

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

Hello to all Amisk School parents and families! November is now over, and you can already feel the excitement in the air as we enter the Christmas season here at school. The students and staff are all excited about the many fun activities and events that are coming in the next three weeks.

Our school is doing the 12 Days of Giving again this year. This is an opportunity for us to support our local food bank. Each day, we are asking for donations of specific items that are helpful to the food bank. Students can donate as often as works for their family. Donations will be collected and tallied each day, to see how many items we can collect as a school family. I know that the number will be large; this is a very kind, giving community!

We're also very excited to be able to present a live, in person Christmas concert again this year, for the first time in a long time! Our concert performances will take place on Dec. 13 at the Amisk Community Hall. Our first performance will be at 1:00 p.m., doors will open promptly at 12:45 p.m. Our second performance will be at 7:00 p.m., and doors will open at 6:45 p.m. For the afternoon performance, students will walk over to the hall with their teachers. For the evening performance, we ask that parents bring their children to the hall; they will need to be there by 6:45 p.m. We are presenting the play "Flakes" for you, and can't wait for you to see our students shine!

We have had a great deal of unfavourable weather in the last couple of weeks....winter is definitely here, and it showed up with a vengeance. Please remember to send proper winter gear with your children to school, as we will be going outside for recesses unless the weather is below -25 C, with or without the windchill. All bus students should have proper winter attire when riding the bus: winter coats, mitts, toques and ski pants are a must. We have had some students arriving at school with no mitts or toques lately, and that makes for very cold, unpleasant bus rides and recesses.

Take care!

Mrs. West



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

Upcoming Events!

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

Dec 1-16 : 12 Days of Christmas
Food Bank Giving

Dec 8: Hot lunch-Happy
Meals

Dec 13: Christmas Concert

Dec 15: Christmas Sweater/
Hat Day

Dec 22nd: PAC Lunch

Dec 23rd: PJ Day/Last day
before Christmas Break

Jan 9th: Return back to
school after Christmas
Break





FLAKES!

December 13th 2022

1:00 PM

&

7:00 PM

Performances

More details to come

A Musical Celebration of Snow,
Slush and Snirt!

By John Jacobson & John Higgins

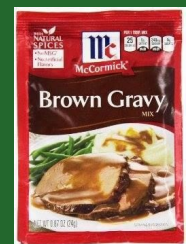




Twelve Days of Christmas Giving

Throughout December our school will be participating in the Amisk School Twelve Days of Christmas Giving. From December 1 to December 16, we will be collecting specific items for the foodbank. This is not mandatory, however if your family would like to participate with us, please send in what you can, when you can. The items needed are listed below, please send them in with your child or drop them off at the school. Each day, our school will tally the number of items brought and the total number of items to date. We are excited to see how many items we can gather, and to show our sharing and caring spirit to our community through this project!

How many items can we collect?



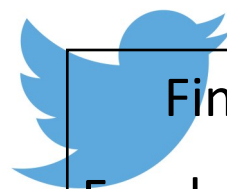
Amisk School Info!

- Please make sure to check out our website <http://amisk.https.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 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.**

A BIG THANK YOU to veteran Doug Geddes C.D. for speaking to our school at the Remembrance Day ceremony, as well as Hardisty Legion for providing our students and staff with Poppies.



Hot lunch will be happening
on December 8th, Jan 12,
and Jan 26th



Find us on Twitter.
Facebook and Instagram!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!



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Quick Links

I Can...You Can...We Can...SUCCEED!

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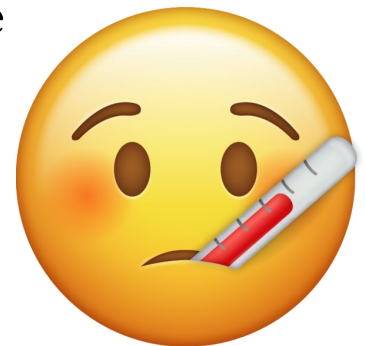
Did you know we have a Amisk School website? Take a look. Our website contains a lot of important information and is a good place to reference if you have a question about upcoming events or the happenings at our school.

Visit: <https://amisk.btps.ca/>

If your child will be away from school, please let their teacher or the school office know, and let us know the reason for their absence. We need to track the number of students who are ill every day.

Thanks so much!

Amisk School Staff



Class Happenings!

Kindergarten

November flew by! The Kindergarten students have learned a lot and experienced many fun activities throughout the month of November. The students have been working very hard on learning their uppercase letters and sounds of letters. They have started recognizing their sight words in stories we have been reading. In Math, we have started our Number Unit. In Social we have been learning all about being respectful and how to be a good friend. In Health class we are learning all about The Seven Sacred Teachings. In Gym class we have been learning how to throw and catch the ball. We have some really good catchers in our Kindergarten room. Art class has been so much fun this year, with lots of Christmas crafts to do for the month of December. The Kindergarten Students have been doing some impressive pieces of Art. Remember to dress warmly for school, now that Winter is here!! The Kindergarten Students have been busy practicing their songs for the Christmas Concert. December is sure to be another fantastic month of learning and fun.

Grade One

This month we finished with our digraphs and have started to learn about word families. When reading we practiced making predictions and giving evidence for our prediction, we discussed how we know what characters are feeling, and we talked about knowing when a character is talking in a book. In writing we are working hard on writing personal narrative stories and planning out our stories before we make them into a book! In math we started learning all about numbers to 20! In Science we have been learning all about colors and did a really cool milk experiment with food coloring! In Social Studies we have started to learn about rules and laws within our communities. This month flew by and we are looking forward to December!

Grade Two

Wow, November sure flew by and the grade twos were definitely busy learning this month. In language arts we have been working on digraphs and writing complete sentences. In math our focus has been on patterns. We are wrapping up our learning of repeating patterns and will be moving onto increasing/decreasing patterns in December. In science our time has been filled with engaging experiments to help with our understanding of liquids. We will continue this learning into December with more learning about the properties of liquids, waterproofing, absorbency, and the importance of protecting our water. In social we are learning all about Meteghan, Nova Scotia. The students have learned about where Meteghan is located, the weather, how to get there and over the next month will learn about how Meteghan is unique to Canada through their culture, traditions, daily life and early days history. December is sure to be another great month full of learning and fun!

Grade Three

The snow outside has stirred up a lot of excitement and many grade 3 students can be found at recess building some pretty awesome snow-forts! This month we have been reading our novel study *The BFG* in Language Arts, and tackling word ladders in Grammar! In social studies we are wrapping up our learning about India and students are highly anticipating India day, which is set for Dec 9. In Math we are wrapping up our place value unit 2, exam Dec 7. Next we will be moving on to addition and subtraction, Miss Penman's favourite! Science we are loving our Building with a Variety of Materials unit, woohoo we sure are a smart bunch of engineers. We are all looking forward to what December will bring, we are practicing up for our Christmas concert to share with everyone our lovely singing! Hugs- Miss. Penman

Basket of Greatness!

Thanks again to the Amisk Public Library for your donation of books for our apple award winners!

November 29th 2022

Kindergarten

Rowan Resch — A hard, independent worker, and takes pride in his school work.

Greysen Bieleny — Confident, positive worker and a great role model.

Levi Ekland — Very hard worker and has shown fantastic work in writing his numbers and with patterns.

Grade 1

Wynter — Always puts in great effort, is a wonderful friend, and loves telling jokes.

Grade 2

Rumer Pearson — Happy go lucky student who is always willing to help.

Noah Tchir — Hard working and dedicated and a great improvement with his printing.

Grade 3

Kinley Dewald — Very responsible and leads by example.

Peyton Flynn — Committed and best efforts for her academics.

Cub Coupons to Greysen Bieleny, Carter Middlemass, TJ Clark, Bo Anhorn, Kinley Dewald

Cub Coupon prize winners — Emily Johnson, Rumer Pearson, Spencer Barnett!

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards— Noah Tchir & Rowan Resch!

Entertainment by the Grade Three Class

Jingle Bells

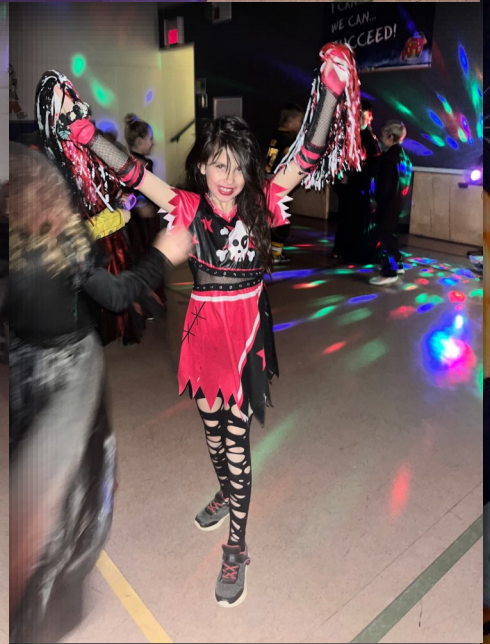
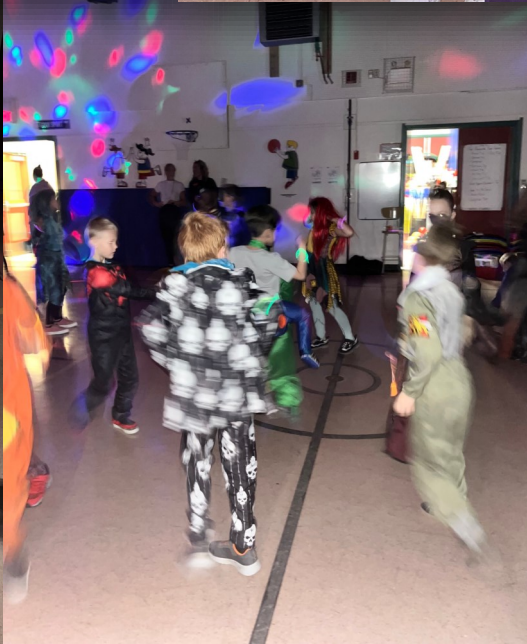
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Happy Halloween!





Thank You to Hughenden
Thrift Store for their
generous donation to our
school!



Thank You to CO-OP
Bags for Breakfast
For their donation to
our Breakfast Program



THANK
you

AMISK SCHOOL PAC

FOR PROVIDING OUR STAFF WITH
A DELICIOUS SUPPER AND
DESSERT WHILE WE HOSTED
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS
VERY APPRECIATED





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

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

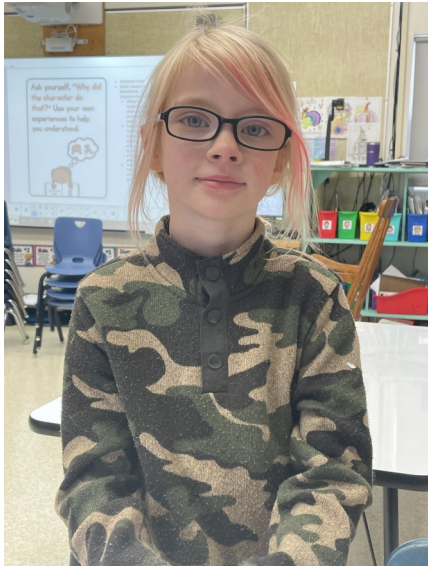
780-856-3771!





Staff Halloween costume 2022

We asked some Apple Center students what they love most about the snow!



Making a snowman!
Danney



You can sled in it!
Allie



Making snow angels in it!
Marcus

Staff Spotlight!

All About Mrs. Philp

Name: Maegan Philp

Position at Amisk School: Grade 1

Years at Amisk School: This is my 2nd year

Hometown: Calgary

Zodiac Sign: Pisces

Favourite movie/TV Show: Rookie Blue

Favourite food: Pasta

Favourite Color: Green

Favourite book when you were a child:
Nancy Drew

Favourite kid's book now: Anything by Todd Parr

Favourite band/music: The Lumineers

Favourite activity: Reading

Favourite holiday: Christmas

If you could choose to stay one age for the rest of your life, what would it be? 27

If you could choose anyone to be your mentor, who would it be?
Brene Brown

What would be your dream vacation? Going to Europe

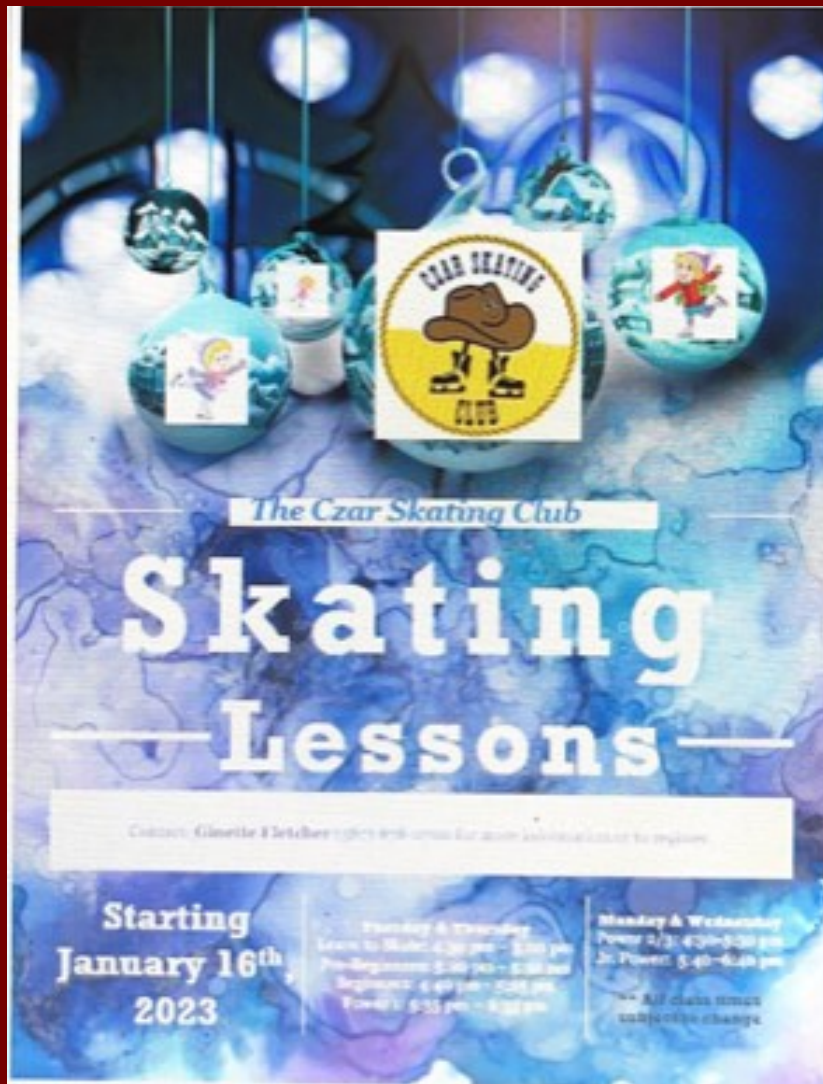
When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A soccer player



**AMISK SCHOOL
IS LOOKING
FOR A
CASUAL
CUSTODIAN**



**TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL FOR MORE
DETAILS**



AMISK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thank you all for supporting our Purdy's Chocolates fundraising event.

The Library bought some chocolates to sell at Santa Days, so for those of you who did not get your orders in, there is still a chance to buy some chocolates.

We will have three separate gift draws at Santa Days for Boxed Book sets:

1) Children's books. 2) Teen Books. 3) Adult books.

Please stop by our table and enter your name for a boxed book set.





BTPS PINK SHIRT DAY

T-SHIRT DESIGN LOGO CONTEST

ORDER INFORMATION



WINNER OF THE 2023 BTPS PINK SHIRT DAY LOGO CONTEST
EVA SLAWSON - DR. FOLKINS COMMUNITY SCHOOL



ADULT ONLY



YOUTH ONLY

PINK SHIRT DAY 2023 IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

T-SHIRT ORDER INFORMATION

Orders can be placed online at www.12thirtyfour.ca/campaigns - Pink Shirt Day.

All T-Shirts are \$20.00. Payment options are Credit Card or E-Transfer.
 Youth and Adult Sizing available!

All orders will be sent to 12 Thirty Four Marketing in Wainwright, AB. The shirts will then be sent to the necessary school via the van run. BTPS family orders will then be sent home via students. Community members who order will need to make arrangements to pick up their orders at 12 Thirty Four Marketing in Wainwright.

In the Order Notes section, please make sure to indicate your school.

BUFFALO TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS COMMITTED TO MAXIMIZING STUDENT LEARNING, IN A SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT, SUPPORTED BY A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEAM.

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.