

May 2022

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

The month of May has flown by, and it's hard to believe that we only have sixteen days of school left in this school year. Spring has finally arrived (followed closely by summer), and our students (and staff) are enjoying recesses full of sunshine and warm temperatures.

The month of May also brought a lot of learning and growth in our students. Kindergarten students are now reading sight words, letters and numbers with ease. Our grade one students have been working hard to master addition and subtraction (or pluses and minuses as they're known in grade one kid lingo). Grade twos have done an amazing job building and testing boats during their buoyancy and boats Science unit. The grade three class was full of new life, with chicks and butterflies hatching and filling the classroom with colour (and loud cheeping). It's been great to see the students gaining such real world knowledge and understanding. We had a blast at the Edmonton Valley Zoo on the last day of May, when all of our students got to take in the sights and sounds of the zoo, learning a lot about many of the animals who make their home there. A highlight of the day was getting to catch glimpses of Lucy, the resident zoo elephant, as she enjoyed her daily walks and snacks of tender green grass.

Our students and staff will show their community spirit by participating in our annual village clean up in early June. Our school also sponsored one of the flower baskets that are displayed around the village. In addition, our school community has raised \$1895 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation through our Jump Rope for Heart event. Hats off to all of the students for participating, and to those who created a page and raised donations from family and friends.

The month of June has been, and will be, a busy one. We had our new kindergarten students join us last Friday for Beginner Day. Swimming trips are happening for grades one through three (kindergarten swam in May), and our annual Awards Day and graduation celebration will take place on June 13. We hope to see many parents, grandparents and community members joining us to celebrate the amazing growth in our students, and the wonderful school year we've almost completed.

In closing, I'm wishing all of our students, staff and families a wonderful month of June. I hope all of us find some time amidst all the busy activities and events to stop and reflect on the school year that is swiftly coming to a close; recognizing the hard work and effort that everyone put forth, and celebrating the growth and achievements of our students.

Take care,

Mrs. West  
Principal

P.S.  
GO  
ROUGHRIDERS!!!



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



## Important Dates

June 7– Town Cleanup

June 8– McDonalds Hot Lunch

June 13– Awards Day / Formal Day

June 15– Kindergarten last day

June 21– National Indigenous Day

June 23– Talent Show

June 26– Swimming Trip Grades 1-3

June 28– Last Day of School - Grades 1-3





# Earth Rangers





# Year End Field Trip To The Edmonton Zoo

May 28th, 2023

We had a wonderful year end field trip at the Edmonton Zoo. The students were so excited to finally be able to go on a big field trip after not being able to the last few years. The students enjoyed going on a tour and learning all about the different animals. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to join us.

A big thank you to Mrs. Dewald for getting everything organized and making this field trip a success!











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# Awards Day & PAC Lunch

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JUNE 13TH 2023

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Lunch 11:30 Am

Awards Assembly 1:00 Pm

We are pleased to announce that Amisk School will be hosting a schoolwide Awards Assembly and BBQ in celebration of an excellent school year! Amisk School PAC will be putting on a free BBQ lunch in the Gym, and an Awards Assembly will follow! There will be performances by the entire school and Awards will be presented to every classroom, including the Kindergarten and Grade Three students being honoured as Graduates. Following the assembly parents/guardians are welcome to take their children home, or students can stay for the remainder of the day and go home on the bus.

All are welcome to join in on the celebration!





A Big  
Thank You  
to Monica  
Hill with  
Kula Yoga  
for coming  
into the  
school and  
working  
with the  
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, 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.



**June 20th is the last DOWNTOWN Library day of the school year, please ensure your students are returning books over the next few weeks.**

**This time of year our Lost and Found is really filling up. Please make sure to take a look next time you visit our school or let you child's teacher know if you are missing something specific.**



**The final  
Hot Lunch is  
June 8th**



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Facebook and Insta-  
gram



# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

May has come to an end and June is here. The last month of Kindergarten is full of excitement and extra activities with lots of learning with our friends. The students have been very busy learning all about rhyming words and making sight word booklets. In Math the students are learning all about shapes. We are having lots of fun experimenting with the different shapes. In Health class the students are learning all about healthy eating and healthy bodies. In the gym we will play soccer, baseball and do outside activities. We had fun on our swimming trip and zoo field trip. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. Have a wonderful month of June!!

## Grade One

May was a very busy month with Earth Rangers and the zoo field trip. This month we wrapped up our time with Baby Charlie and Mrs. Whitehead. We are going to miss them a lot! In math we circled back around to addition and subtraction to solidify our understanding. In literacy we are learning about long vowel teams and continue to work on breaking apart syllables in longer words to make them easier to read. I am so proud of the grade ones and how far they have come with their reading! In writing we continuing to learn about opinion writing and stating reasons for our opinion. We are going to finish up Science with learning about our 5 senses, and in Social we continue to learn about our family in the past and present.

## Grade Two

Wow, we are onto our last month of grade 2! This month we will be wrapping up a lot of our learning and having a lot of fun activities in between. In math we will be finishing up on our 2D/3D Shapes and then working on our final unit: data management. In our Science unit we will focus on a variety of small crawling and flying animals. It is always a fun way to get outside and explore the different characteristics of these animals. In language arts we will be working on research reports about one of the animals from our 'small crawling and flying' unit in science. Saskatoon and the Ukrainian culture has been a lot of fun to learn about! Next we will discuss their natural resources, goods and services. Our final learning in social will be about communities in the past.

## Grade Three

One of our most exciting months in Grade 3 yet! We have been learning all about animal life cycles and students got to experience the start to finish of both a butterfly and chicken life cycle. The baby chicks and butterflies have been a fantastic addition to our class family. In Language Arts we finished working through our Charlotte's web novel with a focus on summarizing and vocabulary skills. In Math we are wrapping up our second last unit—telling time— Test June 9! Social studies in centered around the country of Tunisia and students are enjoying comparing the life of somewhere so different to their own. The end of the school year brings good weather and lots of fun celebrations! I look forward to a fun-filled June with a great group of kids.



# Basket of Greatness!

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

**May 2023**

## Kindergarten

**Madilynn**– Great work on letters and sounds! Wonderful addition to our classroom.

**Claire**– Takes great pride in all of her school work! She is a great friend.

## Grade 1

**Vaughn**– Hard worker and takes his time doing his work.

**Rayna**– Wonderful student with a creative imagination.

**Wren**– She is compassionate, friendly and kind hearted.

## Grade 2

**Kylie**– Enthusiastic and engaged learner.

## Grade 3

**Marcus**– Brave, funny and excels at his spelling.

**Noah**– Gentle, kind, and rocked his multiplication and division unit.

**Cub Coupons to: Koven, Gage, Oakley, Munroe, Ashley, Jace, Madilynn, Claire**

**Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards– Rayna & Noah N**

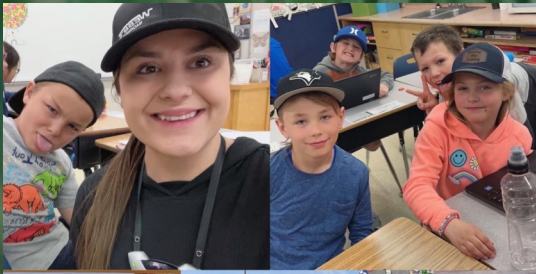
**Entertainment by the entire school**

**Thank you to our PAT for all the hard work organizing and preparing the Spaghetti supper fundraiser and to everyone who attended!!!!!!**

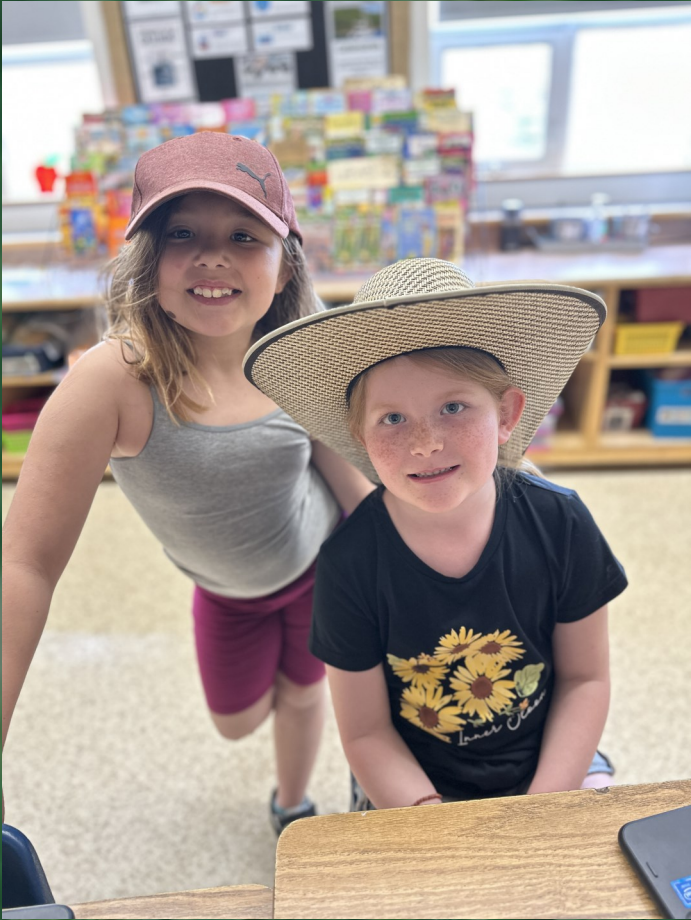








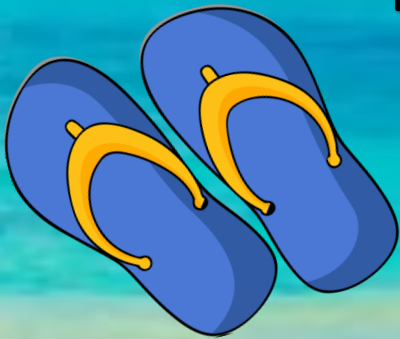








# ECS SWIMMING TRIP





**We asked some Amisk students what their favorite summer activity is...**



My favorite activity is swimming! -Levi



I love going to the Park! - Layne



I like going camping at Czar Lake! - Bo

**Roots of Empathy**

We are sad to say that our time with Baby Charlie has come to an end. We are so thankful that we were able to take part in the Roots of empathy program this year in the grade one classroom! We learned a lot from Baby Charlie, Mrs. Whitehead, and Ms. Amie!





# Staff Spotlight!

## All About Ms. Unrau

**Name: Sheree Unrau**

**Position at Amisk School: Grade 3 EA**

**Years at Amisk School: One**

**Hometown: Alberta Beach**

**Zodiac Sign: Gemini**

**Favourite movie/TV Show:  
Friends**

**Favourite food: Cereal**

**Favourite Color: Emerald Green**

**Favourite book when you were a child: Heartland Series**

**Favourite kid's book now: Pout Pout Fish, all of them**

**Favourite band/music: Country**

**Favourite activity: Gardening/Baking**

**Favourite holiday: Christmas**

**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? Princess Diana**

**What would be your dream vacation? New Zealand**







# 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.**

## 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 780-856-3771!





## 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