

February 2022

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that another month has passed, and that we are more than halfway through this school year already. Our students will celebrate one hundred days of school this Friday. Time really does fly when you're having fun! This month has been a busy one here at our school. We celebrated Valentine's Day, learned about groundhogs and whether winter would last much longer this year, and spent some time snowshoeing and practicing curling and skating on Fridays. This Tuesday, the grade two class learned about palindromes, numbers or words that can be read the same forwards and backwards, as it was Twos-Day, or 2/22/22. Grade Threes spent time exploring Peru and had a special Peru Day this month. Kindergarten and grade one have been working hard on alphabet skills, writing, and math.

As March approaches, our thoughts turn to spring and the warmer, brighter days to come. We are all anxious to be able to shed the heavier garments and thoughts of winter, and return to lighter, more carefree days. We are beginning to plan for our year end celebrations and events, and are hopeful that these will look more like they have in the past. Our families and communities are a vital part of our success as a school, and we are eager to find ways to join together again, while still striving to keep health and safety an important part of what we do.

Today is Pink Shirt Day, and as we participate by wearing our brightest and best pink garments, we reflect on the importance of "lifting each other up", which is the theme of the day this year. I am so thankful for the many ways that our communities, our families and our school family lift and support our students and staff. We are lucky to have so many people in our corner, working together to ensure that our students have the best possible education and experiences that we can give them.

Here's to putting the cold, wintry days of February behind us, and welcoming March and the arrival of spring!

Mrs. West
Principal
Amisk School



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



WELLNESS DAYS

In recognition of the many challenges our staff have faced over the last 2 years, BTPS has designated two Wellness Days for all staff on Friday, March 4 and Monday, March 7, 2022. Please rest and take some time to recharge. We appreciate absolutely everything you do to support our students, staff and each other. Thank you.



MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 NO SCHOOL – Wellness Day	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL– Wellness Day	8	9	10 Hot lunch– Subs	11	12
13	14	15 Downtown Library	16	17 St. Patrick's Day!	18	19
20	21	22	23 Career Day	24 Hot lunch– Grilled Cheese	25	26
27	28	29 Basket of Greatness	30 Parent Teacher conferences 4-9 PM	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.**
- **A big thank you to Danielle Stankieveh for taking on the big job of creating our yearbook this year! We appreciate your time in completing this project for our school.**

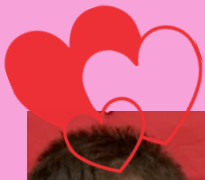


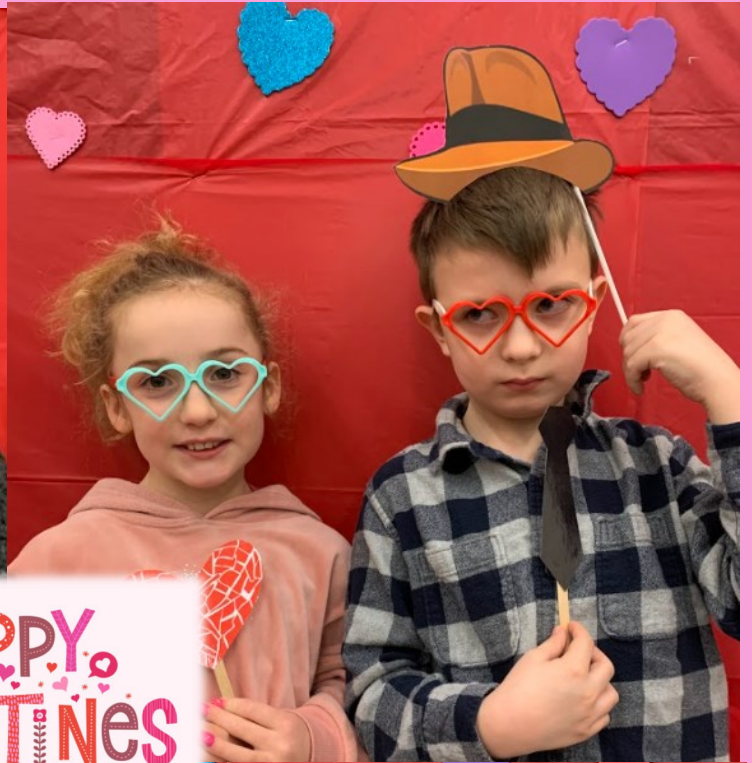
Hot lunch continues on
March 10th– Subs and 24th–
Grilled cheese. Thank you for
all of the orders!



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool





HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!





Class Happenings!

Kindergarten

Wow, this month has flown by. The students have been very busy with many different activities (Valentines Day, Groundhog Day, Random Act of Kindness Day, Pink Shirt Day and MC's for the Basket of Greatness) I am so proud of the students for their hard work on learning their letters and sounds. In Math they are learning to add two sets together and print their numbers. They all love playing with the Math Manipulatives. I am so proud of the wonderful writing projects they have been doing for Random Act of Kindness Day. Their printing is beautiful!! I hope everyone had a great family day weekend and I am sure we are already for March and some warmer weather. Have a great month of March!!

Grade One

This month flew by! In math we started subtraction within 10 and students have been loving doing math centers. The students have grown so much over the last month with their reading and I am so proud of them! In phonics we have been learning about beginning blends and R blends. We started how-to writing and it has been so much fun learning about all the things that students know how to do outside of school. Science we have started to explore our five senses. In Social Studies we are talking about our rights and responsibilities within our homes, school, communities and groups. We had a blast doing Valentine's day activities in the gym that Mrs. Whitehead set up for us! I am looking forward to what March will bring!

Grade Two

Wow, this month has flown by! In math we are working on addition and subtraction strategies. The students are busy working toward becoming addition masters on our ninja board as we sharpen out fact fluency skills. Don't forget to practice your belts as you get assigned them! In science we are well into our hot and cold temperature unit. In the coming weeks, the students will be completing activities and experiments to describe how heating and cooling materials can often change them, identify safe practices for handling hot and cold materials, recognizing that the human body temperature is relatively constant and they will discover ways in which temperature in homes and buildings can be adjusted. In social we are preparing for our departure to Iqaluit, Nunavut. The students are discovering information about where Iqaluit is located, its landscape, temperature, and animals! In march we will be starting the novel 'Freckle Juice' and will be completing fun literacy activities about the book including the opportunity to try a taste of Freckle Juice.

Grade Three

February is a jam packed month and we have had tons of fun in Grade 3! We welcomed Mrs. Wood back to our classroom and she will spend 8 weeks with us for her final practicum in pursuit of her Bachelor of Education degree. In social we wrapped up our Peru unit with Peru day! In math students are working on division and have been impressing me with their ability to catch onto a new concept so quickly. Soon they will complete a fun project planning a pizza party using their multiplication and division skills. We are nearing the end of our novel study of Roald Dahls novel *The BFG* and students will complete a self directed final project to summarize their learning. In science we are beginning a student favorite unit titled *Building with a Variety of Materials*. Thank you families for sending so many great building supplies.

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!

February 22nd 2022

Kindergarten

Wynter– She is a kind and thoughtful soul. Great work in Math.

Aubree– Great friend. Improvement shown with learning letters and sounds.

Jayden– Great work on learning all of your letters and sounds. Kind and respectful student!

Grade 1

Blakely– Hard worker, very caring and inclusive.

Kendra– Big heart, funny. Very good helper!

Grade 2

Layla– Sweet, kind and has a persevering attitude!

Ellin– Excellence in all subject areas.

Dylan– Can-do attitude!

Grade 3

Callie– Kind hearted girl who stands up for others!

Hudson– Loyal friend! Big improvement in writing.

Harper– An empathetic and positive young girl.

Cub Coupons to: Eliana, Laine, Peyton, Dallas, TC, Hayden

Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards–

Blakely & Dallas

Entertainment by the Grade One Class

Poem



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 **RC846230** 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!**





THE **EDGE**
Wainwright

& the Wainwright Arts Council
Present the

Wainwright

15TH Annual WAINWRIGHT

Arts Festival

THURSDAY, FEB. 24
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

LITERARY NIGHT

Open mic for writers, poets
@ the Wainwright Public Library

FRIDAY, FEB. 25
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ART SHOW & SALE

@ the Wainwright
Communiplex
• Live local music

SATURDAY, FEB. 26
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ART SHOW & SALE

@ the Wainwright
Communiplex
• Live local music

Masks and
vaccination record
or negative test
result are required
for entry - as per
AHS guidelines

Wainwright Liquor
& Cold Beer Store

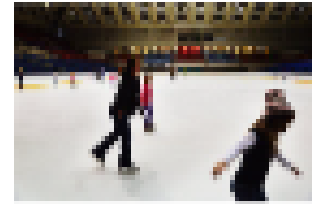
Hall & Company

MEATCO SALES

Wainwright
Financial Group

CO-OP

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.

Supports for Families with children 0 to age 18 years of age.

During this very difficult time that we have been experiencing, I know it can be challenging to provide medical and dental needs for students. I have listed a couple of free programs that parents can access to allow children to continue to receive medical care, eye glasses, dental and other daily needs. I encourage you to review these programs.

The **Alberta Child Health Benefit** <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-child-health-benefit.aspx> covers health benefits for children in low-income households. This health plan is for children up to 18 years of age. Children who are 18 or 19 years old also qualify, if they are living at home and attending high school.

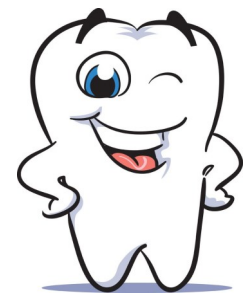
What's covered?

- Dental care
 - basic and preventative services like fillings, x-rays, examinations and teeth cleaning
 - Optical benefits
 - Eye glasses every year
 - Prescription drugs
 - The list of eligible prescription drugs found here:



[Interactive Drug Benefit List](#)

- ✦ Some over-the-counter products, such as children's vitamins
- ✦ Ambulance services
 - Emergency ambulance trips to the nearest hospital
 - Diabetic supplies



Diabetic supplies such as injection supplies, testing strips and lancets

Talk to your doctor, dental provider, optical provider or pharmacist to learn which items are paid for by this health benefit plan.

Dental Outreach of Red Deer Program

Free urgent dental care service is available for clients ages 5 - 18 years who have: no dental insurance, lower income or trouble paying; and, who have pain, infection, visible decay or broken teeth.

Services offered are income eligible and include:

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