Amisk School September 2022

# NEWSLETTER

#### Welcome Back to Students and Families!

We are excited to welcome back all of our students and their families! Our year is off to a great start, and all of our classes have been busy learning new classroom routines, getting to know new classmates and new teachers, and renewing their friendships with their classmates from previous years.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Sept. 5: Labour Day, no school
- Sept. 9: Teddy Bear Day bring your favourite teddy bear to school
- Sept. 15: Open House 3:45 -6:00 p.m.
- Sept 22 Crazy Sock Day and Terry Fox Walk
- Sept. 27: Basket of Greatness Celebration
- Sept. 28: BTPS Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Sept. 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day, no school for students or staff



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## Welcome to Our New Staff Members!

We are excited to welcome three new staff members to our staff this year! Ms. Amy Penman is our new grade three teacher. Amy has been teaching for three years, and is a graduate of Hughenden Public School. We are thrilled to have her leading our grade three class this year!

Mrs. Ashley Flaade is our new admin assistant. Ashley is very familiar with our school and our families through her work as an educational assistant here at Amisk School. Ashley's kind, caring ways make students, staff and families all feel welcome and cared for when they have questions or concerns.

Mrs. Amy Walters has rejoined our staff as an educational assistant in kindergarten. Amy is adept at working with young children, and she is a great addition to the kindergarten room!



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#### **Microwaves in Classrooms**

We will be re-introducing microwaves into our classrooms this year. Students in grades 1 - 3 will be able to independently use the microwave to warm up their food at lunch time (students in kindergarten will have their food microwaved by a staff member). Due to time constraints at lunch time, any food being microwaved will need to be able to be reheated in 30 seconds to 1 minute. Because of this, frozen food like pizza pops or frozen pizza should be avoided, as well as foods that take longer to heat and cook like microwaveable KD or noodles.



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#### We're hiring!

We're accepting applications for a part time educational assistant. We are looking for someone to work mornings every day in the grade two classroom. Resumes can be sent to Mrs. West through email (<u>becky.west@btps.ca</u>). If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our school team, please let them know!

#### **Open House**

We will be having a school wide open house on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 3:45 -6:00 p.m.

We invite parents and families to drop by the school to meet your child's teacher, check out their new classroom, tour the school, and enjoy some refreshments.

We are thrilled to be able to welcome our families back into our school building this year, and look forward to reconnecting face to face with everyone.

## **Piano Lessons**

Jennifer Johnson will once again be offering private piano lessons to our students, starting in October. If you are interested in lessons for your child, please contact Jennifer directly at 780-856-0005.An information sheet about lessons is available from the school office.



### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed in the library to help with book sorting, shelving, etc. Classroom teachers will be looking for volunteers to help with a number of classroom activities and jobs. We need volunteers to assist with our hot lunch program for a number of tasks like picking up pizza, making hot dogs, or organizing, distributing and delivering hot lunch items to classrooms. We also need volunteers to help at school wide events, activities, and in all school areas. If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer form that will be arriving home soon.



#### **Nut Allergy Alert**

We have students enrolled in our school who have severe allergies to both peanuts and tree nuts. We ask that all students refrain from bringing items in their lunch that contain peanuts, almonds, or traces of nuts.

#### Hot Lunch and Breakfast Program Starting in October

Our breakfast program will be starting in October. Breakfast is offered to all students twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our meals consist of a quick, nutritious breakfast item like granola bars, cereal, toast, fruit smoothies and cheese and fruit.

Hot lunch will also be starting up again in October. Hot lunch is served every second Thursday. Order forms are sent home on a bi-monthly basis. It is optional to purchase hot lunch items. All proceeds from the hot lunch program go toward supporting extra activities and resources for the school.