

June 2023

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

The end of another school year has come. As I reflect back on the 2022 - 2023 school year, I am grateful for all of the successes that we had, the lessons that were learned, and the many times that we came together as a school community to support one another.

A special thank you goes out to our parents and families. Your support was integral to the success we've seen this year. Throughout the whole year, you did everything in your power to ensure that your children received the best educational experience possible. It didn't matter what we asked you to do, you delivered and then some. You created costumes for special theme days, sent food for the food bank, volunteered for hot lunch days and special events, raised funds for the parent advisory council, made yummy lunches, read home reading books, and too many other things to list! Our little school is such a wonderful place for kids to start their educational journey, and it's thanks in large part to the incredible support we get from our parents and families. Thank you again, we truly couldn't do what we do without you!

As the year draws to a close, we are saying farewell to Mrs. Philp, who will be spending the year to come at home with her baby. We are so excited for her and her family! In her place, Ms. Ann-Marie Carnegie will be joining our school family. We are excited to welcome Ms. Carnegie, as we know that she will do a fantastic job with next year's grade ones! We also will be saying a fond farewell to Ms. Morin, who is leaving us to continue her journey toward becoming an elementary teacher. Thank you, Ms. Morin, for your dedication to Amisk School during the past several years, and best of luck in your future endeavours!

In closing, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer, the kind that lives on in your memory long after it draws to a close. I hope you find time to relax and rejuvenate, whether in a camper by the lake, on the back of a horse riding through a meadow, or on a grand adventure somewhere far from here. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for a new school year, hopefully one that is even more wonderful than this one has been.

Take care, and we'll see you in the fall!

Mrs. Becky West
Principal

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.**



A big Thank You
to Amisk Library
for welcoming
our students
into their
building every
month!



Thank you to all of
the families and
volunteers for
supporting our Hot
Lunch Program!



Find us on Twitter,
Facebook and Insta-
gram

Year End Zoo Field Trip

Thank you to all of the following who helped make our field trip a big success!

- Mrs. Dewald for all the planning and organizing. Without your attention to detail it would not have gone so smoothly.
- Amisk School PAC and Casino group who sponsored the coach bussing to Edmonton.
- All of the volunteers who came out to spend the day with us!

Awards Day

Thank you to our PAC for donating the hot dogs for our BBQ lunch and to all of the families who brought in lunch items!

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all of the families, friends and community members who supported this fundraiser!

Breakfast Program

Thank you to Mrs. Tanya Johnson for the dedication and creativity she put into our Breakfast Program. The students enjoyed and looked forward to the delicious meals all year!



Field Trip Bussing

Thank you to Tricia Strang, Alfie and Faylene Walters for getting our students to their field trips safely.

Girls at Bat

Thank you to Mrs. Dewald and Ms. Colette Johnson for organizing and running the Girls at Bat baseball program!

Hi, I am
Ann-Marie Carnegie



**We are excited to welcome our new
Grade One Teacher!**



I was born and raised in Westlock Alberta and have spent 1.5 school years teaching grade one at Pembina North in Dapp, Alberta.

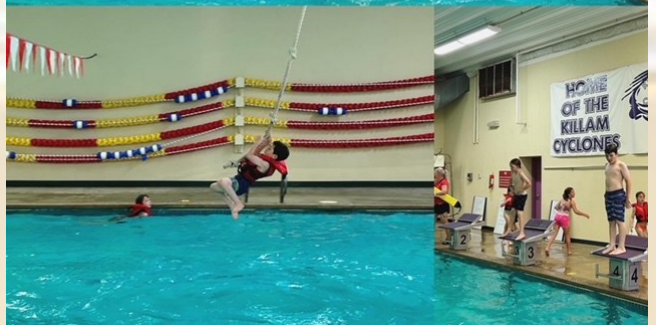
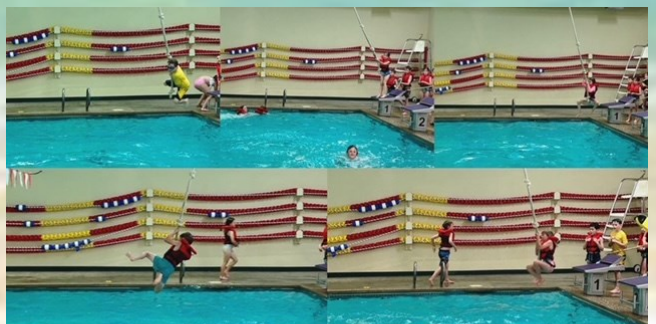
Previously I have taught kindergarten and grade four in St. Paul for a total of three years!

Hello my name is Ann-Marie Carnegie and I am very excited to be joining the team at Amisk Elementary for the 2023/24 school year! I am currently teaching in Australia for the second time and can not wait to be closer to friends and family!

The reason I have chosen Amisk is it is not too far from my family in Westlock, very close to my friends at MJT Cattle Co. and right across the street from one of my closest teaching friends since year two of my degree! These individuals have been an important part of my life since 2016 and I have considered the Wainwright area a second home ever since!

Family and community are something that have always been very important to me. With my family I enjoy the outdoors and some friendly competition! I grew up hiking, skiing, figure skating, playing hockey, swimming and running! As an adult I have taken on backcountry hiking as a new passion! I can not wait to share my passions and experience with the future grade ones at Amisk Elementary and become a member of your community! I hope you all have an amazing summer and are able to spend many hours outdoors with the ones you love most!

Swimming Fun!!



Staff Spotlight!

Name: Katarina Morin

Position at Amisk School: Educational Assistant

Years at Amisk School: 6.5 years

Hometown: Quebec City

Zodiac Sign: Cancer

Favourite movie/TV Show: Outer Banks

Favourite food: Carrots and fried pickles

Favourite Color: yellow

Favourite book when you were a child: The Magic Treehouse Books

Favourite kid's book now: The Pigeon books

Favourite band/music: Country music and 2000 pop/rock

Favourite activity: Golfing and hanging out with friends

Favourite holiday: Canada Day



Amisk School office will reopen on August 30th. If you have any concerns or questions over the summer please leave a message on the answering machine. If your plans for next year don't include Amisk School, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. We will see students for their first day of the new school year on September 5th, 2023.

Have a great summer!



Last Day of School Fun!!!!!!





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 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