

February 2022

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that another month has passed, and that we are more than half-way through this school year already. Time really does fly when you're having fun! This month has been a busy one here at our school. We celebrated Valentine's Day, learned about groundhogs and whether winter would last much longer this year, and spent some time skating in our gym classes. Grade two students were busy measuring different objects and learning about hot and cold temperatures (and there were many examples of cold temperatures this month!). Grade Threes spent time exploring Peru and had a special Peru Day this month. Kindergarten and grade one have been working hard on alphabet skills, writing, and math. Earlier in February, we had Freedom to Read Day, which brought many guest readers into our building, to share their love of reading, and some of their favourite stories with our students. It was a fantastic day, and I'm not sure who had more fun....our students, or our guests! Most recently, we spent a whole week focusing on kindness during Random Acts of Kindness Week.

As March approaches, our thoughts turn to spring and the warmer, brighter days to come. We are all anxious to be able to shed the heavier garments and thoughts of winter, and return to lighter, more carefree days. We are beginning to plan for our year end celebrations and events, and are excited that these will look more like they have in the past. Our families and communities are a vital part of our success as a school, and we continue to marvel at how wonderful it is that we have welcomed visitors and volunteers back into our school this year! Basket of Greatness assemblies are so much better with the laughter and appreciation of an audience full of moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas. We also appreciate being able to welcome parent volunteers in our classrooms for special events and weekly reading.

We are looking forward to our year end field trip to the Edmonton Valley Zoo, to our year end swimming trips, and to our Awards Day. Stay tuned for more information about all of those events in the weeks and months to come!

Here's to putting the cold, wintry days of February behind us, and welcoming March and the arrival of spring!

Mrs. West
Principal
Amisk School



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

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.**



**March Hot Lunch
dates are the 8th &
23rd**



Thank you!

To the Bethany Lutheran Church

For the generous donation to our
Apple School's
Breakfast Program

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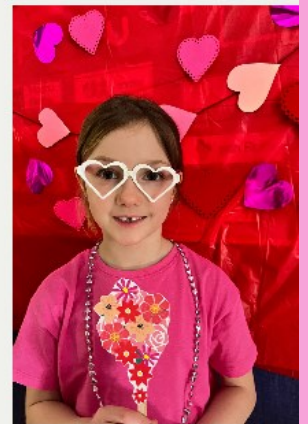
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Happy 100th Day of School!







Happy Valentine's Day 



Class Happenings!

Kindergarten

Wow, this month has flown by. The students have been very busy with many different activities (Valentines Day, Groundhog Day, Random Act of Kindness Day, Pink Shirt Day and MC's for the Basket of Greatness) I am so proud of the students for their hard work on learning their letters and sounds. In Math they are learning to add two sets together and print their numbers. They all love playing with the Math Manipulatives. I am so proud of the wonderful writing projects they have been doing for Random Act of Kindness Day. Their printing is beautiful!! I hope everyone had a great family day weekend and I am sure we are already for March and some warmer weather. Have a great month of March!!

Grade One

February went by so quickly with everything we had going this month! The students had so much fun celebrating/supporting Valentine's Day, Pink shirt day, Frisbee Rob, Random Act of Kindness and Freedom to Read! This month we finished up with addition and subtraction and will revisit it again in April. We are going to start learning about patterns and shapes for the month of March! In Social Studies we learned about good and bad choices and consequences and how our choices affect the groups we belong to. In Science we finished up learning all about color and are starting into our next unit which is building things! In Literacy we are learning about VCe words such as like, note, gave, and cute. In writing we finished up with our personal narratives and are starting opinion writing. The students continue to do great with their reading!

Grade Two

Wow, this month has flown by! In math we finished up on our measurement unit and will now be moving on to 2-digit addition and subtraction. In science we are well into our hot and cold temperature unit. In the coming weeks, the students will be completing activities and experiments to describe how heating and cooling materials can often change them, identify safe practices for handling hot and cold materials, recognizing that the human body temperature is relatively constant and they will discover ways in which temperature in homes and buildings can be adjusted. In social we are preparing for our departure to Iqaluit, Nunavut. The students are discovering information about where Iqaluit is located, its landscape, temperature, and animals! We are very excited to learn more when Teacher's Pet comes next week with an in-school field trip experience. In March we will be starting the novel 'Freckle Juice' and will be completing fun literacy activities about the book including the opportunity to try a taste of Freckle Juice.

Grade Three

February is a jam packed month and we have had tons of fun in Grade 3! We welcomed Ms. Unrau to our classroom as our EA. In social we wrapped up our Peru unit with Peru day, We are starting our next country Ukraine! In math students are working on measurement and will be finishing that unit up in March. In Grammar we are continue to work on spelling, vocabulary, and phonics! We have mastered suffixes, prefixes, homonyms, compound & contraction words! We will be starting Charlette's Web Novel Study this upcoming month. In science we are beginning our Hearing and Sound Unit! Thankyou to my students and parents who keep up with all the business Grade. 3 brings!

Basket of Greatness!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our B of G ceremony! It is fantastic to recognize the stellar students in our school each month. Thanks again to the Amisk Public Library for your donation of books for our apple award winners!

February 28th 2023

Kindergarten

Beckett- She is always kind and respectful. She has a great understanding of her letters and sounds.

Reeves- He has had great improvement with his printing and he knows all his letters and sounds.

Spencer- He is a joy to have in the classroom and works hard on his math!

Grade 1

Brayden- He is very funny and is working hard on his printing!

Porter- She is a great friend and is doing a fantastic job with her writing and reading!

Grade 2

Blakely- She is an excellent role model!

Deklan- He has a great determination to succeed..

Grade 3

Wyatt- He is always a positive student and he enjoys school!

Ellin- She is a leader at school who is kind and always puts in her best effort.

Cub Coupons to: Levi, Rayna, Vaughn, Keo, Kylie, Kyla, Noah, Rhyse, Ellin

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards-

Brayden & Deklan

Entertainment by the Grade One Class

F-R-I-E-N-D-S song

The Kindergarten Class did a fantastic job being the MCs



Staff Spotlight!

All About Amy Penman

Name: Miss. Penman

Position at Amisk School: Grade 3 Teacher

Time at Amisk School: 6 Months

Hometown: Czar

Zodiac sign: Gemini

Favorite movie: Just Go With It –Adam Sandler

Favorite food: Spicy Mexican

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite book when you were a child: Love You Forever

Favorite kid's book now: Any Robert Munsch or Jill Eggleton books.

Favorite band/music: Read Southall Band /Country

Favorite activity: Gardening, Playing with our tiny dog Phoebe, Playing Games, & Everything Camping

Favorite holiday: Easter

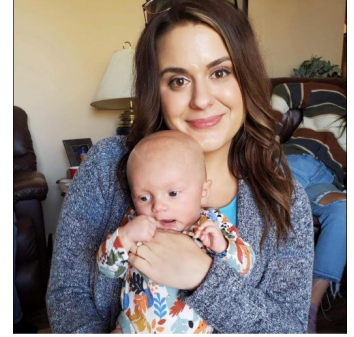
If you could choose to stay one age for the rest of your life, what would it be? 22

If you could choose anyone to be your mentor, who would it be? My Grandma Iris

What would be your dream vacation? Travel back to Italy

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

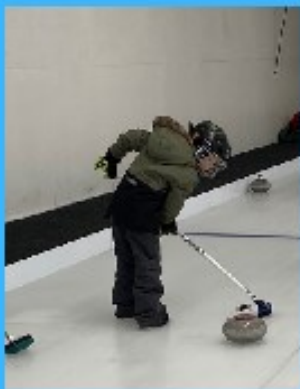
I am looking forward to finishing the year off in June with a new last name: Mrs. Sayer! :)



PINK SHIRT DAY



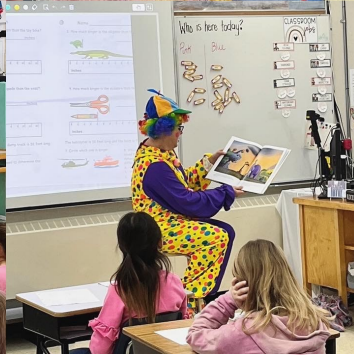
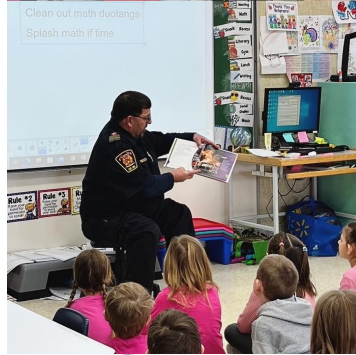
Amisk Junior Curling





Freedom To Read

A big thank you to everyone who came into the school and read to the students



SCHOLASTIC

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

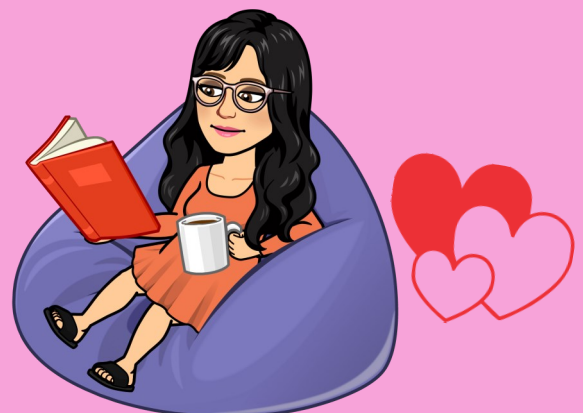
It is important to note Scholastic is no longer accepting payment by cheque; a credit card will now be required to pay for any Scholastic orders.



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



Frisbee Rob



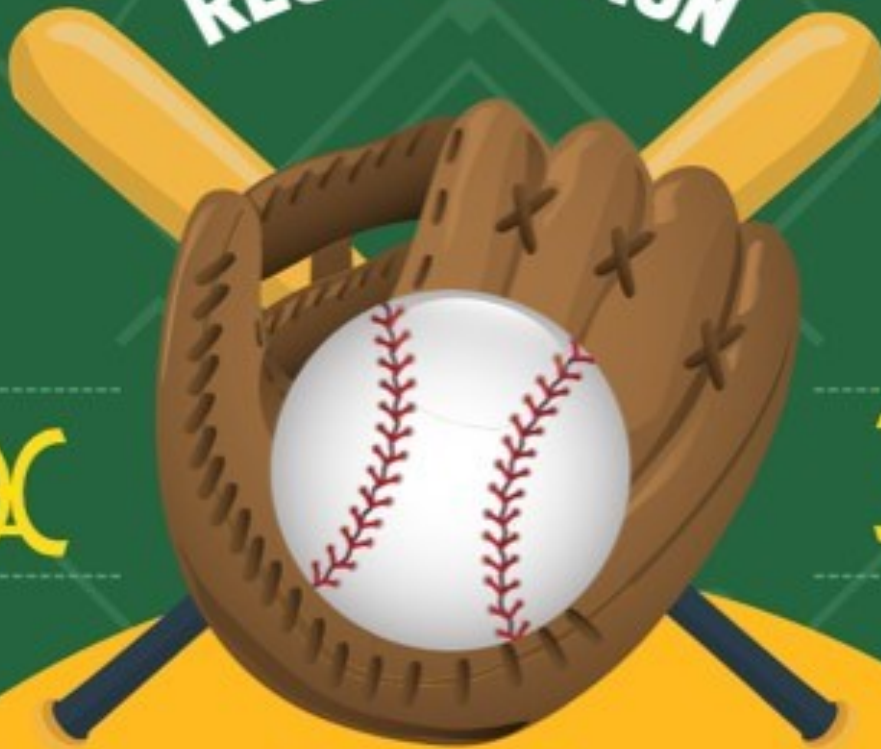
Roots of Empathy Spotlight!

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 we learned all about the importance of sleep for babies and for us! We discussed REM sleep and dreams. We learned that lots of us have a transition item (blanket, teddy) to help us get back to sleep when we wake up!





MCHA 2023 BALL REGISTRATION



7 Years &
Younger

\$50

ANNUAL AGM
WED | MAR 22 | 7pm
HUGHENDEN PUBLIC
SCHOOL

8 Years &
Older

\$65

Register
here



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 15, 2023

More Information Contact Monica 403-506-1288

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/sXZeFfQ3vH1KVug66>

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