

AMISK SCHOOL

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

NOVEMBER
2024

Dear Families,

Principal's Message

As November comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful learning and growth we've seen in our school this month. From classroom activities to special events, it has been inspiring to witness our students' enthusiasm and progress. We began the month with a focus on Remembrance Day, where we had special guests Colin and Janice Davidson speak to the students about their experiences in the military along with an opportunity for students to participate in activities to honor the sacrifices of those who served. Their understanding and respect for this important part of our history was truly heartwarming.

With winter approaching, our classrooms are buzzing with excitement as students dive into literacy and numeracy with the holidays in mind. Looking ahead, December will bring even more excitement with holiday celebrations, seasonal crafts, and opportunities for students to spread kindness and joy throughout our school and community. We also remind everyone to dress warmly as the colder weather sets in, especially for outdoor recess.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in creating a supportive and caring environment for our students. Your involvement and encouragement help make our school a place where every child feels valued and inspired to learn.

Wishing you a warm and joyful start to the holiday season!

Sincerely,

Jeanene Dewald



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Upcoming Events!

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

Dec 2: The 12 Days of Christmas Giving food drive begins

Dec 3: Pizza Hot Lunch

Dec 10: Hot Dog Hot Lunch

Dec 12: Amisk School Christmas Concert (1:00 PM and 7:00 PM performances)

Dec 17: End of the 12 Day of Christmas food drive, Mcdonalds Hot Lunch, Field trip to Hughenden for the Christmas Thrift Shop event

Dec 19: Christmas hat/sweater day, PAC Christmas lunch for students

Dec 20: PJ Day, last day of school before Christmas break

Jan 6: First day of school following Christmas break



Jersey Day



AMISK SCHOOL IS PROUD TO PRESENT

HOLLY JOLLY JALOPY

A Joyful Journey Full of Laughter,
Music, and Holiday Cheer!

DECEMBER

12

1:00 PM
&
7:00 PM

AMISK COMMUNITY HALL

DOORS OPEN 15 MINUTES BEFORE EACH SHOW



THERE WILL BE A SILVER COLLECTION FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK AT THE DOOR

AMISK SCHOOL INFO!

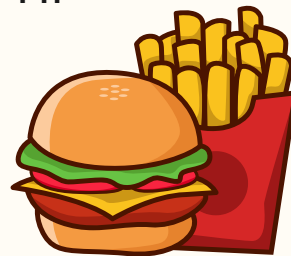
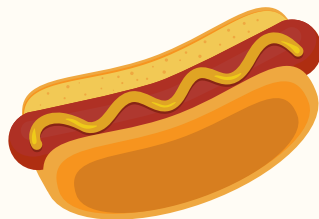
- PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTP://AMISK.BTPS.CA/](http://amisk.btps.ca/) . HERE YOU CAN FIND A CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS, FORMS OR NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL.

LIBRARY HAPPENS EVERY WEEK FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-3 ON THURSDAYS. 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 DAYS FOR THE MONTH ARE
DECEMBER 3, 10, 17TH



FIND US ON,
FACEBOOK AND
INSTAGRAM





Please ensure that your child is coming to school dressed for the weather. Toque, mittens, scarfs, winter boots, winter coats, and snow pants are very important, as students will be expected to go outside for recess. Our outdoor play policy indicates that we will be playing outdoors unless the temperature is -25 C or colder (with the wind chill). Please label your child's items with their name so we can easily identify and return lost and found items.



Amisk school collects can tabs that we donate to the Ronald McDonald House. They unfortunately do not take them anymore, so we are looking for somewhere new to donate them.



**Amisk School
Scholastic**

BOOK FAIR



Thank You to everyone who supported our book fair last week!

It was very successful, which allows us to add many new books to our school library.

Also a big thank you to Mrs. Hovde for volunteering her time and helping out during the lunch hours!



Thank You!

AMISK SCHOOL PAC

FOR FEEDING THE STAFF BOTH
EVENINGS OF PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES THIS WEEK!!!

IT WAS VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 17, 2024

On Tuesday, December 17th from 12:30-2:30 PM the students of Amisk school will be travelling to Hughenden for a fun afternoon of Christmas shopping, wrapping, and activities. Joining the HPS students/staff we will head to the thrift store to shop for special gifts for our families. We will then return to Hughenden public school to have help from the older students wrapping our gifts and making gift tags.

PLEASE SEND \$1 PER GIFT THAT YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO BUY (WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$3 AS WE ARE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PURCHASES TO 3 PER CHILD.)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS WRAPPING SUPPLIES! BOXES, BAGS, BOWS, TAPE, AND WRAPPING PAPER. IF YOU HAVE ANY TO SPARE PLEASE SEND TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE 17TH!

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU TO
**THE VILLAGE OF AMISK
AND FORTIS ALBERTA**

FOR HANGING THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE AMISK
SCHOOL OUTDOOR TREE





AMISK SCHOOL 12 DAYS OF **christmas** GIVING

THROUGHOUT DECEMBER OUR SCHOOL WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE AMISK SCHOOL TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVING. FROM DECEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 17, WE WILL BE COLLECTING SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK. THIS IS NOT MANDATORY, HOWEVER IF YOUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE WITH US, PLEASE SEND IN WHAT YOU CAN, WHEN YOU CAN. THE ITEMS NEEDED ARE LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SEND THEM IN WITH YOUR CHILD OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE SCHOOL. EACH DAY, OUR SCHOOL WILL TALLY THE NUMBER OF ITEMS BROUGHT AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS TO DATE. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE HOW MANY ITEMS WE CAN GATHER, AND TO SHOW OUR SHARING AND CARING SPIRIT TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THIS PROJECT!

DECEMBER 2 - PASTA/RICE

DECEMBER 3 - CRACKERS/COOKIES/GRANOLA BARS

DECEMBER 4 - CEREAL

DECEMBER 5- CANNED VEGETABLES

DECEMBER 6 - CANNED FRUIT

DECEMBER 9 - SOUP - CANNED/MR. NOODLES

DECEMBER 10 - CEREAL/ OATMEAL

DECEMBER 11 - PASTA SAUCE

DECEMBER 12 - PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM

DECEMBER 13 - JUICE

DECEMBER 16 - COFFEE/TEA/HOT CHOCOLATE

DECEMBER 17 - CANNED FISH/MEAT

OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED AND NEEDED INCLUDE PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS, TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES, SOAP, ETC

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!

November 26, 2024

Kindergarten

Owen- He enjoys making patterns. He follows classroom rules and is very helpful.

Oaklyn- She has a positive attitude and a big smile. Great work on learning her letters and sounds.

Winston- He is a positive personality in the classroom. He knows all of his uppercase letters.

Grade 1

Tucker- He is always teaching the class new facts and he has great reading and writing skills.

Teal- She is working hard on her writing and is a great friend.

Grade 2

Beckett- She is always helping others in class and is a great friend to everyone.

Spencer- He is working hard in class to learn his numbers to 1000 and on his spelling words.

Grade 3

Layne- She is a caring student who is a great reader and writer.

John- He is a very hard working student who always tries his best and he is a great athlete.

Gage- He loves to read and share interesting facts. He is a kind friend.

Cub Coupons to

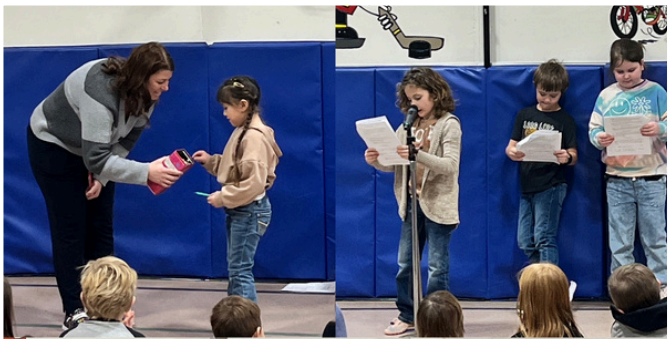
Vern, Finnegan, Gwen, Emmett, Thomas F, Colt, Bryer

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards sponsored by NUTRIEN

Oaklyn- Kinder Layne- Grade 3

MC done by the Grade 2 Class

Entertainment by the Grade Three Class



Congrats!

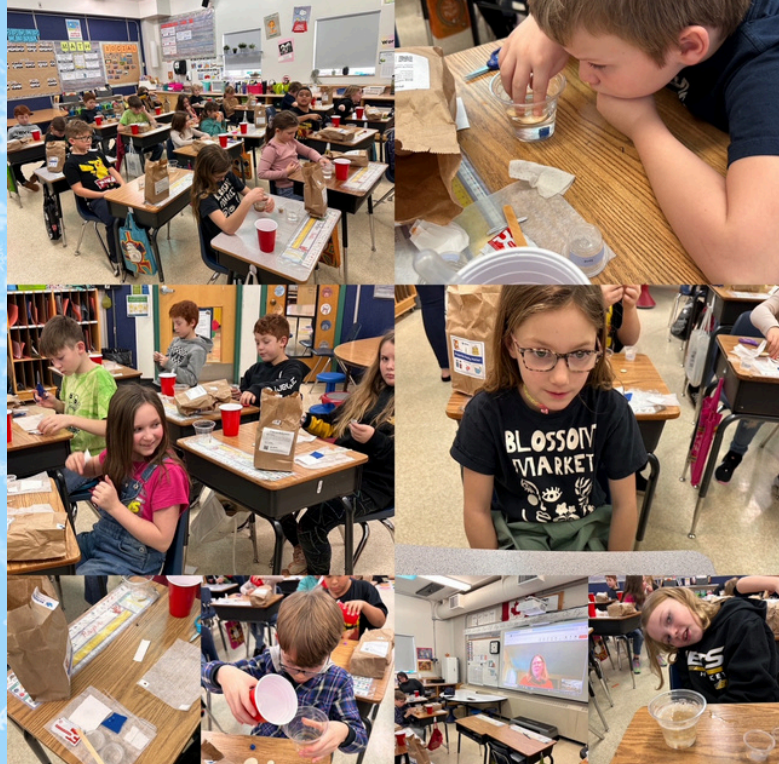


AMISK SCHOOL STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES CAME TOGETHER TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, AND CONTINUE TO SERVE, TO PROTECT THE FREEDOMS WE HOLD DEAR. SPECIAL THANKS TO WARRANT OFFICER COLIN DAVIDSON AND CAPTAIN JANICE DAVIDSON FOR JOINING US AND SHARING THEIR POWERFUL STORIES AND REFLECTIONS ON WHAT REMEMBRANCE DAY MEANS TO THEM. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR INSPIRING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.





THE STUDENTS AT AMISK SCHOOL HAD AN AMAZING TIME DIVING INTO HANDS-ON LEARNING WITH SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL! THESE INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL SCIENCE PRESENTATIONS WERE PACKED WITH FUN EXPERIMENTS, PERFECTLY ALIGNED WITH EACH GRADE'S CURRICULUM.





AMISK SCHOOL'S ART STORE HAD ITS GRAND OPENING FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR! STUDENTS SHOPPED WITH THEIR HARD EARNED ART CASH AND TOOK HOME SOME FANTASTIC ITEMS! KEEP READING KIDS, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL.



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



Kindergarten

November has come and gone! December will be a busy month with many activities, Christmas fun and learning to do before we are out for Christmas Holidays. The Kindergarten students have been working hard on learning their uppercase letters and sounds. In Math, we will be learning all about numbers in December. In Social Studies we are learning all about me. We had a wonderful Science Presentation and learned all about our five senses. In Art we will be doing lots of Christmas Crafts. The students have been working very hard on learning their Christmas songs that we will be singing at the concert on Thursday, December 12th at 1pm and 7pm. They are so excited to perform for their parents. Enjoy the busy month of December and make lots of wonderful memories.



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



Grade 1

Wow! Can anyone believe it is December? In November we have continued to review our alphabet and solidifying our short vowel sounds. We have made great strides in reading consonant vowel consonant words fluently. We learned the two sounds that s can make and how to blend sk together when reading words. In writing we have started to label and add words and sentences to our illustrated stories. In math we finished up with our introduction to patterns unit and have started our counting strategies unit. In Social Studies we are continuing to learn all about the things that make us, us and how we are each unique. We drew self portraits and talked about how our names are important. In Science we are continuing to learn about the needs of plants and animals. We are all looking forward to December and the Christmas concert.



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Grade 2



November has just flown by in Grade 2. This past month the kiddos started learning about Meteghan, Nova Scotia, and differences between this community and those in Alberta during Social Studies. They will continue this journey in December. The students have worked hard at learning about numbers up to 1000 over the past two months. Every day they are learning more and more and will put that knowledge to the test in the beginning of December. In English Language Arts, the boys and girls have continued practising their reading and writing skills and have recently starting looking at how to add ing and ed to words. They have also started a unit on fluency and present their group readings to the class after a week of practise. In Science, the students are investigating properties of materials and relating them to a purpose. They are identifying the differences between natural and processed materials and identifying natural materials and objects used by First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. In science, we have wrapped up our unit on matter and will be focussing computer science until Christmas break. Students will be applying creativity when designing instructions to achieve a desired outcome.



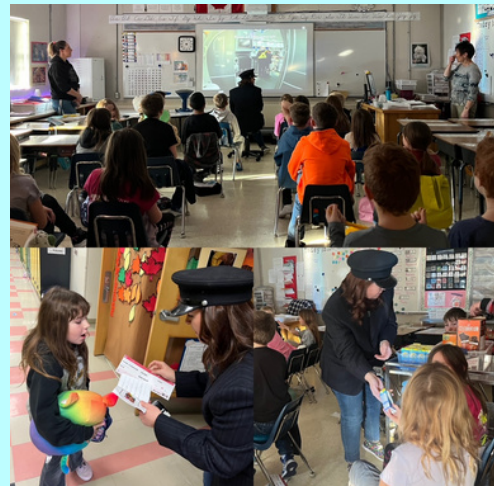
CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Grade 3



November is done and the countdown to Christmas holidays is soon to begin. We have done a lot of learning in the past month. In math we have mastered writing words for numbers all the way to 999 999. Soon we will be working with counting money - just in time for us to go Christmas shopping!!! Last week we enjoyed taking a flight to India. Captain Dewald and Stewardess Ashley made our trip so enjoyable. They offered us a choice of snacks and a beverage, and before we knew it we had landed in New Dehli. We are excited to travel around this foreign country. In Language Arts, we are working on writing descriptive sentences. We will be needing this skill when we work on our letters to Santa. We will be able to tell him EXACTLY what we would like to see under the tree!! In Science the students have wrapped up their learning about matter and are now onto computer science. In this unit the students will investigate creativity and its relationship to computational thinking.

We are also busy learning our songs and lines for school Christmas program on Thursday, December 12. We think you will really enjoy the play, so plan to come and watch.





The Czar Skating Club

Skating — Lessons —

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

**Starting
January 13th,
2025**

Tuesday & Thursday

Learn to Skate: 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Pre-Beginners: 5:05 pm – 5:35 pm
Beginners: 4:35 pm – 5:20 pm
Power 1: 5:25 pm – 6:25 pm

Monday & Wednesday

Power 2/3: 4:30-5:30 pm
Jr. Power: 5:35–6:35 pm

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



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AMISK CURLING CLUB

is seeking new members for the 2024/2025 curling season starting in November!

Mens, Ladies, and Mixed league options dependent upon interest

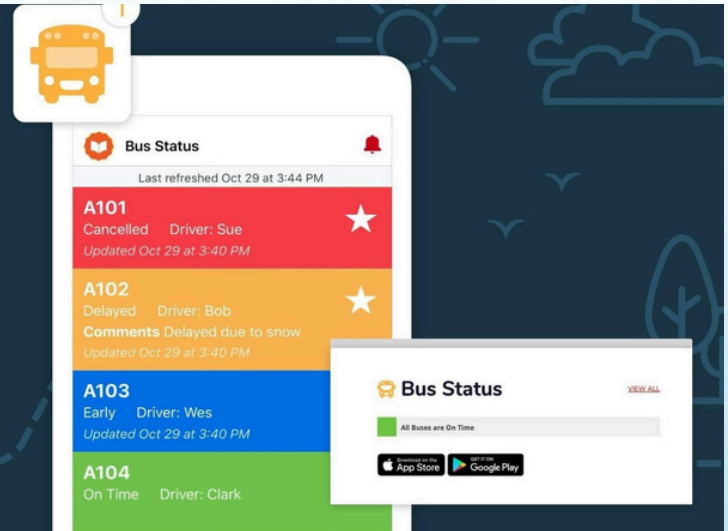
For more info contact:

Pat Armitage 780-888-7554

Colette Johnson 780-856-3878

Wyatt Johnson 587-281-2117

Annual General meeting/registration date to be announced at a later date



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN QUICKLY CHECK YOUR BUS STATUS? DOWNLOAD THE BUS STATUS APP! SELECT BTPS FAVOURITE YOUR BUS ROUTES, GET INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS FOR CANCELLATIONS OR DELAYS! THE STATUS OF BUS ROUTES WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED ON OUR WEBSITE. WWW.BTPS.CA [HTTPS://WWW.BTPS.CA/DEPARTMENTS/TRANSPORTATION/BUS-STATUS-APP](https://www.btps.ca/departments/trans-transportation/bus-status-app)

FEEL LIKE YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON SCHOOL UPDATES?



AT THE END OF LAST SCHOOL YEAR WE HAD TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM THAT WAS USED TO SEND OUT MESSAGES TO OUR FAMILIES. UP UNTIL NOW, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEND OUT TEXT REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL.

A TEXT WILL GO OUT TO PARENTS FROM BTPS TODAY, THAT WILL ASK YOU TO TEXT Y TO 978337 TO OPT IN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO START RECEIVING TEXT REMINDERS AGAIN. NO RESPONSE MEANS NO TEXT MESSAGES WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A TEXT MESSAGE FROM BTPS, PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL AND WE WILL MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBER ON FILE FOR YOU. THANKS!

Spending Time with Family

Studies have found that spending time with family can help reduce stress, anxiety and lead to a healthier lifestyle. And “family” doesn’t just mean blood relatives: It can include close friends and neighbours.

Happiness and well-being are impacted by the love, support, and acceptance we get from people around us. Spending time with our families helps us be stronger and shapes who we become. It is one important piece of building a full and meaningful life.

Health Benefits of Family Time

The benefits of family time can include:

- Reduced anxiety and depression through face-to-face time with loved ones.
- Children that spend time with family tend to perform better in school.
- Children receive positive attention for good behaviour and are more likely to ask for help.
- Children's self-confidence is strengthened when they feel valued by others.
- Children learn communication skills and conflict resolution strategies.
- Children develop healthier coping skills through connection.

Be Intentional with Family Time

Make family time part of your routine:

- Go for family walks
- Spend time outdoors
- Have playtime
- Watch movies
- Have a game night
- Attend community events
- Engage in family conversation
- Plan and make meals together
- Read aloud
- Do homework together

Plan family time outside of your routine:

- Go for an overnight trip
- Plan a vacation together
- Check out local attractions like a museum, fair or farmers market
- Attend community family events
- Play together at a family fun place
- Different family members plan an activity or day
- Camp in the backyard or living room
- Share traditions and make new ones

MORE RESOURCES

Visit kidshealth.org



For information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



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 2024-25

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 K-3.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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.**
- 5. Can parents each have their own account? Yes, as long as the accounts are not created with the same email address.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. 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.**
- 8. 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.**
- 9. 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