

October 2023

Apple Center Newsletter

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that October is nearly over, and Halloween is upon us! This has been a whirlwind month, with lots of great learning and fun activities happening around the APPLE Center. Our students have been busy reading, writing, and learning about numbers in Math. We are ending our month with some fun Halloween activities in individual classrooms, and together as a whole school at the end of the day.

As November approaches, our thoughts turn to parent teacher interviews. These will be happening on November 21 and 23. Parents will be able to sign up for spots by accessing the booking function on our school website. Bookings will be available to select starting November 1; watch for more information coming soon about how to reserve your parent teacher interview spot.

As October ends and November begins, we see a return to colder weather. Winter is definitely here. Please be sure that your child has appropriate winter wear here at school, as our recesses will continue to be outside unless the temperature dips below -25° C. Recesses are more fun when your fingers, ears and toes are warm!

Tomorrow morning at 9:15 a.m. we have our October PAC meeting. Parents are welcome to attend in person or virtually, and can contact the office for the link to access the meeting via Google Meet. PAC meetings are a great opportunity to find out all of the latest happenings at the school, have a voice in fundraising activities and PAC sponsored events, and find out about volunteer opportunities.

Before I sign off, I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of our parents for all of the support you show to our school. From volunteering for hot lunch days, to helping out in classrooms, to making sure your kids have everything they need at school each day, each of you makes a real difference! We are grateful for all of you, and know that our school wouldn't be nearly as successful without you!

Take care,

Mrs. West



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.

Oct 27– PAC Meeting at 9:15 AM

Oct 31– Halloween Activities

Nov 2 – Remembrance Day

Ceremony 11:10 AM and Subway Hot Lunch

Nov 6-10– Fall break– no School for Students

Nov 13– Students return to school.

Nov 16– Grilled Cheese Hot Lunch+

Nov 21– Downtown Library Gr 1-3

Nov 21&23 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 28 – BofG 11:10 AM and Grade Level School Spirit Day (more details to come)



Anything But A Backpack



BUS SAFETY



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.**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** are happening Nov 21 & 23! Sign up to meet with your child's teacher on our school website. Information on how to sign up coming soon!



November 2nd and 16th

Hot Lunch

Find us on Twitter

Facebook and Instagram



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**THANK
YOU**
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Flint Hills Resources Hardisty

For the Generous Donation of food and supplies for
Amisk School's October 5th, 2023
Hot Lunch

Thank you to the Hughenden Thrift Store

for their wonderful donation to our Hot Lunch Program.



Check out our WEBSITE!



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I Can...You Can...We Can...SUCCEED!

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Did you know we have an Amisk School website? Our website contains a lot of important information and is a good place to reference if you have a question about upcoming events or the happenings at our school.

Visit: <https://amisk.btps.ca/>

Thank you  **Nutrien**
For your generous donation
to support our Basket of
Greatness prizes for our
monthly assemblies!



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 FIRST meeting is Friday, October 27th, at 9:15 AM.** Meetings are held in person at the school, or can be attended virtually. If you are interested in joining our parent council please contact principal— Mrs. West or President of the council— Shelby Gill.



Lifetouch has made some changes to their services offered to Amisk School and will not be doing re-takes in our building. Students needing retakes are able to join Hughenden School on the afternoon of November 15th. Please call Hughenden school at 780-856-3640 to book your student in.

K-3 Halloween school parties will take place on ***Tuesday October 31st. !***



Remembrance Day Ceremony at
Amisk School

Thursday, November 2nd, at 11:10 AM

In the school Gym

All are welcome to attend



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

November 21-23, 2023

**Students will have the opportunity
to shop the book fair during school
recess time and during Parent
Teacher Conferences.**

Class Happenings!

Kindergarten

Wow, the end of October! October has been a very busy month in the Kindergarten classroom. The students have been working so hard on learning their uppercase letters and sounds.. The students know 6 new sight words. In math we have finished up our pattern unit and have started learning all about numbers in our number unit. In Social we are learning about being unique. In Health we have learned about bus safety, fire safety and Halloween safety. We are so excited about dressing up in our Halloween costumes and having our Halloween Party!! We will be painting pumpkins in Kindergarten on Thursday! We wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Halloween from the Kindergarten Room. November will be packed full of fun and learning!!

Grade One

This month in grade one literacy we finished our letter review! Students have started reading short stories and completing 1-2 sentence journal responses. Students have become Heggerty Stars and are enjoying our phonemic awareness tasks each day! In math we have continued our count to 100 and have been learning to represent numbers in many different ways. This month we reached number 38! Students completed units in counting, addition and subtraction to 10 and have recently started a unit on patterns! In Science we have started a unit on Investigating Properties and Changes! We have learned to define an object and use our senses to explore the world around us! During Social, we completed a mini Unit on *Me on the Map! This was an introduction activity to our very exciting virtual field trip around Alberta. We have started exploring all of the larger than life sculptures and attractions in communities around the province!*

This month was very special in our health and wellness world as we have had two new programs start in our Classroom. Miss Hailey is leading our Brite program and Miss. Aime, Roots of Empathy! In our own classroom health program we have completed our Growth Mindset tasks and begun learning about some big ideas such as dreams, goals, peace, compassion, patience and our many complex emotions!

PE and music have been so much fun leading up to Halloween with themed games and songs!

Grade Two

During the month of October we have been working on long vowel words (cake, robe, bike, tube, etc.) which we call 'mommy e' words. We have been working at becoming fluent readers with our weekly passages. We have also created pumpkins on our chromebooks and are wrapping up writing descriptively about them. In math we have been working on repeating patterns where the students have been building and recognizing patterns with up to 4 elements. They are also working on increasing patterns where they will be using pictures, numbers, words and sounds to create, reproduce, and extend. In Science, we have been looking at First Nation, Metis and Inuit objects and the materials they use. The students have been doing a great job identifying the natural and processed materials. In social we are learning about the culture, geography, daily life, and traditions of the Acadians of Meteghan, Nova Scotia!

Grade Three

October has come and went in a flash and we have been busy learning in Grade 3. In Math we have moved onto learning about the place value of numbers to 10,000. Our writing in Language Arts has been focused around descriptive writing when working on our Monster exchange projects. Students are describing a monster they have created in such detail that a partner should be able to draw it without ever seeing it. They are also creating a book review about our first read aloud of the year "A Stranger at Home". In science we have been focusing on our Matter unit and investigating the 3 states of matter. Social has taken us on a trip to India and students have enjoyed comparing life in India to our life in Canada. We are looking forward to more class auctions, our Halloween party and continuing the BRITE program in health with Mrs. Norman.

Stay warm everyone!

Basket of Greatness!

Thank you to everyone who tuned in to our Google Meet 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!

October 24th, 2023

Kindergarten

Tao– Great friend, and shows excitement for all classroom activities.

Emma – She is a kind individual and does a great job following directions.

Grade 1

Rowan– He is a respectful and kind student who shows determination in anything he does.

Beckett- She has a positive attitude and shares her joy for learning with her class. She is a great role model

Grade 2

Jayden– He has a go better attitude and always puts in his best effort. Always willing to share his answers in class.

Layne– She leads with kindness and always has a positive attitude. Works well in every situation with every student.

Grade 3

Estelle– She has a strong work ethic and always does her very best in class. She is a wonderful role model.

Deklan– He is a math wiz! He takes pride in all of his work.

Cub Coupons to Levi, Madilynn, Vaughn, Bo, Dixie

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards– Emma & Deklan

Entertainment by the Grade One Class

Five little pumpkins & Ghostbusters (Boomwackers)



Fire Safety!



The students and staff attended a fantastic Fire Safety Presentation at the Hughenden School. Thank you to our local fire departments for all they do!



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/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!





The Czar Skating Club

Skating Lessons

Contact: **Ginette Fletcher** (587) 878-0700 for more information or to register.

**Starting
January 15th,
2024**

Tuesday & Thursday
Learn to Skate: 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Pre-Beginners: 5:10 pm – 5:40 pm
Beginners: 4:35 pm – 5:20 pm
Power 1: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Monday & Wednesday
Power 2/3: 4:30-5:30 pm
Jr. Power: 5:40-6:40 pm

**** All class times
subject to change**

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