

November 2021

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Hello to all Amisk School parents and families! November is almost over, and you can already feel the excitement in the air as we enter the Christmas season here at school. The students and staff are all excited about the many fun activities and events that are coming in the next three weeks.

Our school will be doing the 12 Days of Giving this year. This is an opportunity for us to support our local food bank. Each day, we will be asking for donations of two specific items that are helpful to the food bank. Students can donate as often as works for their family. Donations will be collected and tallied each day, to see how many items we can collect as a school family. I know that the number will be large; this is a very kind, giving community!

We're also very excited to have Trickster Theatre joining us for the last week of school. They will send two representatives to the school to work with each grade level. The culminating activity will be the production of a schoolwide play, focusing on important character traits such as honesty, respect, etc. The theatre facilitators will videotape each class' performance, and will professionally edit the final production, creating a video to share with families and our school. The link to the video will be sent out during the last week before Christmas (Dec. 20 - 24) so that families can enjoy the performance together. This will serve as our Christmas concert production this year. We are looking forward to learning more about drama and theatre productions, and to seeing the final product. Thanks to both the Amisk School Parent Advisory Council and the Amisk School Casino group for sponsoring this residency program.

We are grateful that the weather has turned pleasant again, and are so thankful that all of our families, students and staff were safe during the big blizzard last week. Please remember to send proper winter gear with your children to school, as we will be going outside for recesses unless the weather is below -25 C, with or without the windchill.

Take care!

Mrs. West



**Amisk**  
SCHOOL

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.*

Nov 23– PJ Day

Nov 24– Newsletter published

Nov 25– Earth Rangers presentation

Nov 30– Basket of Greatness

Dec 2– Hot lunch

Dec 13-17—Trickster Theatre

Dec 16– Christmas hats and sweater day. Hot lunch

Dec 20-Jan 2—Christmas Break

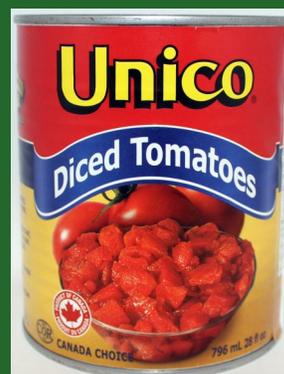




# Twelve Days of Christmas Giving

Throughout December our school will be participating in the Amisk School Twelve Days of Christmas Giving. From December 1 to December 16, 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!

How many items can we collect?



# 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.**
- **Are you tech savvy, creative and looking for a way to help out at the Amisk school? We are beginning to look for volunteers who are interested in creating the Amisk School Year Book! Stay tuned for more information.**



Hot lunch will continue on  
December 2nd and 16th.



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool

# 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/>**

**Friendly reminder to all parents who are picking up their students after or before school there is no parking in the zone by the bus area. This includes in front of the arena and the staff parking lot. Please park across the street out of the bus lane to ensure our buses can safely enter and exit during busy loading times. Thank you!**



# Lost and Found



**Our lost and found is filling up! See something that looks familiar? Contact your child's teacher so we can get it in the right hands.**

# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

November flew by! The Kindergarten students have learned a lot and experienced many fun activities throughout the month of November. The students have been working very hard on learning their uppercase letters and sounds of letters. They have started recognizing their sight words in stories we have been reading.. In Math, we have started our Number Unit. In Social we have just finished talking about being special and unique. In Health class we are learning all about feelings. In Gym class we have been learning to throw and catch the ball. We have some really good catchers in our Kindergarten room. Art class has been so much fun this year. The Kindergarten Students have been doing some impressive pieces of Art. Remember to dress warm for school, now that Winter is here!! December is sure to be another fantastic month of learning and fun.

## Grade One

This month we learned the digraphs ch, sh, th, and wh. We learned how to find word chunks when we are reading. We discussed how we know when a character is talking in a book and that this is called dialogue, We have also been learning how to use what we already know to help us read and understand books. In writing students continue to work on their personal narratives and are doing a great job sounding out words and using our word wall to make sure our sight words are spelt correctly. In math we continue to work on number sense, comparing numbers, estimating amounts up to 50, and we starting discuss adding and subtracting within 10. In Social Studies students are working in a little project all about who they are. In Science we continue to explore colours and seasons.

## Grade Two

Wow, November sure flew by and the grade twos were definitely busy learning this month. In language arts we have been learning about how to write narratives and working on long vowel sounds. Numbers to 100 is still our focus in math. This month we focused a lot on writing, recognizing and representing 2 digit numbers. Our number sense is coming along and we will soon look at comparing numbers and learning about even and odd numbers. In science our time has been filled with engaging experiments to help with our understanding of liquids. We will continue this learning into December with more learning about the properties of liquids, waterproofing, absorbency, and the importance of protecting our water. In social we are learning all about Meteghan, Nova Scotia. The students have learned about where Meteghan is located, the weather, how to get there and over the next month will learn about how Meteghan is unique to Canada through their culture, traditions, daily life and early days history. December is sure to be another great month full of learning and fun!

## Grade Three

The snow outside has stirred up a lot of excitement and many grade 3 students can be found at recess building some pretty awesome snow-forts! This month we welcomed Mrs. Wood into our classroom, She has been teaching students their new science unit called *Hearing and Sound* and has also begun the novel study of the

*The BFG* in Language Arts. In social studies we are wrapping up our learning about India and students are highly anticipating India day. Math we have began working on addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers and soon we will move onto data relationships. Each week it is exciting to see students growing in their public speaking skills by sharing their sharing pages. We are all looking forward to what December will bring!

# 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 26th 2021**

## Kindergarten

**Tj Clark**– Shown great improvement with printing his letters and name.

## Grade 1

**Student was away. Will be celebrated next month.**

## Grade 2

**Rhett Jones**– Listens well, pays attention and works hard. Always does her best.

**TC Clark**– Great role model. Always ready and helps classmates. He is a great contributor to the class.

**Munroe Allard**– Focused student. Cooperative and respectful. Considerate and terrific student.

## Grade 3

**Maris Amundson** – Always has a smile on her face! Treats others with kindness.

**Emerson Holte**– Empathetic student. Has improved in writing.

**Kahle Peacock**– Super fast! Good at math and sharing ideas in class.

**Cub Coupons to Gauge, Aubree F, Liam, Blakely, Dylan, Ashley, Isaac, Emerson, Georgia, Emmett.**

**Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards– TC & Brayden!**

## Entertainment by the Grade One Class

5 Little Pumpkins



Happy Halloween!







# 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!





**Staff Halloween  
costume 2021**

**I asked some Apple Center students what they love most about the snow!**



**I love making  
snowmen!  
Gauge Hunter**



**I like going down the  
slides. The snow makes  
them so fast!  
Layla Nickerson**



**I like to make an  
igloo!  
Ellin Oh**

# Staff Spotlight!

## All About Mrs. Whitehead

**Name:** Brooke Whitehead

**Position at Amisk School:** Grade 3

**Years at Amisk School:** 4

**Hometown:** Metiskow

**Zodiac Sign:** Gemini

**Favourite movie/TV Show:** The Bachelor

**Favourite food:** Pizza

**Favourite Color:** Pink

**Favourite book when you were a child:**  
Junie B. Jones Series

**Favourite kid's book now:** Anything Roald Dahl

**Favourite band/music:** I have way too many!

**Favourite activity:** Riding my spin bike.

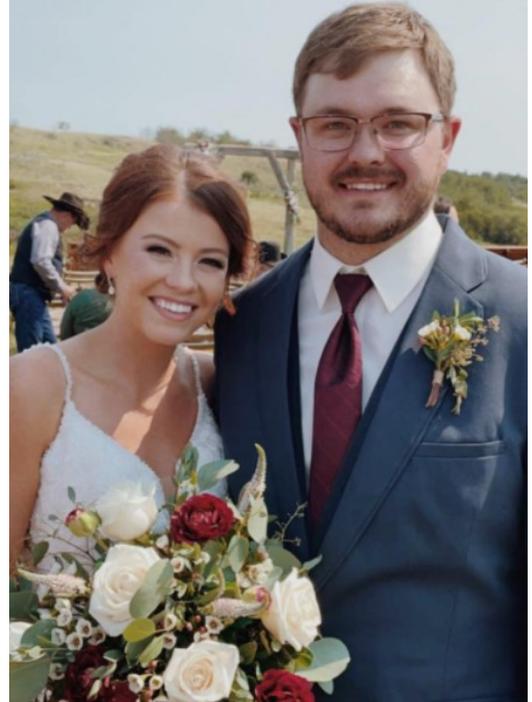
**Favourite holiday:** Christmas

**If you could choose to stay one age for the rest of your life, what would it be?** 20's-30's?

**If you could choose anyone to be your mentor, who would it be?**  
Brene' Brown

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

**When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**  
A Doctor or Hairstylist





# Provost Music Festival

March 27 - April 1, 2022

Speech . Strings . Instrumental . Piano . Vocal

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students-

The Provost Music Festival is proud to announce the upcoming dates of the 50th annual festival. This exciting week long event showcases an impressive array of local talent. All participants are professionally adjudicated in non-competitive classes and considered for awards or competition advancement. Audience support is always welcomed and encouraged. Please join us and celebrate the arts!

**Entry Forms Now Available**

**Registration deadline late January 28 2022**

**Find us on-line!** for contact information, involvement opportunities, registration packages, class selections or syllabus links.

**[www.provostmusicfestival.com](http://www.provostmusicfestival.com)**

## 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