

AMISK SCHOOL

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**DECEMBER
2024**

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences we've shared so far this school year. From seeing our youngest learners grow in confidence to witnessing the creativity and kindness your children bring to school each day, it's clear we have much to celebrate at Amisk School.

December is always a special time of year, filled with excitement and joy. This month, our classrooms were buzzing with holiday-themed activities, acts of kindness, and opportunities for students to give back to our community. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and generosity during this festive season.

As we head into the winter break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy moments with loved ones. Whether it's reading a favorite story together, exploring the outdoors, or simply enjoying some quiet time, these shared experiences are a gift to our children.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to wish all of our families a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for more learning adventures.

Warm regards,
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Upcoming Events!

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

Jan 6: First day of school following Christmas break

Jan 7: C Store Hot Lunch

Jan 10: PAC Meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Jan 14: Pancake and Sausage Hot Lunch

Jan 16: Village Library Visit

Backwards Day

Jan 21: Subway Hot Lunch

Jan 28: BofG at 11:08 a.m. (Entertainment-Kindergarten)

Jan. 30: No School (School-Based Learning Day)

Jan. 31: No School (Self-Directed Teacher Day)



AMISK SCHOOL INFO!

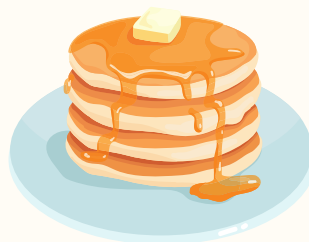
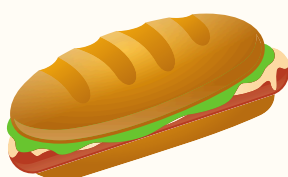
- PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTP://AMISK.BTPS.CA/](http://amisk.btps.ca/) . HERE YOU CAN FIND A CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS, FORMS OR NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL.

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 JANUARY 7, 14, 21



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THE AMISK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE OF THE HOLLY JOLLY JALOPY WAS AN ABSOLUTE HIT! THE COMMUNITY HALL WAS BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT AND LAUGHTER AS OUR TALENTED STUDENTS HIT THE STAGE NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE! WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION—IT TRULY WAS A MAGICAL DAY! A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO PENNY CLARK FOR HER AMAZING ARTISTRY IN CREATING THE SHOW-STOPPING JALOPY TRUCK, YOU ARE INCREDIBLE, AND WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOUR TALENT BRINGING OUR PRODUCTION TO LIFE! THANK YOU TO THE AMISK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR DONATING THE HALL RENTAL AND TO THE AMISK SCHOOL PAC FOR YOUR ENDLESS SUPPORT, FROM VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME TO COVERING THE HALL CLEANING COSTS. THIS EVENT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HARD WORK AND GENEROSITY OF SO MANY. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE HOLLY JOLLY JALOPY A SUCCESS AND HELPING CREATE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY!





A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Amazing Students,
Families, and Community!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity shown during our 12 Days of Christmas Giving food drive. Thanks to your thoughtful contributions, we were able to collect an entire truck load of boxes to support those in need in our community.

Thank you for coming together to help make our community stronger. Let's continue to spread kindness and lend a helping hand whenever we can!



AMISK SCHOOL HAD AN UNFORGETTABLE TIME IN HUGHENDEN! WE KICKED OFF THE DAY WITH SOME FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE LOCAL THRIFT STORE, WHERE STUDENTS FOUND AMAZING AND AFFORDABLE GIFTS FOR THEIR LOVED ONES. THEN, WE HEADED TO HUGHENDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR A FUN-FILLED CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP, COMPLETE WITH GIFT WRAPPING, CRAFTS, AND DELICIOUS SNACKS. A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS DAY POSSIBLE: HUGHENDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR HOSTING US AND ORGANIZING SUCH A FUN DAY, HUGHENDEN THRIFT STORE FOR OPENING UP SPECIALLY FOR OUR STUDENTS TO SHOP, OUR PAC FOR GENEROUSLY COVERING THE BUS COSTS AND OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY & SCHOOL FAMILIES FOR THE WRAPPING DONATIONS. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL YOUR SUPPORT. WISHING EVERYONE A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON











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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

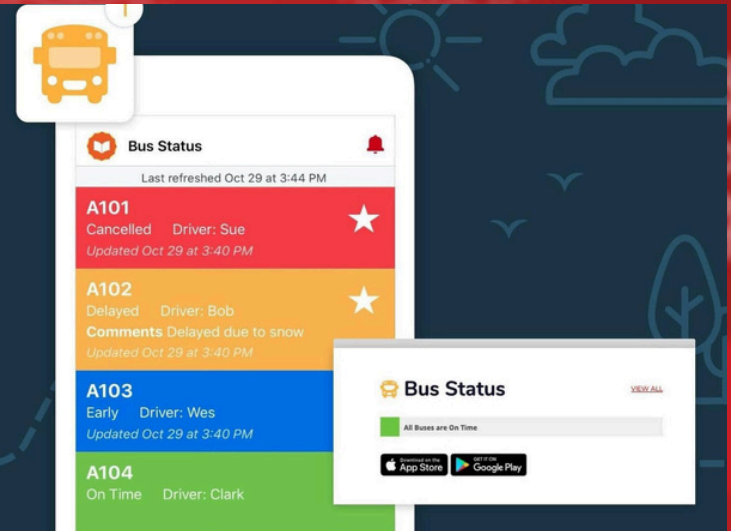
For more info contact:

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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. 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