

January 2021

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

What a crazy start we've had to 2022 here at Amisk School! Between heavy snowfall and blizzards, extreme cold weather, and freezing rain making our roads dangerous, we've had quite a few days already when buses weren't able to run. Hopefully the weather will get back to normal and we'll see less disruptions to our school days in the months ahead. I'd like to thank our parents and families for notifying the school when students are staying home during inclement weather. Even when buses aren't running, we do have some students who travel to school in parents' or friends' vehicles, so we want to be sure that everyone is safely where they're supposed to be for the day. You can email or call the school, or let your child's teacher know about absences through Seesaw or email. Thanks again for helping us out this way!

I'd also like to thank parents for their diligence in keeping students who have symptoms of illness home, and for notifying us of any symptoms and/or positive covid cases. So far, our school has been able to avoid large amounts of absences due to illness, and that's thanks in no small part to students and staff staying home when ill. Our second set of masks and rapid tests should be arriving soon, so please watch for those to come home with your students in the next couple of weeks. Please let us know if you don't need these supplies, and we will redistribute them.

February looks to be a busy month here at school. We have Winter Walk Day, Red and Pink Day, Valentine's Day, the hundredth day of school, and Pink Shirt Day, all happening this month. I'm looking forward to seeing our students and staff take part in all of these fun events. It's awesome to see the level of participation that we have for all of our special events and dress up days.

Next Monday and Tuesday, while students have an extended weekend, our teachers will be at school preparing for the second half of the school year, and participating in professional learning. We will be learning about new approaches to implementing phonetic and phonemic instruction during guided reading lessons, and also ways to analyze assessment data to better plan for intervention and instruction. On Wednesday, classes will resume for students.

Here's to warmer weather, clear roads and more sunshine to fill our days. Happily, there are only fifty three more days till spring equinox....and hopefully spring weather will follow shortly after!

Take care,

Mrs. West



**Amisk**  
SCHOOL

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

# FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Staff PL Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b> for students	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Hot lunch: Subs	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Red/Pink day  Downtown Library	16	17 ← Teacher's Convention →  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> for students	18	19
20	21 Family Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22 Virtual Basket of Greatness	23 Newsletter Published	24 Hot lunch: Snack Wraps	25	26
27	28					

# MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	5
6	7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Downtown Library	16	17 St. Patrick's Day!	18	19
20	21	22	23 Career Day	24	25	26
27	28	29 Virtual Basket of Greatness	30 Newsletter Published	31		

# 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.**



***Junior curling will continue every Monday with the last day on February 14th. Reminder students need runners, helmets and proper winter clothing!***

Hot lunch continues on February 10th and 24th! Keep an eye out for order forms.



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool



# Book Character Day!

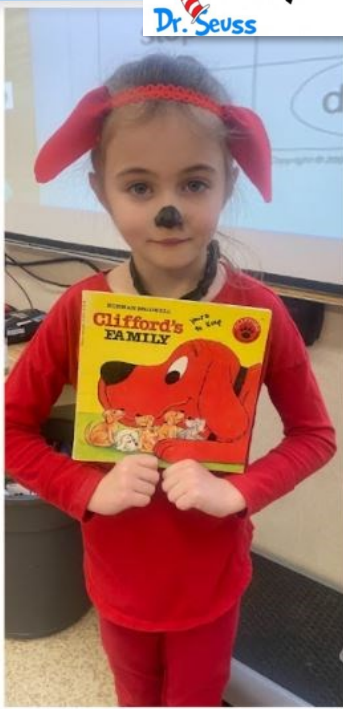




The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
 you will **KNOW**.  
 The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
 you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

Featuring Read-alouds



# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

January was a very interesting month and is coming to the end. The Kindergarten students are working hard at getting back into their routine. In February we will start learning our lowercase letters and continue to work on our sight words. Please remember to continue to practice printing your letters and name.. We are learning about counting, making number sets and adding and taking away things from our number sets. In Health we will be learning and talking about being kind to everyone.. In Social we will continue to talk about being respectful to others. In Gum we will be learning how to play soccer and playing as a team. February will be a great month with many events taking place in our classroom. Have a great month!!

## Grade One

What a weird month January turned out to be! After our extended break, the students settled back into our routine fairly quickly and I am so proud of them! We worked a lot on dividing words with two syllables. We wrapped up our addition within 10 and will be moving on to subtraction within 10. The students are working so hard with reading and writing! We started discussing landmarks, symbols, and logos and how those play a role in the groups we belong to. Next we will start to discuss our rights and responsibilities. I am looking forward to February!

## Grade Two

Wow, I can't believe January is almost over! This month we have started out learning about penguins and the students are very excited to be doing a research report about one of the 17 penguin species. In math this month we are working on non-standard measurement and will soon be moving onto addition and subtraction to 18. The students will be taught lots of strategies to help improve their fact fluency. In science we are finishing up our unit on Exploring Liquids and will be moving onto the next unit call Hot and Cold Temperatures where the students will learn about thermometers, how temperature affects us, and lots of experiments involving heating and freezing. We are wrapping up our learning about Meteghan, Nova Scotia this month with learning about their traditions, natural resources and jobs. Our next trip will be way up north where we will learn about Iqaluit, Nunavut and how they are unique to Canada.

## Grade Three

Our January was a little bizarre with an extended winter break and then so many no bus days! I am proud of students hard work to continue learning and completing work both in class and at home. All month we have been practicing multiplication and learning a variety of strategies. Soon we will move onto our division unit! We are wrapping up the Peru unit and Peru day will be a fun way to celebrate our learning. Science we are taking on the role of engineers to test a variety of materials. Looking forward to all that February has to offer!

# 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!*

## January 25th 2022

### Kindergarten

**Liam-** Great improvement with letters and sounds. Self motivated and hardworking student.

**Carter-** Carter has shown great improvement with letters, sounds and printing. He is so kind!

**Wren-** A kind and respectful student who has done great work with our numbers unit in math.

### Grade 1

**Rumer-** Having such a big heart, always working hard and being so kind and respectful.

**Oakley-** Working hard, making us laugh and always helping around the classroom.

### Grade 2

**Abel-** Math wiz! Excellent at problem solving and math puzzles.

**Ashley-** Holds herself to a high standard, always pushing herself to do better.

**Peyton-** All around excellent students. Respectful, kind, hardworking and smart.

### Grade 3

**Ara-** Model student. Creative and a great team player!

**Leah-** Big smile and positive attitude. Huge growth in her reading this year.

**Hayden-** Puts 100% effort into all of his work.

**Cub Coupons to:** Travis, Jonathan, Brayson, Leah, Kinley, Estelle, Allie

### Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards-

Rumer Pearson & Abel Walters

### Entertainment by the Grade Kindergarten Class

- Snowflakes (poem)
- One Green Jelly Bean (song)







**Lights, Camera, ACTION!**



# 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. Hovde at the school by calling 780-856-3771!



# 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**

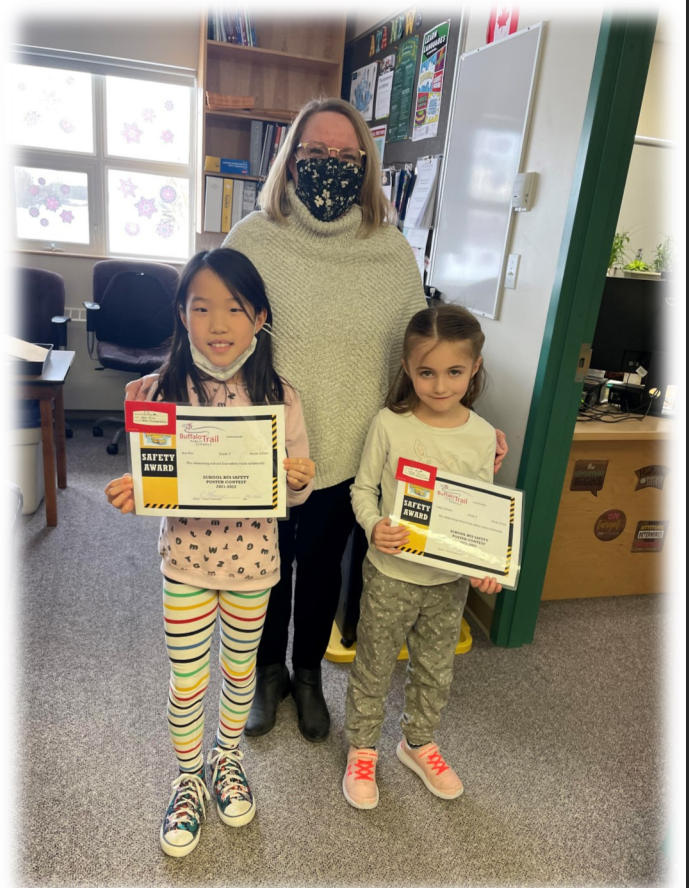
**Registration deadline late January 28 2022**

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

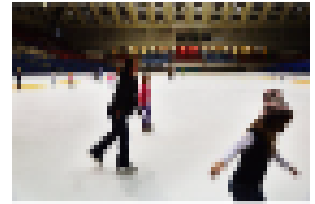
**[www.provostmusicfestival.com](http://www.provostmusicfestival.com)**

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Years of  
Excellence

Congratulations to  
our Bus Safety  
poster contest win-  
ners **Ara Kim** from  
Grade 3 and **Lakyn  
Johnson** from  
Grade 2! Your  
Amisk School  
family is so proud  
of you.



# Amisk Skating Arena



The Amisk Arena is open for skating!

Come on out and have some fun.

Arena hours for skating are as follows:

\*Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays –

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

\*Open Sundays – 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

Thank you to our sponsor - the Hughenden  
Lion's Club for free public skating.

## 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