

June 2022

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

The end of another school year has come. As I reflect back on the 2021 - 2022 school year, I am grateful for all of the successes that we had, the lessons that were learned, and the many times that we came together as a school community to support one another.

A special thank you goes out to our parents and families. Your support was integral to the success we've seen this year. Throughout the whole year, you did everything in your power to ensure that your children received the best educational experience possible. It didn't matter what we asked you to do, you delivered and then some. You created costumes for special theme days, sent food for the food bank, volunteered for hot lunch days and special events, raised funds for the parent advisory council, made yummy lunches, read home reading books, and too many other things to list! Our little school is such a wonderful place for kids to start their educational journey, and it's thanks in large part to the incredible support we get from our parents and families. Thank you again, we truly couldn't do what we do without you!

As the year draws to a close, we are saying farewell to Mrs. Whitehead, who will be spending the year to come at home with her baby. In her place, Ms. Amy Penman will be joining our school family. We are excited to welcome Ms. Penman, as we know that she will do a fantastic job with next year's grade threes!

In closing, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer, the kind that lives on in your memory long after it draws to a close. I hope you find time to relax and rejuvenate, whether in a camper by the lake, on the back of a horse riding through a meadow, or on a grand adventure somewhere far from here. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in August for a new school year, hopefully one that is more like what we fondly remember as "normal".

Take care, and we'll see you in the fall!

Mrs. Becky West  
Principal



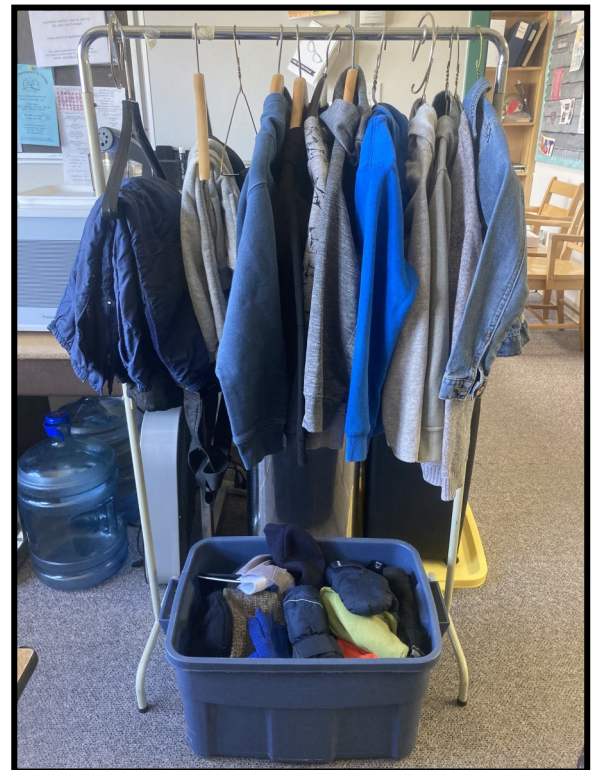
Amisk School Mantra: I Can...You Can...We Can...Succeed!

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# Amisk School Info!

We are looking for someone to run our breakfast program for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Anholt, who has run the program for the last few years, is taking a well deserved retirement. We would like to thank her for her time and dedication. If you are interested in helping out two mornings a week, please contact Mrs. West at the school for more information and to apply.

This time of year our Lost and Found is really filling up. Please make sure to take a look next time you visit our school or let you child's teacher know if you are missing something specific.



Hot lunch is finished for the school year. Thank you for your support and to our volunteers!



Find us on Twitter!

@AmiskSchool

## Year End Field Trip

Thank you to all of the following who helped make our field trip a big success!

- Czar store for the donation of chips and juice boxes.
- Families who donated lunch items: Jeff & Katie Redekop, Kelly & Renee Sayer, Tori White, Lonny & Ashley Flynn.
- All of the volunteers who came out to spend the day with us!



Thank you to Pork & Pickle for the donation of popcorn and your machine for the Amisk Ball diamonds playground fundraiser. We raised \$295.25!

### Awards Day

Thank you Jeff & Katie Redekop for donating the hot dogs for our BBQ lunch and to all of the families who brought in lunch items!

### Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all of the families, friends and community members who supported this fundraiser!



### Beginner Day

Thank you Sheila McIvor for ensuring all Kindergarten beginner day students were registered, made it on school busses and that routes for the day were adjusted accordingly.

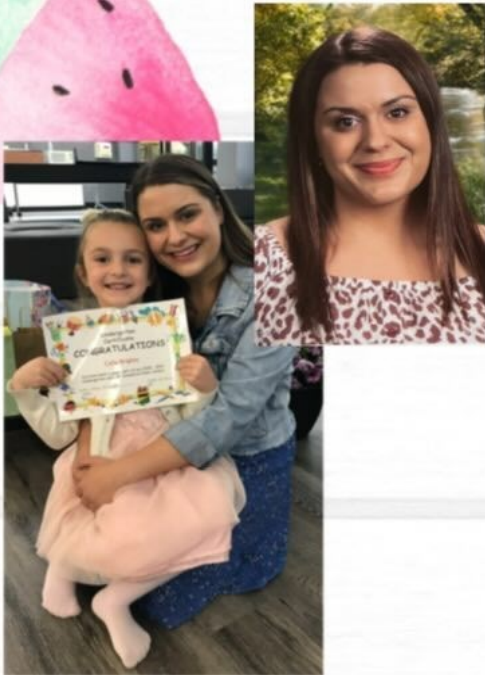
### Girls at Bat

Thank you to Mrs. Whitehead and Ms. Johnson for organizing and running the Girls at Bat baseball program!

### Field Trips

Huge thank you to Mrs. Roworth for planning and organizing our year end field trip. Thank you to Tricia Strang, Alfie and Faylene Walters for getting our students to their field trips safely.

We are excited to introduce Ms. Amy Penman as our new grade three teacher for next year. Check out her infographic to find out a little more about her!



# meet the TEACHER

## A LITTLE ABOUT ME

Hi! My name is Miss. Penman and I am excited to be back with BTPS and teaching Grade 3 for the 2022- 2023 school year at A.P.P.L.E! I grew up on a farm south of Czar, and attended high school at HPS. I graduated from the University of Alberta in 2020, earning my bachelor of Education degree. I have been teaching Kindergarten in Coronation for the past 18 months. I am thrilled to meet a new class I get to call my own! Working with kids is my passion. I consider myself incredibly lucky to get to join A.P.P.L.E in Grade 3. I have an open door policy, and encourage lots of communication to help my students succeed. Therefore please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or just needing to chat about your child! I just want to go ahead and say, "Thankyou" for your support as I strive to be an excellent teacher, role model, and friend for all the students I meet in the days to come!

### My Promise

Dear Students,  
I believe in you, you are cared for.  
I love how unique you are.  
You are important.  
I will listen to you, I will not give up on you.  
You will succeed.  
You will have fun.  
I am here for you. Miss Penman

## A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

- ♥ Makeup
- ♥ Gardening
- ♥ Shopping
- ♥ Camping
- ♥ Swimming
- ♥ Golfing
- ♥ Playing Cards

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# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

What a wonderful year we had in Kindergarten!! The year flew by and we learned together, made memories together, went on adventures together and made many new friends together. It was great to meet all of you wonderful parents and students. Thank you so much everyone for the great year we had in Kindergarten!! Cheers to the class of 2021/2022! Have an awesome summer!!

## Grade One

We had a fantastic year in grade one! I am so proud of everything that the students accomplished! We made a lot of great memories, we had many laughs, we made mistakes, but most importantly we learned and we faced challenges. I cannot believe that this school year is over! I am looking forward to seeing the grade one's around next year and hearing all about their adventures in grade two! I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

## Grade Two

And that's a wrap! It's been a wonderful year of learning, laughing and growing together. I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to teach this great bunch of kids this year. The parents and students have been top notch to work with and I appreciate everything that has been done to make this year successful. These students are going to rock grade 3! Enjoy summer break! Read books, have fun and most importantly make lasting memories!

## Grade Three

We had an awesome year in Grade 3! I am so proud of how much this group has grown and all that we have learned together. Thank you all for the support and well wishes and I move from the classroom into my maternity leave. I wish the Grade 3 students all the best as they transition to grade 4 at Hughenden Public School. They will be deeply missed by our Amisk School family! I hope everyone has a fun and restful summer and you are able to make lots of special memories with your families. Take Care!

-Mrs. Whitehead

# Year End Field Trip and Swimming!





# 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!



## 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.

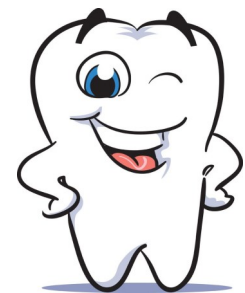
### What's covered?

- 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