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Apple Center Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone! We are so happy to be back at school again, working and learning together. We have had a wonderful start to our year, with lots of fun activities and learning happening already! Our field trip to the corn maze was a wonderful experience, with everyone having a lot of fun trying to make their way through the maze successfully. We had only a few groups who made it all the way to the end, but everyone had a blast regardless!

Our Parent Advisory Council is looking for new members. We want to send a special thank you to Katie Redekop for her dedication and service to Amisk School, as she was the chairperson last year. Katie's youngest child has moved on to Hughenden Public School, so she has moved on to new ventures. We would like to welcome Shelby Gill as our new chairperson. Other executive members are Crystal Amundson, treasurer, and Renee Sayer, secretary. If you are interested in serving as part of the PAC, please join us at our regular monthly meetings. Our next meeting is on Friday Oct. 28. PAC meetings are held every second month on a Thursday or Friday from 9:15—10:00 a.m. These meetings are a great way to get involved with your child's school, and to make a positive difference. PAC members volunteer for a number of events, raise money for field trips and other items for the school, and have a voice in decisions made at the school level. We'd love to see you there!

Our classes have been enjoying the wonderful warm weather with outside gym classes and extra walks. Soon the temperatures will be changing again and a more typical fall will be here. Please be sure to send mittens, toques and a warm sweater or coat with your child for chilly morning recesses.

Take care,

Mrs. West

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



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Upcoming Events!

Check out all the exciting things happening at the Amisk School in the upcoming months.

Oct 4– Lifetouch Picture Day.

Oct 7– No school for students.

Oct 10– Thanksgiving Day : No school.

Oct 11– Fire Safety presentation from Amisk Fire Department.

Oct 13– Dress like a Scarecrow Day.

Oct 18– Downtown library 1-3.

Oct 25– B of G.

Oct 27– October newsletter Published.

Oct 27– Kindergarten Halloween party.

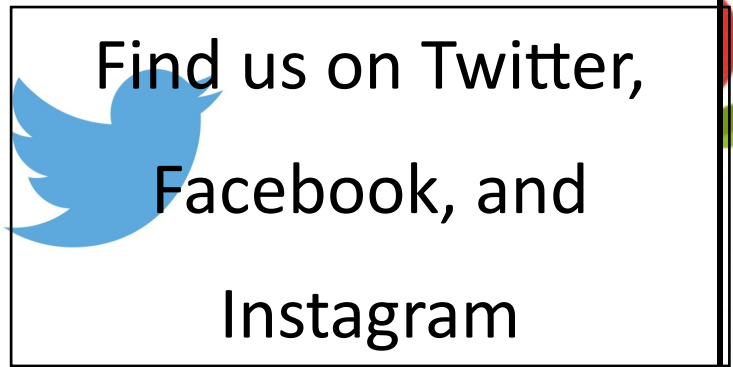
Oct 31 – Grades 1-3 Halloween party.

Nov 3 – Lifetouch retake day.

Nov 5TH-13TH– Fall break, no school for students.

Amisk School Info!

- Please make sure to check out our website <http://amisk.btps.ca/> . Here you can find a calendar with important events, 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 Fridays. Please make sure to return completed books each week so your child is able to sign new ones out.
- **Amisk School is a Nut Aware School. For more info check our handbook on the Amisk School website.**
- Once again this year BTPS students are able to access the SORA reading APP which is an online digital collection of books. Go to SoraApp.com and using your student email address and password sign up to read thousands of books that are available. For any help signing up please contact Mrs. Flaade in the office at 780-856-3771.



Parent Council

Attention all parents! The Amisk School parent council meets every second month on a Thursday or Friday morning from 9:15—10:00 am. **The next meeting is Friday October 28th @ 9:15AM.** Meetings are held in person at the school, or can be attended virtually. The link will be posted on our website and sent out to all parents prior to the meeting.



**Lifetouch school pictures
will be happening on
October 4st!**

Picture **retakes**
scheduled for
Thursday Novem-
ber 3rd, 2022!



Class Happenings!

Kindergarten

Wow, the month of September has flown by. The Kindergarten class has learned and experienced many new things in the month of September. The students have started learning their uppercase letters and sounds. They know the letters: F, E, D, P, B, R. They have learned three new sight words.. In Math the students have been learning all about patterns and can make AB patterns. In Social and Health we have been learning all about being unique. The Kindergarten students love to do action songs and have been having lots of fun singing and learning new songs. They did an awesome job walking around town for the Terry Fox Walk. I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful fall weather with their families. It has been a great September in the Kindergarten Room!!

Grade One

September was a month of getting to know each other. All of their personalities have started to shine through as they get more comfortable into the classroom. We spent a lot of time getting to know classroom routines, which they all picked up quickly! In literacy we reviewed our alphabet, and learned our short vowel sounds with the help of our Secret Stories! As your kiddo the short and lazy disguise for a, e, i, o and u. We learned about being authors and the importance of having details in our pictures. The students were very brave with starting to listen for the sounds in the words they are trying to spell. In math we have focused on numbers to 10 and have started to learn about 10 frames and number lines. These are tools that can help us in math! In Science we have been discussing the different seasons and the role that the sun plays. In Social Studies we have started to learn all about ourselves! I am looking forward to what this year has in store for us!

Grade Two

This month we have been spending some time getting to know each other and learning the rules and routines of grade 2. In language arts we have learned 3 of our daily 5 stations we will be using this year; read to self, read to someone and listen to reading. We have been reviewing our sentence structure in our writing by making sure we include capitals and punctuation as well as complete sentences. In math we have been working on place value and representing numbers to 50 including skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. Science has been all about magnets! The students are enjoying completing experiments and learning about polarity, strength of magnets and where magnets can be found in our daily lives. In social we have been looking at communities and what makes them unique. Next we will work on mapping concepts such as how to read and interpret a map, symbols on a map and how to make a map!

Grade Three

Welcome back to school! This month we have been busy diving into the Grade 3 curriculum. In Language Arts students have been enjoying a novel read aloud titled "A Stranger at Home". In science we are putting on our geology hats to study rocks and minerals. In math we are finishing up our data representation unit, this is a fun unit to compare, and create many graphs! In social studies students have been learning the importance of global citizenship, and how we are all connected! Gym class has been all about cooperative games and team work. Way to go students on raising money for the Terry Fox Walk. We are looking forward to all the fun that October has to offer!

-Miss. Penman

Basket of Greatness

Thank you to everyone who came to our Basket of Greatness 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!

September 27th, 2022

Kindergarten

Hannah Barnett – A great friend, very kind and respectful, a wonderful helper.

Thomas Vuylsteke – Hard working student who always strives to do his best.

Grade 1

Maverick Allard - Makes sure that everyone is included and shows empathy.

Danney Gerbrandt - Being brave with making new friends.

Grade 2

Keo Bun – Very kind, hard working and driven.

Estelle Resch – An exemplary student in grade 2.

Grade 3

TC Clark – Works well with his peers and stays focused in class!

Ashley Maruzs – Has a positive attitude and is very welcoming and kind!

Cub Coupons to Hanna Barnett, Emily Johnson, Brayden Busk, Kenna Gilbertson, Blakely Amundson, Dylan Blue, Marcus Maruzs & Abel Walters.

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards– Danney Gerbrandt & Keo Bun

Entertainment by the Grade Two Class

1. Poor Little Bug Song





Orange Shirt Day

Was September 28th 2022

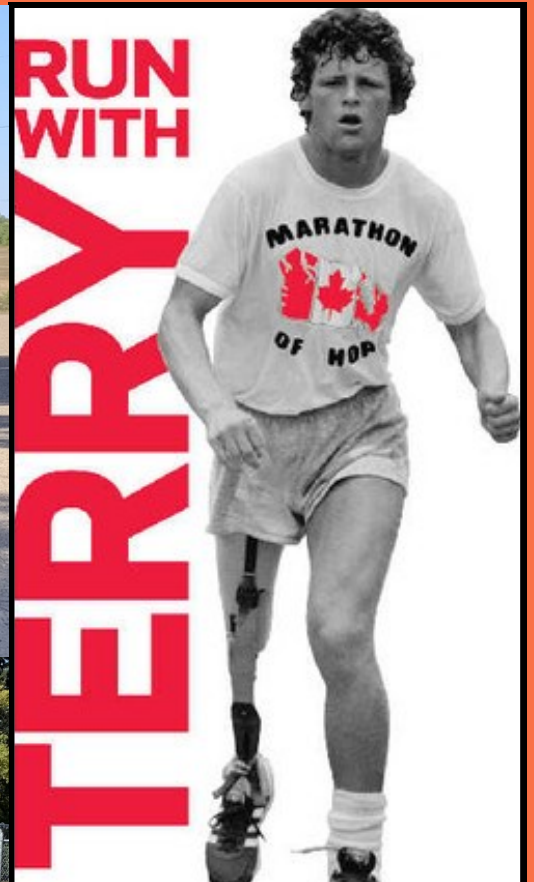
Communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and support.





Terry Fox Walk!





**Amisk school raised a total
of **\$1590** for the
Terry Fox foundation! Way
to go students and fami-**

Open House

Students and staff at Amisk School were so excited to welcome parents/guardians back into the building this year for our open house! Students took their parents on a school scavenger hunt and were excited to show their parents/guardians their classrooms!





SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back to school students and families! The Scholastic Reading Club is now available for the 2022-23 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.

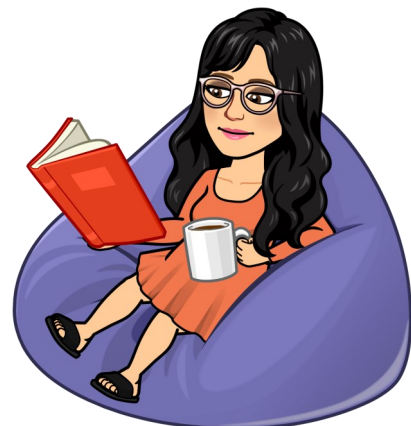
DID YOU KNOW?

By using the code **RC272526** 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. Flaade at the school by calling 780-856-3771!



Student Spotlight!

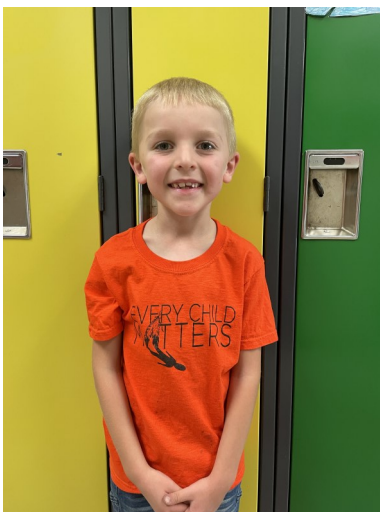
Amisk School students **Porter, Abel, Isaac, Thomas, Wynter** and **Ellin** competed in the Hardisty cross country race in September. Way to go all-stars! Your school family is proud of you.



I asked some Apple Center students the **BEST** part of their school year so far. Here were their responses...

Grade 1

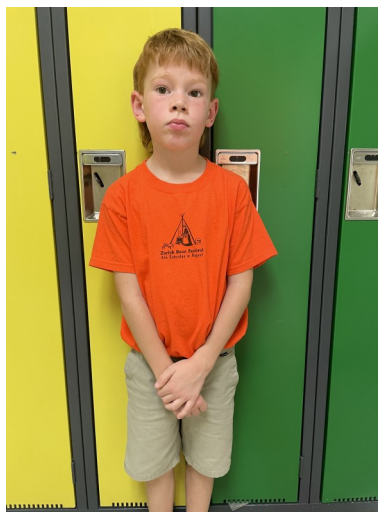
"I love being with my friends!"



Vaughn

Grade 2

"I like having gym!"



Deklan

Grade 3

"There are so many things I love but I'm going to say math!"



Peyton

Report cards and Parent Portal Information 2022-23

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 Ashley 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