

March 2022

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

March has flown by so quickly! We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring weather, now that the season is officially here. Reminder to parents to make sure that your child has an extra set of dry clothes in their backpack, just in case the spring puddles become too hard to resist! Spending the day in wet clothes is no fun! Also, please be sure to put your child's name inside their rubber boots and spring wear. You'd be amazed at how many pairs of identical rubber boots will be found on our boot racks, and how similar spring coats and jackets can be to each other.

Our month was a busy, fun one! We resumed visits to the downtown library, went on a fantastic ski trip to Valley Ski Club, and had a very successful Career Day. It was great to see all of the many occupations that our students are considering. The presentations by our guests were interesting and informative, with lots of hands-on activities and experiences. Thanks to all of the parents and community members who volunteered to do presentations for our kids....Career Day wouldn't have been nearly as much fun without your involvement! I'd also like to send a shout out to all of the parents who joined us on our ski trip. It was amazing to see how everyone worked together and organized the kids into different groups for their lessons, and how everyone jumped in and helped out on the slopes to make sure our little ones had a fun, safe afternoon of skiing. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Dewald as well, for all of her hard work and effort in planning and organizing both the ski trip and Career Day for our kids. Many hours of behind the scenes work goes into pulling off a successful field trip or event day, and we appreciate all of her efforts to ensure that our kids get to experience such awesome events!

This month is bittersweet for us, as we say farewell to our beloved Mrs. Hovde, who is off on a new adventure of retirement. We will miss her smiling face and capable hands, as she has been an important part of what makes Amisk School such a special place to learn and grow. We wish her all the best in the future, and hope all of her days are sunny, her joys are many, and her troubles are few and far between.

Mrs. West
Principal



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

welcome TO THE TEAM

We are sending out a warm welcome to **Mrs. Emily Crump**, who has joined us as an educational assistant in the grade two classroom. Mrs. Crump comes to us from Hardisty, where she lives with her husband and two young children. We are thankful for her kind manner and the enthusiasm she brings each day to her duties helping Mrs. Dewald in grade two!

Another big Amisk School welcome goes out to **Ms. Brenna Bartley**, who is joining our school family as our new admin assistant. Brenna grew up in the Amisk area, and is familiar to many of our families through her photography business. You will see Ms. Bartley in the school office, helping teachers and students with their daily needs, and trying to keep Mrs. West headed in the right direction each day!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

We are also bidding a fond farewell to **Mrs. Hovde** at the end of this month. Mrs. Hovde is beginning a well deserved retirement on April 4. We will miss her quiet, kind presence here at Amisk School, and are so grateful for all that she has done for our school, our students, staff and families. We wish her well in the future, and hope that she will get to enjoy lots of fun adventures once she is done here at our school. We know that there will be lots of golfing, visiting and time with grandchildren in her future! Thanks for everything, Mrs. Hovde, you're the best!!



Farewell from Mrs. Hovde

March 31, 2022

I miss you already

The list is long why I will miss you

I will miss handmade cards and notes,

I will miss hip hugs,

I will miss hallway noise,

I will miss excitement of telling a small story

I will miss all the laughter

I will miss hearing talk of students learning together in a little pod on the floor,

I will miss birthday celebrations

I will miss random supervisions

I will miss smiling faces on students and co workers

I will miss comforting a hurt or sick child,

I will miss handing out band aids— tooth cases.

I will miss being called Mrs. Hovde

I will miss all the busy.

I have rejoiced in my work here at Amisk School. I've taken pride in organizing and supporting endeavors here in our small school. I have loved supporting reading by being the head cheerleader of reading in our school library.

A huge thank you to my co workers-teachers, EA staff, custodian and others that support the school. I will miss my co workers. I will miss their support, the hellos and byes of daily school life, I truly call them all my friends.

A huge thank you to parents and families. I feel that we are always supporting each other in keeping the school a vibrant welcoming place

This journey of mine has covered decades and who knew I would find it so rewarding. Its been lovely. I will miss hearing the school bell

I look forward to sunny days, golfing, traveling, reading, volunteering and just being. Thank you. Take Care everyone



Important Dates!

March 30: Parent-Teacher interviews
4-9pm.

March 31- B of G

April 5: Downtown Library

April 8: Amisk community pancake supper.

April 14: Fancy Hair Day / Hot lunch

April 15-22: Spring Break No School

April 26: Basket of Greatness

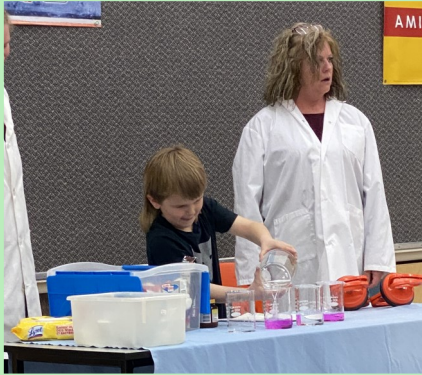
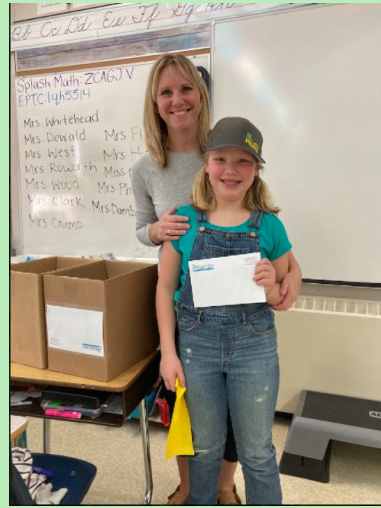
April 27: Favourite Team Day (Jerseys)

April 28: Hot lunch



Thank you to all our volunteers that helped with Career Day, March 23

Crystal Amundson, Katie Redekop, Ruby Larson, Shelby Vuylsteke, Aaron Christensen, Killam RCMP, Monica Hill, Susan Reynolds & Annie Van Hoek



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.**



• We had a BLAST at our ski trip to Alliance Ski Hill. Huge thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers for helping out with the day and ensuring it ran smoothly.



Hot lunch will continue on April 14th and 28th!

Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool



**Thank
you!**

Thank you to our amazing parent council for the delicious Valentine's Day Treat! The honey-dipped donuts were a hit with Amisk School Students.



It's that time of year once again, when we start planning for next year and look forward to having new kindergarten students join our school family!



NEW 2022-2023 Kindergarten registrations

are welcome at Amisk School

If you have a child who will be 5 by December 31, 2022 and want them to be part of the Amisk School kindergarten class next year, please call 780-856-3771 to arrange for a registration package.

Please have your student registration in to Amisk School by May 15, 2022.

An orientation day for new kindergarten students will be held on Friday, June 3.

Please share this information with other families who have children who are kindergarten age.

Thank you!

Class Happenings!

Kindergarten

Wow, March has flown by. The kindergarten students have had a very busy month. They enjoyed Teacher's Pet Presentation and learned a lot about numbers. The Ski Trip was an excellent experience for the Kindergarten students. They were great skiers. St. Patrick's day started off with a very messy classroom from the Leprechauns that visited Amisk School. The rest of the day was fun with games and party activities. The Kindergarten students have been working hard on learning to print their lowercase letters and working on their sight words. In Math, the students have started the Measurement unit and are measuring everything in the classroom. In gym class the students have been doing gymnastics, and having lots of fun. April will be a great month with lots of learning and fun activities. Hope everyone is enjoying Spring!!

Grade One

What a busy month! The ski trip was a big hit! We also had teachers pet where the students built enclosures for a zoo animal. On Saint Patrick's Day a pesky Leprechaun visited our classroom and made a big mess! He escaped all of our traps, but left us a yummy treat. We finished up our subtraction within 10 unit and the students really got the hang of taking away a part from a bigger number (the whole). We read lots of non fiction books and talked about how good readers ask and answer questions before, during and after they read a book. We also learned how to compare and contrast when reading. In Social we are learning what it means to be a good citizen. In Science we are learning all about our five senses! We are looking forward to what the next few months will bring!

Grade Two

Wow, March really flew by! What a fun month of learning we have had! This month we have really gotten into our novel Freckle Juice. We are eagerly anticipating what will happen to our main character and we are having a blast creating life-sized characters from the book with all of their attributes included. In science we are finishing up our hot and cold temperature unit with planning and executing the building of a hot chocolate insulating device. Our goal is to use our knowledge to create a device that will keep hot chocolate hot for at least 15 minutes. This month in social we have been learning all about the Inuit in Iqaluit. In the coming days we will learn about their culture and traditions as well as the natural resources, goods and services found in Iqaluit. In math we have shifted to subtraction strategies. We will be wrapping up our learning soon and will be moving on to a short unit on graphing.

Grade Three

March has been a fun-filled month! Some highlights were Teacher's Pet, the ski trip and St. Patrick's day. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Wood in our classroom and students have been enjoying all of her fun and creative learning activities. In science students have been working as builders and created some fantastic Leprechaun traps! In math we are learning all about Fractions. Social studies we are studying the country Ukraine and creating our very own nesting dolls to summarize our learning. In Language Arts we have finally finished our novel study on the BFG and students worked hard to creative self directed book review projects. It has been so nice to have parents back in the school and I look forward to seeing more of you as the school year continues!

100th Day of School





Ski Trip Fun!



Basket of Greatness!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 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!

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Kindergarten

Bentley– Working so hard on learning letters. Enthusiastic learner!

Credence– A wonderful new addition to our classroom.

John– Fantastic student. John is a math wiz!

Grade 1

Bo– Always making us laugh. Positive attitude and working hard at his writing.

Paetyn– Working hard at reading. Always has a positive attitude and kind heart.

Grade 2

Brayson– Exceptional student with a positive attitude!

Kinley– Great effort in math class. Working hard to learn new concepts.

Grade 3

Jacob– A student with a can-do attitude who is very creative!

Chloe– Empathetic girl who puts her best foot forward.

Cub Coupons to:

TJ, Wynter, Bentley, Rumer, Noah, Maris, Wyatt, Abe, Austen, Sarah, Deklan

Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards–

Bentley & Brayson

Entertainment by the Whole School



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?

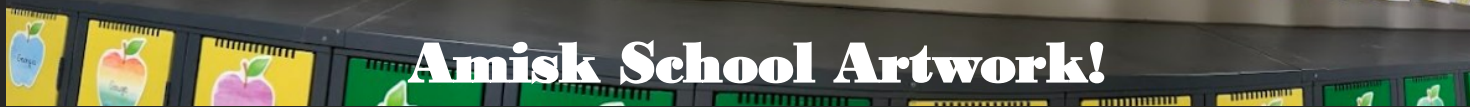
By using the code **RC846230** you can support the Amisk School and help us to buy books for our students! All orders will require the code when you get to the cart to checkout and it will remain the same for the entire year.

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!**





Amisk School Artwork!

Check out the beautiful art that decorates our classrooms and hallways.



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.

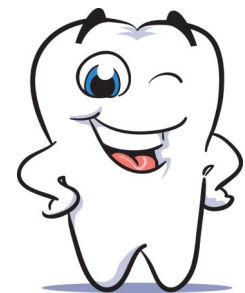
What's covered?

- 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