

April 2022

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

This month has flown by, and we are definitely in the home stretch of this school year. It's been great to be able to welcome parents and helpers back into our school. It makes such a difference to our school atmosphere and environment when we can welcome people in. Basket of Greatness assemblies take on a whole new feeling when we have an audience to cheer for us and to perform for!

Our students and staff have been busy continuing their learning this month. Reading, writing and math take top priority in our days at school, but there's always time for a little fun, like our Fancy Hair Day and Favourite Team Day. It was great to see all of those awesome Oilers jerseys around the school today!

This month I'd like to send a special thank you and shout out to our Parent Advisory Council. They work hard behind the scenes to raise funds for field trips and special events, and to help us out with many projects in and around the school. The popcorn from our popcorn fundraiser was delivered yesterday, and it was great to see so many parents here helping to sort it out for pick up and delivery. Our current PAC is a great group of parents who take the opportunity to get involved, see what's happening in their child's school, and have a voice and a chance to help out. If you're interested in being a part of the PAC, please contact me at the school or touch base with Katie Redekop, our current president. Meetings are held every couple of months for an hour or so. It's a great opportunity to play a supporting role and get to have a firsthand look at what's happening here at Amisk School.

Take care, and happy Spring!

Mrs. West
Principal



Amisk
SCHOOL

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

Important Dates!

April 28– Hot lunch– Pizza

May 3– Downtown library

May 4– Hats on for Mental Health

May 6– No school (Staff PL)

May 8– Mother's Day

May 10– Spring photos

May 12– Hot lunch– Hot dogs

May 18– Beach Day

May 19-23 No school

May 26– Hot lunch– Subs

May 31– Basket of Greatness

June 1– Stuffy Day

June 2– Hot lunch– Hot dogs

June 3– Beginner Day

June 9– Year End Field Trip

June 15– Awards Day



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.



Hats On!
FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Wear a special hat to school on May 4, 2022 to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.

May 4th 2022
canwetalk.ca

can we talk? | The Alberta Teachers' Association | Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta | Global

Hats On for Mental Health is Wednesday May 4th! Students are encouraged to wear a hat on this day.



SPRING PHOTOS: MAY 10TH



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool

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, April has flown by and the Kindergarten students have been learning so many new things. The students have been busy learning all about measurement in Math. The kindergarten students have been working so hard at learning their sight words and recognizing them in books and around the room. In Social class we have been learning all about being a part of group, sharing with others in a group and being kind and respectful when working in a group. In gym we have finished doing gymnastics, playing games with hula hoops and bean bags and we will be learning how to play soccer. This is a very artistic bunch of students, they have showed many talents while sketching, painting and coloring various projects. I hope everyone had a well deserved Easter Break and your month of May is warm and full of sunshine.

Grade One

This year has gone by so quick! I can't believe there is only two months of school left! The growth I have seen over the last month in the students has been significant! I can't wait for what the last two months bring! We finished up our how-to writing. We are starting to learn our long vowel sounds and vowel teams. We are learning about character traits and how character's feelings can change over a text just like our feelings change throughout the day. We learned about 2D and 3D shapes. In Social Studies we wrapped up our unit on citizenship and will start learning about our past. In Science we learned all about our five senses and conducted lots of hands on experiments to help us explore our senses!

Grade Two

Wow, there are only 2 months left of school and boy do we have a lot of fun things to look forward to! This month in language arts we are going to be getting our creative juices flowing with some writing activities. We are also going to be reading the novel *Tonight on the Titanic* and completing activities that go along with our new science unit 'Boats and Buoyancy.' We will be using Sphero robots to power our boat creations and testing them will be a highlight of our month. In social studies we have started to explore our final Canadian community; Saskatoon. This month we will learn about the landscape, early days, culture and traditions of the area. In math we will be diving into 2-digit addition and subtraction. In this unit we will learn lots of strategies that will help us solve these big equations with ease!

Grade Three

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Break. We have only 2 months left of school and tons of learning left to do in Grade 3. In Language Arts we have began our new novel study on *Charlotte's web*. Students will be working on their summarizing and vocabulary skills as we work through the novel! In science we are beginning our unit all about animal life cycles and students will have the opportunity to observe the hatching of baby chicks later this month. Social we will be diving into our last country of study- Tunisia.

In Math we are learning about measurement using Mathology. Bring on spring!

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!

April 2022

Kindergarten

Porter– A great counter. Pleasant personality and kind attitude.

Vaughn– A kind and helpful student. Great work with letters, sounds and sight words.

Paicee– Takes pride in all of her work. Great printing of letters and names.

Grade 1

Isaac– Positive attitude and hard work ethic in grade 1.

Dixie– Being very helpful and working hard with her reading.

Grade 2

Wyatt– Great classroom participation.

Grade 3

Emmett– Creative student with a hard work ethic.

Laine– Curious student with a positive attitude.

Claire– Amazing vocabulary skills! Working on her organizational skills.

Cub Coupons to: Oakley, Layla, Claire, Noah T, Porter, Creedence, Carter

Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards–

K-1: Porter Hunter 2-3 Claire Kobitzsch

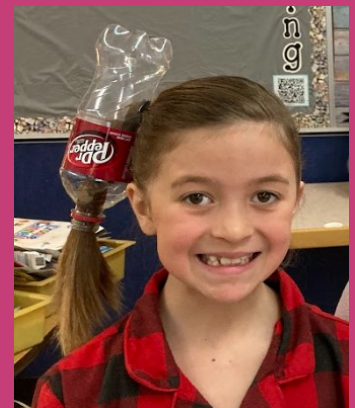
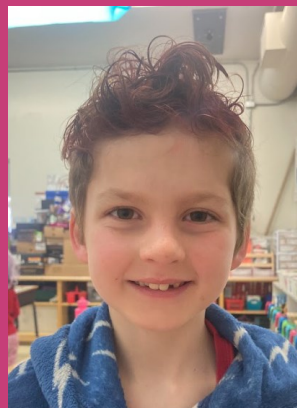
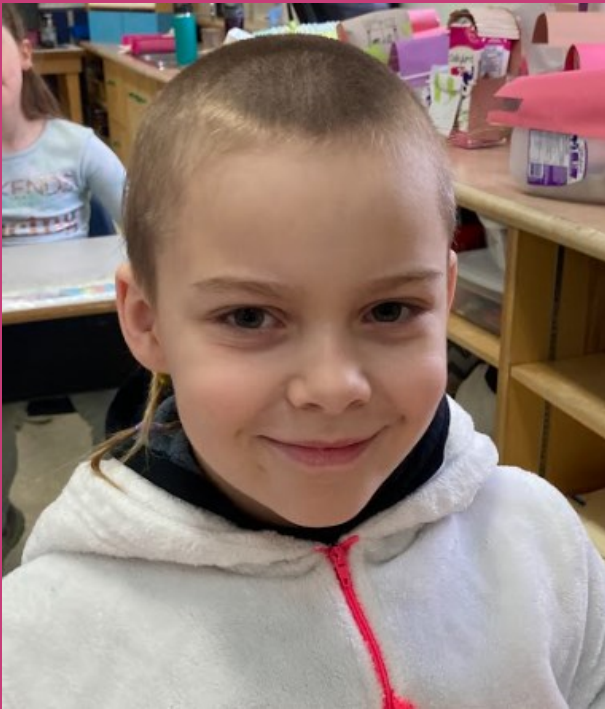
Entertainment by Kindergarten

The Bunny Hop

Entertainment by Grade Two

My Teacher's Going Crazy

Fancy Hair Day!





Mrs. Hovde's Retirement Tea!



Mrs. Wood was a student teacher in the Grade 3 classroom this year. Congratulations Mrs. Wood! Thank you for all of your hard work.



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 Brenna at the school by calling 780-856-3771!



Mother's Day



Breakfast



MAY 8

**Time: 9:00 –
11:00 a.m.**

AMISK HALL

Adults:
\$15.00

Children-10
years and over:
\$15.00

Children 9
years and
under are
Free

Breakfast Buffet: Ham, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, pancakes and all the trimmings. Coffee, Tea and Juice

First 50 ladies will receive a flower

* Proceeds towards the New Ball Diamond Bathrooms

Sponsored by the Amisk Ag, Society

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.

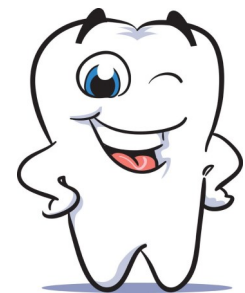
What's covered?

- 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