong to. In Science we are exploring colours and seasonal changes.

## Grade Two

This month in grade 2 has been busy! In language arts we have been reviewing short vowel sounds, working at our sight words and practicing our reading through daily 5. We have also been working at descriptive writing. It has been a lot of fun thinking of juicy words to make our writing more exciting. In math we have finished up our unit on Patterns and have moved onto the unit 'Numbers to 100.' In this unit, the students will be exploring how to count, build, and represent numbers to 100 in a variety of ways. Magnet fun has been happening in science this month. We are finishing up our unit with building a toy that uses a magnet in some way. This class sure is creative! In social we are wrapping up our unit on mapping and will be starting to learn about the culture, geography, daily life, and traditions of the Acadians of Meteghan, Nova Scotia!

## Grade Three

Welcome fall! I am really enjoying my time with the grade 3 class. They are eager to learn and love to share their ideas. Sharing pages have been an excellent way to practice our read aloud and public speaking skills. Thanks for all the hard work at home! In math we are working on our number sense using the new Mathology program. In science we will continue to learn about rocks and minerals. In social studies students have been enjoying to learn what life is like in India. Language arts this month we will be continuing with words their way and will begin descriptive writing unit with a fun monster themed project. We will continue writing letters to our pen pals in consort. Have a great month everyone!

# Basket of Greatness!

Thank you to everyone who tuned in to our Google Meet B of G ceremony! It is important to continue to recognize the stellar students in our classrooms each month. Thanks again to the Amisk Public Library for your donation of books for our apple award winners!

**October 5th, 2021**

## Kindergarten

**Gauge Almberg**– Pleasure to have in the classroom, kind and caring.

**Rayna Downing**– Enthusiastic learner. Great job on learning uppercase letters and sounds.

## Grade 1

**Estelle Resch**– Very kind and caring. Always checking on friends to make sure they are okay and feel included!

## Grade 2

**Brietal Rath**– Great helper. Always looking for ways to make life easier for people around her.

**Logan West**– Cooperative and willing worker. Always wants to improve.

## Grade 3

**Gauge Hunter**– Hard work ethic and an improvement in writing!

**Eliana Sortland**– Positive attitude and a great friend to all.

**Aubree Poulsen**– Role model in our classroom. Puts 100% effort into her assignments.

**Cub Coupons to Maverick, Aurora, Vaughn, Bo, Rhett, Dixie, Aiden, Aubree, Kahle.**

**Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards– Estelle & Eliana!**

## Entertainment by the Grade Two Class

1. Thanksgiving wishes





# Fire Safety!



Fire Safety Presentation from  
our local fire department.



# 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 student **Aubree Poulsen** was busy this summer running a lemonade stand in the town of Amisk! She raised money for different organizations and graciously decided to donate \$206 to the Amisk School. Aubree says she would like to see the money put towards science and art supplies for Amisk school students.

Way to go Aubree!



I asked some apple center students their favorite candy to receive on Halloween!



I like gum the best!

**Rhett Jones**



Chocolate because it is sweet!

**TJ Clark**



Kit-Kats because I love chocolate!

**Blakely Amundson**

# Staff Spotlight!

## All About Mrs. Dewald

**Name:** Jeanene Dewald

**Position at Amisk School:** Grade 2

**Years at Amisk School:** 10

**Hometown:** Killam

**Zodiac sign:** Taurus

**Favourite movie/TV Show:**  
Shawshank Redemption/This is Us

**Favourite food:** Pizza

**Favourite Colour:** Teal

**Favourite book when you were a child:**  
Robert the Rose Horse

**Favourite kid's book now:** Anything Robert Munsch

**Favourite band/music:** Ed Sheeran

**Favourite activity:** Camping

**Favourite holiday:** Christmas

**If you could choose to stay one age for the rest of your life, what would it be?** 29

**If you could choose anyone to be your mentor, who would it be?** Hope King

**What would be your dream vacation?** Greece

**When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** A weather reporter



Congratulations to Mrs. Dewald on 10 years teaching in BTPS!

## 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