

January 2023

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

What a lovely start we've had to 2023 here at Amisk School! When I think back to December, and the many, many days that our buses weren't able to run due to cold temperatures and wild storms, I'm so grateful that 2023 has started with better roads and nicer weather. I'd like to thank our parents and families for notifying the school when students are staying home during inclement weather. Even when buses aren't running, we do have some students who travel to school in parents' or friends' vehicles, so we want to be sure that everyone is safely where they're supposed to be for the day. You can email or call the school, or let your child's teacher know about absences through Seesaw or email. Thanks again for helping us out this way!

January brought lots of fun experiences here at school, with Book Character Day, visits to the downtown library, and our first ever AR Store shopping day! It was awesome to see the students' excitement as they chose what to spend their hard earned money on, and their pride and sense of accomplishment in working towards, and achieving, their AR goals! Our grade two and three students are busy reading books and taking AR quizzes in order to meet their goal for our second round. The second round is especially exciting because it involves a trip to the store AND a special event for anyone who meets their goal.

February looks to be a busy month here at school. We have Winter Walk Day, Red and Pink Day, Valentine's Day, the hundredth day of school, Pink Shirt Day, and a special visit from Frisbee Rob, all happening next month. I'm looking forward to seeing our students and staff take part in all of these fun events. It's awesome to see the level of participation that we have for all of our special events and dress up days.

Next Monday and Tuesday, while students have an extended weekend, our teachers will be at school preparing for the second half of the school year, and participating in professional learning. We will be learning about new approaches to implementing phonetic and phonemic instruction during guided reading lessons, ways to promote mathematical thinking in math class, and also building our foundational knowledge of indigenous culture and the TRC. On Wednesday, classes will resume for students.

Here's to warm weather, clear roads and more sunshine to fill our days. Happily, there are only fifty three more days till spring equinox...and hopefully spring weather will follow shortly after!

Take care,

Mrs. West



**Amisk**  
SCHOOL

**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 months.*

**Jan 30-31**  
**No school for students**

**Feb 1-**  
**First day of new semester**  
**ECS begin attending on Wednesdays**  
**Winter Walk Day**

**Feb 9-**  
**Pizza Hot Lunch**

**Feb 13-**  
**100th Day of School**

**Feb 14-**  
**Red/Pink and Valentines Day**

**Feb 15-**  
**Frisbee Rob Presentation**

**Feb 16-20th**  
**No school for students**  
**Teacher Convention/Family Day**

**Feb 21-**  
**Downtown library for 1-3**

**Feb 22-**  
**Freedom to Read Day**

**Feb 23-**  
**Pink Shirt Day**  
**Random Acts of Kindness Day**  
**Grilled Cheese Hot Lunch**

**Feb 28-**  
**Basket of Greatness**



# 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 Fridays. Please make sure to return completed books each week so your child is able to sign new ones out.

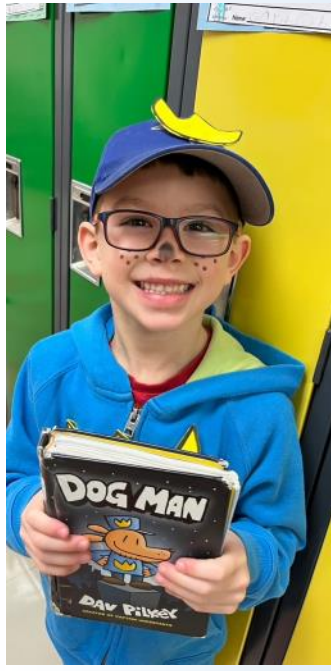
- **Amisk School is a Nut Aware School. For more info check our handbook on the Amisk School website.**



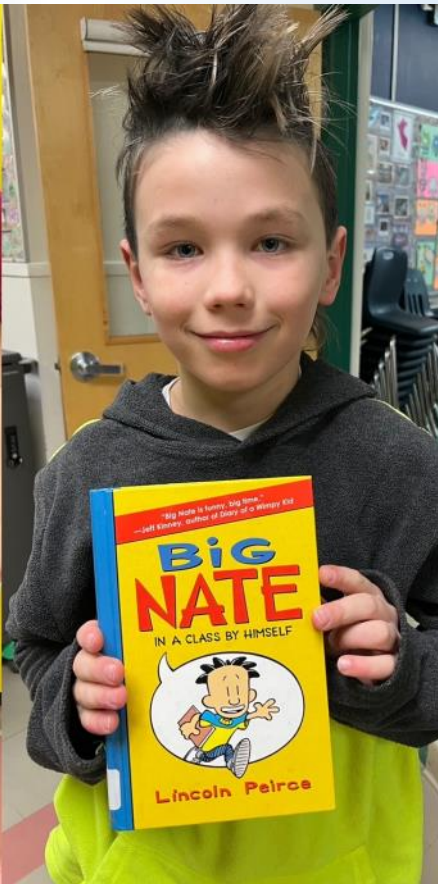
**Hot lunch continues  
on February 9th  
and 23rd!**



Find us on Twitter, Instagram  
and Facebook!  
**@AmiskSchool**



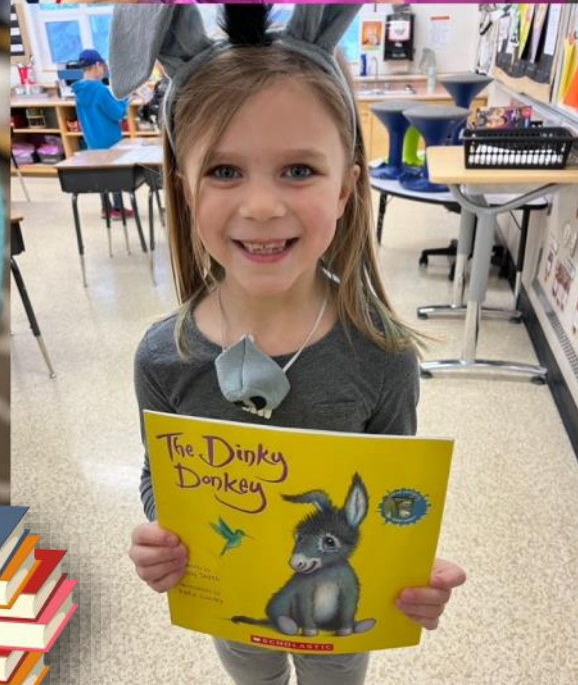
# Book Character Day!





The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
 you will **KNOW**.  
 The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
 you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss Reading Revolution



# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

January was a very interesting month and is coming to the end. The Kindergarten students are working hard at getting back into their routine. In February we will start learning our lowercase letters and continue to work on our sight words. Please remember to continue to practice printing your letters and name.. We are learning about counting, making number sets and adding and taking away things from our number sets. In Health we will be learning and talking about being kind to everyone.. In Social we will continue to talk about being respectful to others. In Gym we will be learning how to play soccer and playing as a team. February will be a great month with many events taking place in our classroom. Have a great month!!

## Grade One

After our break, the students settled back into our routine fairly quickly and I am so proud of them! We worked a lot on dividing words with two syllables. We wrapped up our addition within 10 and will be moving on to subtraction within 10. The students are working so hard with reading and writing! We started discussing landmarks, symbols, and logos and how those play a role in the groups we belong to. Next we will start to discuss our rights and responsibilities. I am looking forward to February!

## Grade Two

Wow, I can't believe January is almost over! This month we have started out learning about penguins and the students are very excited to be writing penguin stories. In math this month we are working addition and subtraction to 18. The students have been taught lots of strategies to help improve their fact fluency. In science we are finishing up our unit on Exploring Liquids and will be moving onto the next unit called Hot and Cold Temperatures where the students will learn about thermometers, how temperature affects us, and lots of experiments involving heating and freezing. We are wrapping up our learning about Meteghan, Nova Scotia this month with learning about their traditions, natural resources and jobs. Our next trip will be way up north where we will learn about Iqaluit, Nunavut and how it is unique to Canada.

## Grade Three

January was a busy one. We are wrapping up learning about Peru and all of it's cultures and traditions. In LA we completed our BFG novel study and are looking forward to comparing the novel to the movie on February 1st. We are also mastering prefixes and suffixes and bringing these skills into our spelling words. Math has been busy and we are wrapping up our addition and subtraction unit, we will be having a test on February 2nd. Our next unit will be a fun one and all about measurement. In science we have been testing all kinds of building materials, we will be designing our own playgrounds before starting the next unit of hearing and sound.

# Basket of Greatness!

*Thank you to everyone who joined us for our B of G ceremony!*

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

**January 24th 2023**

## **Kindergarten**

**Emily**– Great work on letters and sounds. Emily is kind and patient when working with classmates..

## **Grade 1**

**Gage**– He has a positive attitude while being a great friend.

**Aubree**– She is working hard in reading.

**John**– He has been working hard in his writing.

## **Grade 2**

**Dixie**– She has put in lots of extra effort and shown improvement in her reading.

**Oakley**– He is a dedicated student, works to improve and treats all his classmates with kindness.

## **Grade 3**

**Jace**– He is an enthusiastic learner who seeks challenges.

**Lakyn**– She always puts in her full effort and she loves school.

**Rhett**– She is a strong reader and enjoys Novel Studies.

**Cub Coupons to:** Reeves, Rowan, Carter, Paicee, Allie, Peyton

**Draw for Scholastic \$10.00 gift cards–**

John & Laykn

**Entertainment by the Grade Kindergarten Class**

- Snowflake on my nose (song)





# Staff Spotlight!

## All About Mrs. Roworth

**Name:** Margy Roworth

**Position at Amisk School:** Kindergarten Teacher

**Time at Amisk School:** 8 years

**Hometown:** Czar

**Zodiac sign:** Cancer

**Favorite movie:** Toy Story

**Favorite food:** Steak and Baked Potato

**Favorite Colour:** Black and Pink

**Favorite book when you were a child:**  
Anne of Green Gables

**Favorite kid's book now:**  
The Fox Factory

**Favorite band/music:** Country music

**Favorite activity:** Spending time with my grand-kids and family

**Favorite holiday:** Christmas



**If you could choose to stay one age for the rest of your life, what would it be?**  
30

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

I would choose my grandmother

**What would be your dream vacation?**

Take my whole family to Australia

**When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

I wanted to be a teacher

# Roots of Empathy Spotlight!

This year the grade ones are participating in a program called Roots of Empathy. Roots of Empathy's mission is to build caring, peaceful and civil society through the development of empathy in children and adults. This month when Ms. Whitehead and baby Charlie came to visit we learned that Charlie can sit up all by herself, roll, over, and LOVES reaching and playing with toys. Baby Charlie was full of giggles and smiles!



I asked some Apple Center students their favorite cold treat is!

**Blue snow cones!**  
- Paicee grade 1



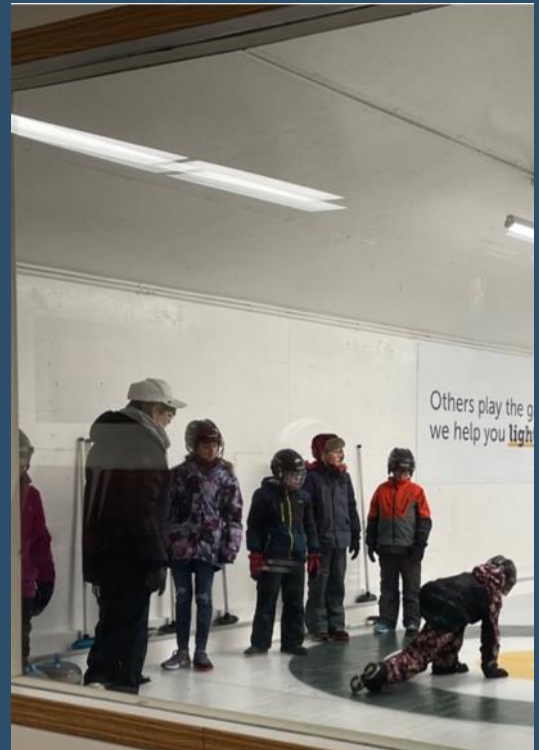
**Ice cream of course! I like all flavours!**  
- Kyla grade 2



**Ice cream sandwiches!**  
- Noah grade 3



***Junior curling will continue every Wednesday with the last day on February 15th. Reminder that students need runners, helmets and proper winter clothing!***





# 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/digifyler](https://scholastic.ca/rc/digifyler). 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.

## Have Questions?

Be sure to contact Mrs. Flaade at the school by calling



# WAINWRIGHT YOUTH ART SHOW WAINWRIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Feb 18 - 25 , 2023**

**Art can be  
dropped off  
Feb. 15-17**

Deadline to drop off  
Feb 17 at 4:30pm  
No pre-registration required!

**Youth may enter  
one or two pieces  
in any medium**

Open to ages 17 & under  
All entries eligible for a draw



**Must live within 100km of Wainwright  
780-842-2673 | [www.wainwrightlibrary.ab.ca](http://www.wainwrightlibrary.ab.ca)**



A big THANK YOU to the village of Amisk for the incredible donation towards our school's Breakfast Program.

## 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