

April 2024

# Apple Center Newsletter

Welcome to our newest edition of the newsletter! We have been enjoying the springtime weather here at Amisk School. It's an exciting time for our young learners in Kindergarten through Grade 3 as they continue to grow, explore, and discover the world around them.

Every day is an adventure filled with new experiences and opportunities for learning. From mastering letters and numbers to delving into the wonders of science and social, our dedicated staff is committed to nurturing the intellectual, social, and emotional growth of our students.

April brought a lot of joy, and our classrooms were buzzing with excitement as our students dove into their studies with enthusiasm and curiosity. Whether it was planting seeds, cleaning up the village, rocking our favourite jerseys, creating art masterpieces or preparing entertainment for the basket of greatness, there is never a dull moment in the life of an Amisk School Student.

As we continue on to the final two months of school, we look forward to the adventures that lay ahead including Ranch Rodeo Day, Field Trips and Beginner days for the Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 3 classes.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful Parent Advisory Council for their dedication and unwavering support in putting on the Basket of Greatness supper, organizing fundraisers and supporting the many fun activities and items that help enhance our students education.

As we embark on the final stretch of the school year, let's continue to work together to create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive and succeed. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our young learners and empower them to reach their full potential.

Warm Regards,

Jeanene Dewald



I Can...You Can...We Can...Succeed!

# Important Dates!

**May 3** - No school for students

**May 8** - Hats on for mental health

**May 15** - Lifetouch class photos and retakes

**May 16-20** - No school

**May 21**– Downtown Library (Gr 1-3)

**May 22** - Ranch rodeo day and community breakfast (more details to come)

**May 23** - Kindergarten swimming trip / C-store sub hot lunch

**May 28** - B of G

**May 30**– AHS Oral Health (k-2)

**May 31**- Beginner day

**June 6**– School wide field trip to The Ukrainian Village



# 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 Friday's. Please make sure to return completed books each week so your child is able to sign new ones out.



**Hats On for Mental Health is Wednesday May 8th. Students are encouraged to wear a hat on this day.**

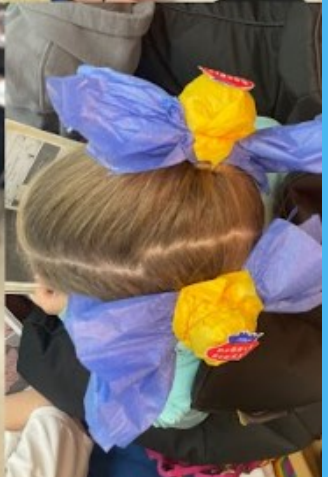


**CLASS PHOTOS: MAY 15TH**



Find us on Instagram & Facebook to see all the great things happening at our school!

# Silly Hair Day!





# Class Happenings!

## Kindergarten

Wow, April has flown by and the Kindergarten students have been learning so many new things. The students have been busy learning all about measurement in Math. The kindergarten students have been working so hard at learning their high frequency words and recognizing them in books and around the room. In Social class we have been learning all about being a part of a group, sharing with others in a group and being kind and respectful when working in a group. In the gym we have finished doing gymnastics, playing games with hula hoops and bean bags and we will be learning how to play soccer. This is a very artistic bunch of students, they have shown many talents while sketching, painting and coloring various projects. May will be a busy and active month for the Kindergarten Students!!

## Grade One

It was an exciting month in Grade One! Our focus was on the changing of the seasons and Earth Day. We spent a lot more time outdoors, further developed our connection with nature and even chose a tree buddy for the remainder of the year! Students are looking forward to spending time completing more of our course work outside!!

## Grade Two

April was a busy month in Grade 2. We completed our study of subtraction with regrouping with great success!!! Now we are moving onto measurement. In language arts we are exploring different types of poems and also working on becoming a more confident writer. We have also finished our unit on Iqaluit. The students enjoyed making an igloo and also listening to Kris Anholt share her experiences about living in Iqaluit. She even treated us to some bannock bites filled with jam!!! It was cool to sit on and feel a polar bear hide. Our next unit is looking at Saskatoon and the Ukrainians that live there. In phys. ed., we explored games such as basketball and hockey on scooters. We have just finished learning some football skills. We are finishing up Earth systems in science and moving onto our last unit which is living systems. We are looking forward to lots of fun activities in May and June.

## Grade Three

I can't believe we are in the final 2 months of school and soon our grade 3 class will be saying goodbye to Amisk as they prepare for Grade 4 in HPS. At the end of this month on May 31st we will participate in beginner day, taking a bus to HPS. We will meet staff and students, get a tour of the school and hopefully help ease some nerves surrounding this big transition. We have been enjoying our Charlotte's Web novel study in LA and strengthening our summarizing and vocabulary skills. In social we have wrapped up Ukraine and are finishing the year with our last country Tunisia! In math students are moving onto the geometry, and in science we have began learning all about plants and animals. With this comes some special animals to our classroom, baby chicks and butterflies!

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



# 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!*

**April 2024**

## **Kindergarten**

**Millicent**– She has shown improvement with learning her letters. She always has a great attitude towards school and learning.

**Thomas**– He is a hard worker and has great progress with his letters and sounds.

## **Grade 1**

**Hanna** – She is a great leader and excels at spelling.

**Clara**– She is kind, generous, and a strong reader.

## **Grade 2**

**Rayna**– She is a great helper with other students, and has a love for science.

**Paicee**– She is excelling in all areas and is very confident in math.

**Maverick**– He is a strong reader and is very confident in math.

**Kinsley**– She has shown huge improvement in all areas.

## **Grade 3**

**Kyla**– She always puts her best foot forward and makes everyone laugh.

**Rhyse**– She is working hard towards her AR goals.

**Cub Coupons to: Millie, Winston, Claire, Rayna, Rhyse, Oakley, Emily, Kinsley, Carter M**

**Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards sponsored by Nutrien**

**K-1: Thomas 2-3: Rayna**

**Entertainment by the entire school**

**Mc done by the Grade three class**



# BofG







# FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY DAY





Happy National Principal Appreciation Day and a big shoutout to Mrs. Dewald at Amisk School, who is also celebrating her birthday today! Her dedication to education is inspiring and she is always there to support students and staff. We are grateful for her leadership in creating a positive learning environment



On Administrative Assistant Day, we're celebrating our amazing school admin assistant, Ashley, for her dedication, hard work, and incredible support in keeping our school running smoothly. Thank you for all you do!



We are proud to celebrate Support Staff Appreciation Day at Amisk School! A heartfelt thank you to our incredible support team, whose unwavering dedication and compassion enrich the lives of our students and the entire school community. Your tireless efforts truly make a world of difference. Here's to you, our everyday heroes!



# 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

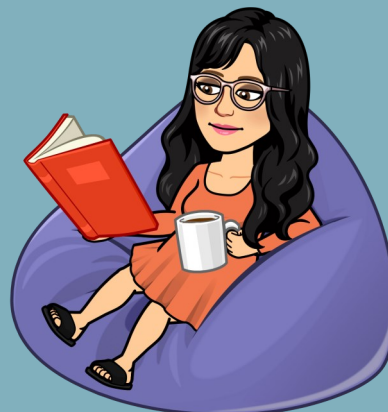
**It is important to note Scholastic is no longer accepting payment by cheque; a credit card will now be required to pay for any Scholastic orders.**



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 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!



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# ***GIRLS AT BAT***

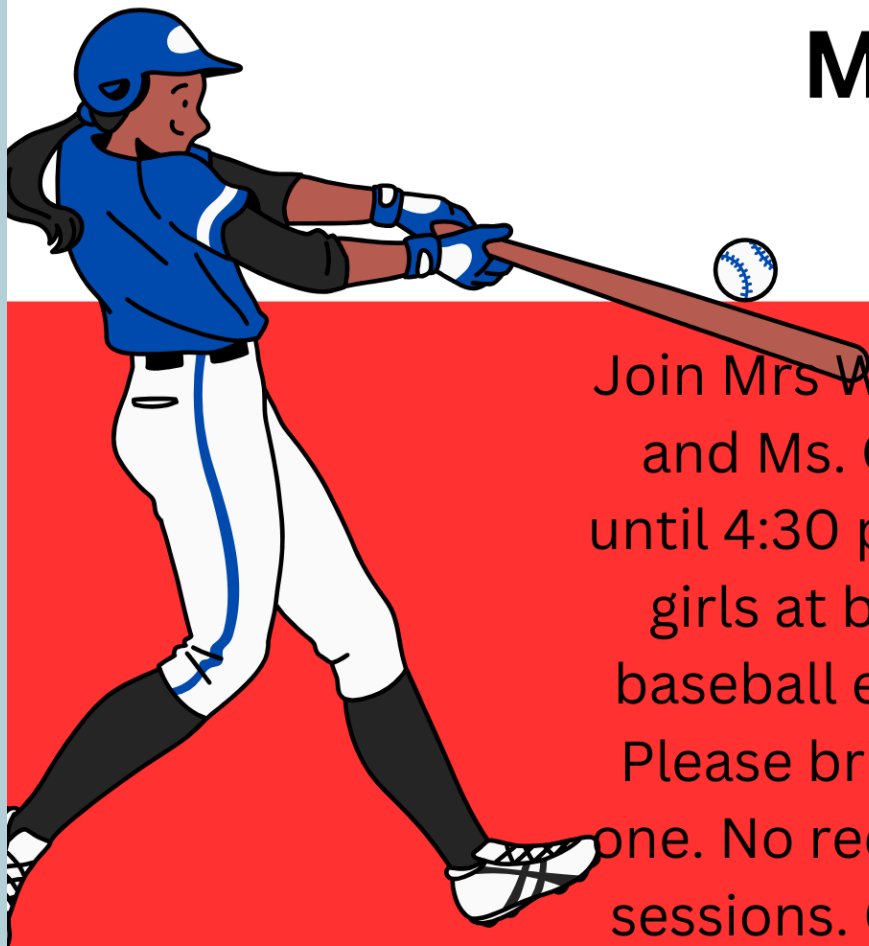
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**This program aims to increase...**

- Self Esteem
- Confidence in sport
- Connection and commitment to regular physical activity
- Relationships to peers
- Likelihood of living a physically active life



**May 8th, 14th,  
21st & 28th**

Join Mrs Whitehead, Mrs. Dewald and Ms. Carnegie after school until 4:30 pm to participate in the girls at bat program! No prior baseball experience is required. Please bring a glove if you have one. No requirement to attend all sessions. Come on out and have some fun!



## How Do I Register?

You may register your child for Kindergarten starting in January 2024. We kindly ask that you please contact your local school to register and/or register online and make arrangements to provide the following necessary documents:

- Birth certificate or Canadian Citizenship
- Resident address and/or rural land location

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year is available now!



For further information, please contact your local community school and/ or contact the Early Childhood Services Lead at 780-806-2049.



Early Childhood Services

Kindergarten

Ready, Set, Go!



## What is ECS - Kindergarten?

Kindergarten is a part of the Alberta Education learning continuum and is offered the year before grade 1. It is a play based learning opportunity for your child to establish the foundations that increase successes in their future learning. It is an important milestone in your child's life and marks their formal entry into school. Our programs are offered in an inclusive school environment with opportunities to participate in classes such as Physical Education, Music, STEM, and Art.

For more information, please refer to [Kindergarten Ready, Set, Go!](#)

## What does our ECS - Kindergarten Program look like?

Thanks to the team based approach of families, staff, and specialists, an enriching educational experience for each child in their local community school is possible. Our child centered programs and supports use the Alberta Education Kindergarten curriculum and infuse it within play-based learning and structured activities. Our learning experiences focus on areas that include:

**Language and Communication:** Opportunities that include lots of storytelling, reading, listening, and vocabulary building activities to enhance language and communication skills.

**Cognitive Skills:** Introduction to letters, numbers, shapes, and basic literacy and mathematical concepts through fun and interactive activities.

**Physical Development:** Activities and experiences that help children grow in their fine and gross motor skills to help them prepare for kindergarten and daily living.

**Social Skills and Approaches to Learning:** Group play, sharing, and cooperation activities to develop social skills and emotional intelligence.

**Awareness of Self and Environment:** Experiences to grow a child's understanding of the world and their ability to make connections between classroom, home, and the community.



## Is My Child Eligible?

To be eligible to attend in the 2024/25 school year, children must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2024.

## Family Resilience Program

This program is a **voluntary program** within the M.D. of Wainwright & M.D. of Provost that supports families with children 0-18 years of age. We offer in-home family support; however, it can also be in your community, at a coffee shop or the library, and over the phone or even virtual at the family's request. This voluntary program focuses on various areas but is not limited to: improving parental capacity, communication skills, sibling rivalry, conflict resolution, the understanding of different parental styles, child behavioral issues, positive strategies with difficult behaviors, co-parenting for separating or already separated families, blended family cohesion, parent-teen mediation, mental health concerns, positive strategies with difficult behaviors, enhancing family connection, school concerns, advocacy/working collaboratively with other services providers (this may include accompany participants to appointments with other service providers, emotional and personal support for parents, referrals to other resources and/or supports or collaborative transition planning from one program to another as well as aftercare supports to ensure that families are continuing down their path of success.

This **program is free** to all clients, and referrals can be from various organizations or self-referrals. At WJS we can also meet with youth separately, however our style of working with youth may be different than other organizations that are working with youth. We do not look at ourselves as youth workers but as Family Support Coaches helping youth accomplish their goals and ultimately be part of their family. Therefore, should we get a referral that list the youth from ages 12-18 as the individual needing support, we will conduct an assessment to ensure that a holistic approach is used to work with the youth, but with family participation to support the goals. As a whole, we very much believe the involvement of family can often be the key for the youths' success. Our goal is to ensure that youth are an active part of their family, so that they will have an opportunity to grow long and sustainable relationships with their families as they mature into adulthood. The parent will join the program in at and/or around the 3-month mark to work on goals for themselves, with meetings alternating youth, caregiver and youth, caregiver, until the youth has accomplished their goal(s) and/or the parent has the ability and desire to continue to take over the support of their youths' goal(s).

Our Offices are open 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through to Friday. Our workers will work with you at times that are convenient to you and your family which could include some evenings and weekends.

Should you want more information, have any questions or want to self-refer, please do not hesitate to connect with us.

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**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time: 9:30 - 11:30**

*First 50 ladies will receive a flower*



**Breakfast Buffet:** Sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes and all the trimmings. Juice, Coffee, Tea

Adults: **\$10.00**

Children 10 years old and over: **\$10.00**

Children under 9 years old: **Free**



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**Amisk Hall**



## 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