

September 2023

# Apple Center Newsletter



## Amisk School

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone! We are so happy to be back at school again, working and learning together. We have had a wonderful start to our year, with lots of fun activities and learning happening already! Our Crazy Socks Day and Terry Fox Walk were a lot of fun for everyone. We've had two fire drills so far this year, and both went off without a hitch. Well done, Amisk School kids (and staff)!

Our Parent Advisory Council is looking for new members. We are very grateful to Shelby Gill, our continuing chairperson, for the enthusiasm and positivity she brings to the role. Our other fantastic executive members are Crystal Amundson, treasurer, and Renee Sayer, secretary. If you are interested in serving as part of the PAC, please join us at our regular monthly meetings. PAC meetings are held every second month on a Thursday or Friday from 9:15—10:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be on an upcoming Friday in October, stay tuned for more details. These meetings are a great way to get involved with your child's school, and to make a positive difference. PAC members volunteer for a number of events, raise money for field trips and other items for the school, and have a voice in decisions made at the school level. We'd love to see you there!

Our classes have been enjoying the wonderful warm weather with outside gym classes and extra walks. Soon the temperatures will be changing again and a more typical fall will be here. Please be sure to send mittens, toques and a warm sweater or coat with your child for chilly morning recesses.

Take care,

Mrs. West

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



## Ladybugs Galore!



# Upcoming Events!

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

**Sep 29**– Truth and Reconciliation Day: No School

**Oct 3**– Lifetouch Picture Day and Bus Safety Day.

**Oct 9** – Thanksgiving Day : No school.

**Oct 10**– Fire Safety.

**Oct 17**– Downtown library 1-3.

**Oct 19** – Anything but a Backpack Day.

**Oct 24**– B of G.

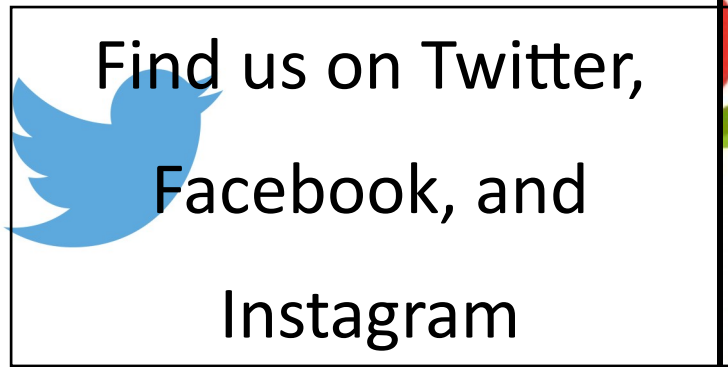
**Oct 31** – Halloween party.

**Nov 6th– 10th**– Fall break, no school for students.



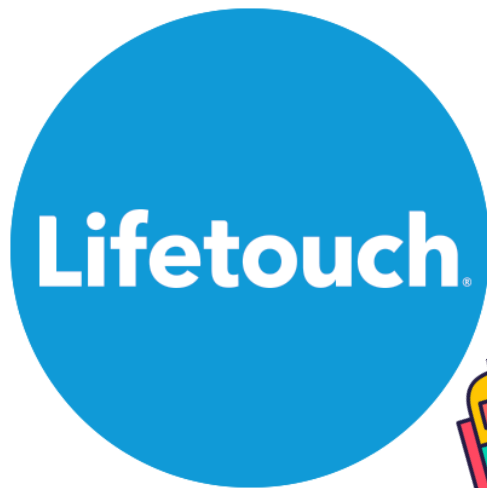
# Amisk School Info!

- Please make sure to check out our website <http://amisk.btps.ca/> . Here you can find a calendar with important events, 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.**
- Once again this year BTPS students are able to access the SORA reading APP which is an online digital collection of books. Go to [SoraApp.com](http://SoraApp.com) and using your student email address and password sign up to read thousands of books that are available. For any help signing up please contact Mrs. Flaade in the office at 780-856-3771.



# Parent Council

Attention all parents! The Amisk School parent council meets every second month on a Thursday or Friday morning from 9:15—10:00 am. **The next meeting is TBA.** Meetings are held in person at the school, or can be attended virtually. The link will be posted on our website and sent out to all parents prior to the meeting. If you are interested in joining our parent council please contact principal— Mrs. West or President of the council— Shelby Gill.



**Lifetouch school pictures  
will be happening on  
October 3rd!**

K-3 Halloween school parties will take place on ***Tuesday October 31st.*** Stay tuned for details about how we will celebrate this day!



# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

The month of September flew by and October will be a fun filled month. In Literacy the students have been learning their uppercase letters and sounds. They have also learned two of their High Frequency words. In Social Studies they have been learning all about being unique. In math class the students have been exploring with patterns and printing their numbers from 1 to 10. In Science class the kindergarten kids have been learning about the five senses. In music we have been busy singing new songs and doing songs with lots of actions. October will be a busy month with fire safety, bus safety, Thanksgiving and Halloween. I hope everyone enjoys Fall and the sunshine!!

## Grade One

We have had a very busy month in grade one! In Literacy we have been reviewing letters A-L and have shared many stories. Students have been working hard to stretch and blend sounds to create many beautiful journal entries. In Mathematics we have reviewed numbers 1-20 and started exploring addition and subtraction with games like domino trains, friends of ten and bones! This month in science we completed a Little Investigators unit! Students explored what it means to be a scientist, investigation and scientific method. We completed color and chemical change experiments and used our senses to make observations. In Social Studies we have been learning about our school community through the Seven Sacred Teachings. Students have been working to make a totem to represent each value, this has aligned very nicely with learning about Orange Shirt Day! In P.E we have been working on cooperation, teamwork and moving safely through space. We have played a variety of games and completed a mini unit on Indigenous games. In music this month we explored the handwriting without tears songs to support students' writing and fine motor as well as learned titis, tas and rests! Finally in health we have focused on the Growth Mindset! We have been using class Dojo to introduce the BIG IDEAS and have learned that our brain is like a muscle we need to exercise, the magic of making mistakes and the incredible power of YET!

## Grade Two

This month we have been spending some time getting to know each other and learning the rules and routines of grade 2. We had a blast learning the Boomwhackers in music class and getting to debut our learnings at the Basket of Greatness. In language arts we have learned 3 of our daily 5 stations we will be using this year; read to self, read to someone and listen to reading. We have been reviewing our sentence structure in our writing by making sure we include capitals and punctuation as well as complete sentences. In math we have been working on numbers including addition and subtraction to 20. Science has been all about investigating materials! The students are enjoying learning about different materials and how they are made including how they can be combined to make all kinds of different things! In social we have been looking at communities and what makes them unique. Next up we will start learning about our first Canadian community: Meteghan, Nova Scotia!

## Grade Three

Welcome back to a new school year! It is so great to be back at the Amisk School. This month students have been working on their reading, writing and speaking skills in grade 3. We had some fantastic readers as our Basket of Greatness emcees this month. Way to go students! In social studies we have been working on our geography and mapping skills before we begin our first country study: India! In science students have taken the role as scientists learning about the scientific method. They will summarize their learning with an in school science fair. In math we have been collecting data and representing that data in a variety of different ways. Students are very excited about our classroom economy system and we will celebrate all of their hard work by having our first ever class auction in early October. We also enjoyed learning all about reconciliation on Orange Shirt day and had a special guest teach us how to make bannock. We are looking forward to another great month ahead in Grade 3.

# Basket of Greatness

Thank you to everyone who came to our Basket of Greatness 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!

**September 26th, 2023**

## Kindergarten

**Tucker**– Hard worker. Very respectful and kind.

**Sarah** – Kind and works hard on all of her work.

## Grade 1

**Claire** - Kind to all. Great at stretching and blending sounds.

**Carter** - Loves to share ideas. Makes great suggestions during number of the day.

## Grade 2

**Vaughn** – Very kind, hard working and driven.

**Wren** – An exemplary student in grade 2.

## Grade 3

**Paetyn** – Hard worker and great friend.

**Oakley** – Kind & respectful

**Noah**– Always tries his best.

## **Cub Coupons to**

**Molly H, Seth G, Aubree F, Kenna G, Rumer P, Noah T.**

**Special cub coupon to.. Mrs. Axley!**

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

**Oakley– Grade 3**

**Carter– Grade 1**

**Entertainment by the Grade Two Class**

1. Twinkle Twinkle– Boomwhackers
2. On top of the world– Boomwhackers

# Basket of Greatness





# Orange Shirt Day

Was September 28th 2023

*Communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and support.*

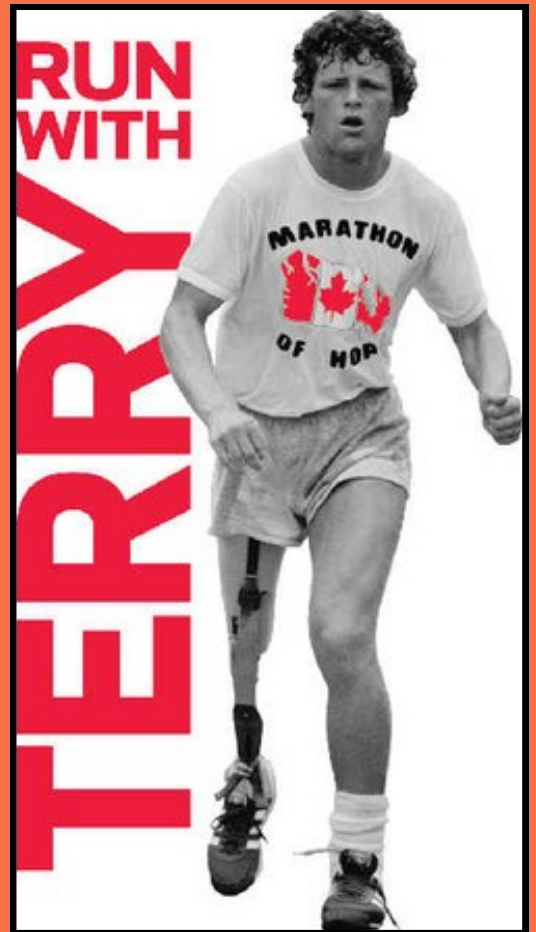






# Terry Fox Walk!



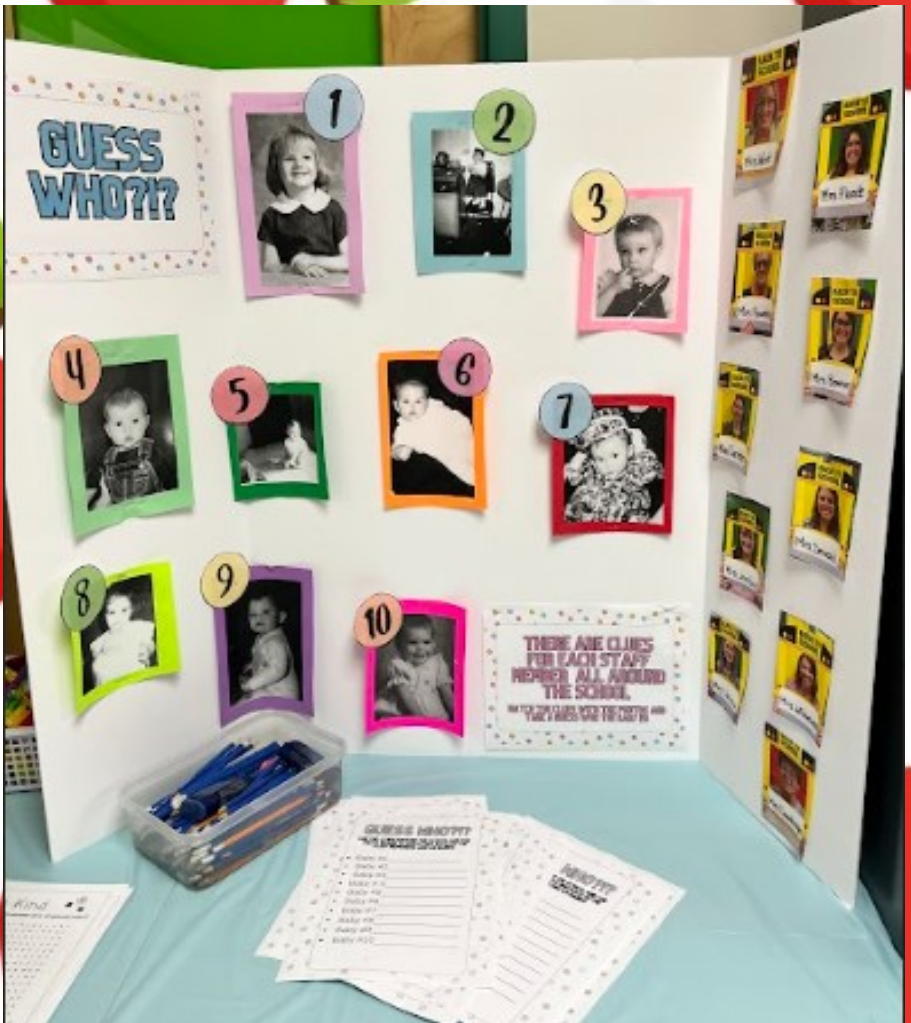


**Amisk school raised a total of \$1904 for the Terry Fox foundation! Way to go students and families!**



# Open House

Students and staff at Amisk School were so excited to welcome parents/guardians back into the building this year for our open house! Students completed a picture scavenger hunt and were excited to show their parents/guardians their classrooms! We also enjoyed some tasty doughnuts. Thank you to everyone who came out!





# AMISK 2023 FALL FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

FARMERS MARKET - 2PM TO 4:30PM

CHILDRENS CRAFTS & GAMES

SCARECROW CONTEST

VEGGIE TRADE

ODD & UNUSUAL VEGGIE CONTEST

LIVE MUSIC

SUPPER - 5:30 TO 7PM

OUT DOOR MOVIE - 7:30 PM

51ST STREET, AMISK

**2023-2024  
4-H Year**

**Come  
Check  
out  
what  
4-H has  
to offer**

Amisk 4-H



**CANADA**  
4-H Alberta

Previous projects

- Beef
- Archery
- Sheep
- Horse
- Crafts
- Photography

**OCT 1, 2023  
2PM**

**Registration  
&  
First Meeting  
Amisk Curling Rink**



**Learn To Do By Doing**

CANADA

4-H has great  
camps and  
opportunities

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT SHAWNA AT +1 (780) 252-0277**



# SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back to school students and families! The Scholastic Reading Club is now available for the 2023-24 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.**

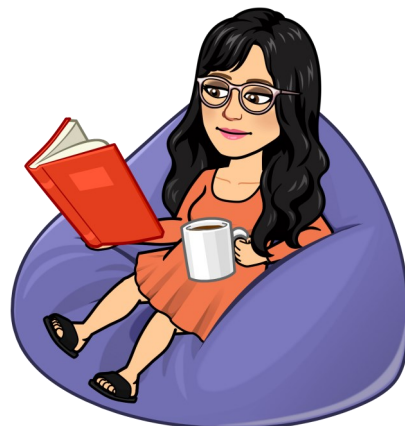
**DID YOU KNOW?**

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.

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!



## Report cards and Parent Portal Information 2023-24

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