

January 2024

# Apple Center Newsletter

## Principal's Message

As we embark on the month of February, I am delighted to share with you the latest news and updates from our school community. This month brings with it a sense of excitement and achievement as we continue to foster a positive and nurturing environment for our students.

As we look ahead, February promises to be an eventful month with several exciting activities such as Science in Motion, dress like a scientist, Valentine's Day, Red and Pink day, Grandparents Tea, Freedom to Read/Book Character Day, 100th day/Dress like a 100 year old, Pink Shirt Day, Random Acts of Kindness and a field trip to the Alliance ski hill. Please mark your calendars with all the upcoming events.

Our school thrives on the active involvement of parents, guardians, and community members. We encourage you to participate in our many upcoming activities as we work together to create a supportive and enriching environment.

Lastly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, staff, and volunteers who contribute tirelessly to the success of our school. Your passion for education and commitment to our students are truly commendable.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to a fantastic month filled with growth, learning, and positive experiences for our Amisk family.

Warm regards,

Jeanene Dewald



**Amisk**  
SCHOOL

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.*

**Feb 5-  
First day of new semester**

**Feb 6-  
Winter Walk Day**

**Feb 7-  
ECS begin attending on Wednesdays  
Science in Motion  
Dress like a Scientist Day**

**Feb 8-  
Science in Motion  
Subway Hot Lunch**

**Feb 13-  
Downtown Library (Gr1-3)**

**Feb 14-  
Red/Pink and Valentines Day  
Grandparents Tea**

**Feb 15-19-  
No school for students  
Teacher Convention/Family Day**

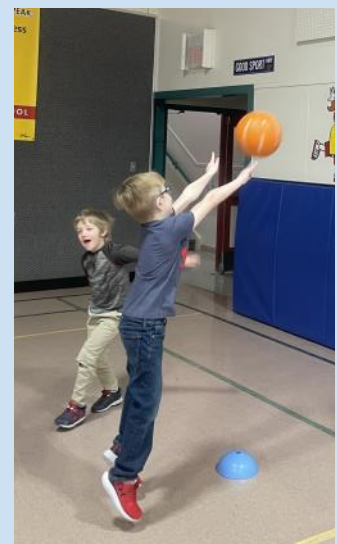
**Feb 20-  
Freedom to Read Day/Book Character Day**

**Feb 22-  
100TH Day of School  
Dress like a 100 year  
Day  
Pizza Hot Lunch**

**Feb 27-  
BofG  
MC- Kindergarten  
Wntertainment- Gr 1**

**Feb 28-  
Pink Shirt Day  
Random Acts of Kindness Day**

**Feb 29-  
Ski Trip @ Alliance Ski Hill**



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# 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.**



**Hot lunch continues on  
February 8th and 22rd!**



Find us on Instagram and  
Facebook!  
**@AmiskSchool**



# Volunteers NEEDED

**MARCH 5-6, 2024**

**Amisk Parent Advisory Association  
Casino Red Deer**

- Day or Evening Shifts
- Expenses Paid
- Hotel Paid
- Work with a Friend

**For More Information  
or to Sign Up,  
Please Text Monica:  
403-506-1288**

# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

January was a very interesting month and has come to a end. The Kindergarten students are working hard at getting back into their routine. In February we will start learning our lowercase letters and continue to work on our high frequency words. Please remember to continue to practice printing your letters and name.. We are learning about counting, making number sets and adding and taking away things from our number sets. In Health we will be learning and talking about being kind to everyone.. In Social we will continue to talk about being respectful to others. In Science the students are learning about the four seasons. In Gym we will be learning how to play soccer and playing as a team. February will be a great month with many events taking place in our classroom. Have a great February!!

## Grade One

January was a very busy month in grade one! During Literacy students completed a book study on The Mitten and The Hat by Jan Brett. We have been enjoying it so much that we will be continuing to explore and expand on the text in February! Students also worked very hard to complete the Alberta wide literacy assessment and benchmark reading! In math, we continued our count to 100 and are getting so close! Students worked hard to prepare for the Alberta Numeracy Assessment. We practiced greater than, less than and equal to. Ordering numbers and placing numbers on unlabeled number lines! Science was spent exploring the properties of objects in science! Students explored measurement using balance scales and non- standard measurement to discuss similarities and differences. In Social studies we learned about our rights and responsibilities and made a book of the rights we have as children! Physical Education was a blast! Students practiced Canada's oldest sport lacrosse for the first half of the month and basketball for the last! We had fun completing drills, mini competitions, relays and 3 on 3 games.

## Grade Two

Grade 2 has had an enriched and exciting January. In our study of Meteghan, NS we were thrilled to experience snow pancakes topped with whipped cream, blueberries, or maple syrup. We are diving into our next science unit - energy. Our first area of exploration is sound and we will be moving into light soon. In math we are working on becoming addition math Ninjas. We are looking forward to all the fun activities planned for us in February.

## Grade Three

I cannot believe that the first month of 2024 is over! We have been busy learners in the grade 3 classroom. In Language arts we have begun the Heggerty program, a daily practice that helps students strengthen their phonemic awareness, which benefits reading and spelling skills. We also had a lot of fun diving into the fictional story structure of fairytales and then comparing them to fractured versions. Students each wrote their own versions of the classic "The Three Little Pigs" and I was blown away by their creativity. In math we have been learning many different strategies to multiply numbers 0-12 and now we are moving onto learning strategies to divide. The ninja masters program has been a great motivator for students to master their multiplication facts. In science we have been learning about force and motion and have begun discussing the 6 simple machines and examples of each that we use in everyday life. We wrapped up our Peru unit in social studies with "Peru Day"! I am looking forward to all of the upcoming fun in February at the Amisk School!

# Basket of Greatness!

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

*Thanks again to the Amisk Public Library for your donation of books for our apple award winners!*

## January 30th 2024

### Kindergarten

Lily– She is kind and respectful. She knows all of her letters and sounds!

Seth– He is a math wiz and is a great friend to his classmates.

### Grade 1

Emily– She is a sweet and gentle student who shows lots of kindness to her classmates.

### Grade 2

August– He has shown lots of growth and confidence in his reading, writing and math!

Aubree– Has been working very hard in class and has grown lots of confidence in her work!

### Grade 3

Rumer– She has worked very hard learning her multiplication facts.

Keo– He works hard, and has shown lots of growth in his spelling,.

**Cub Coupons to:** Leighton, Forrest, Greysen, Brayden, Jayden, Keo, and Estelle

**Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards donated by Nutrien–**

August & Seth

**Entertainment by the Grade Three Class**

You've got a friend in me– boom wackers

January Song









# Science in Motion & Dress Like A Scientist Day



Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Dress up day + Science in Motion  
presentation

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Science in Motion Robotics  
presentation





# BRITE Spotlight!



## Outside Fun!!!!!!







The Kindergarten students are having an awesome time building, creating, learning and discovering in centers.



The Grade 1s have been investigating properties! Students have used balance scales, magnifying glasses and non-standard measurement to describe and compare objects!



The grade three class wrapped up their Peru unit and celebrated with a fun cultural party.



The grade 2 class delved into the wonderful world of Acadian traditions! As part of their exploration, they got creative and made something truly special - snow pancakes!





# Thank You

## **CZAR LIBRARY**

FOR THE DONATION TOWARDS AMISK  
SCHOOL'S READING PROGRAM!

# REMINDER

Please send your student's  
Library Books  
back to the school every Friday.

If you need the names of the books taken out, please contact  
Mrs. Flaade at the office. Thanks!





# 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/digifyler](https://www.scholastic.ca/rc/digifyler). 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

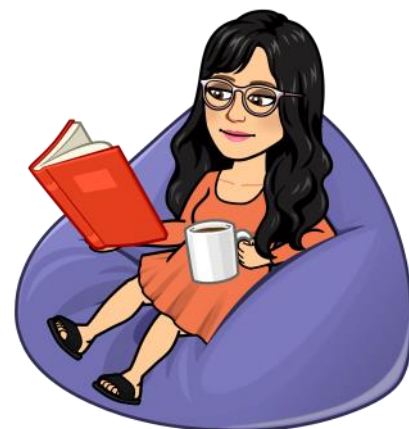
**It is important to note Scholastic is no longer accepting payment by cheque; a credit card will now be required to pay for any Scholastic orders.**

**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!**







A big THANK YOU to the Village of Amisk for the incredible donation towards our school's Breakfast Program.

## 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