

# AMISK SCHOOL

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

**JANUARY  
2025**

## Principal's Message

**Dear Families,**

**As we wrap up January, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made this month and to share some exciting updates as we look ahead.**

**This month, our school has been buzzing with activity. Students returned from the holiday break full of energy and ready to learn. A highlight this month has been seeing the enthusiasm for winter activities. Thank you for ensuring your children are dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor play each day.**

**Looking forward, February promises to be another exciting month. With Freedom to Read and Book Character Day, Valentine's Day celebrations, Random Acts of Kindness, Ski Trip and continued learning adventures. There will be plenty of opportunities for connection and growth. Please keep an eye on upcoming dates and events in this newsletter and on social media to stay informed.**

**Finally, I'd like to extend my gratitude to our incredible staff, students, and families for your continued partnership. Together, we create a safe, caring, and enriched environment where all learners can thrive. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.**

**Warm regards,**

**Jeanene Dewald**



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# Building a Strong Literacy Foundation

## Literacy Tip:

### Read aloud every day!

- 1. Make it a routine.** Create a special time each day where you and your child sit down and enjoy a book together. Often parents find it to be most convenient at night right before bed because it is an effective way to settle down and relax before bedtime, but it is important to find a routine that works best for you.
- 2. Discuss the book.** As you read the book, stop and talk about the pictures, model thinking strategies, make observations, ask your child questions, and encourage them to make predictions.
- 3. Model appropriate fluency and expression.** When you are reading to your child, model how you would want them to read the story: Clearly, well-paced, and with appropriate expression.
- 4. Make it fun!** Bring enthusiasm and excitement to each book. Choose books with funny words, characters, or plots that are high-interest for your child. Try reading in a fort with a flashlight. Another option is to include the family pet or a sibling in the read aloud.



# Upcoming Events!

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

**Jan 30 & 31:** No School- Semester break

**Feb 3:** First Day of the second semester

**Feb 4:** Pizza Hot Lunch, Book Character and Freedom to Read Day

**Feb 5:** ECS start attending on Wednesdays, Winter Walk Day

**Feb 11:** Taco Salad Hot Lunch

**Feb 12:** Red/Pink Day, Valentine's Day Tea Party

**Feb 13-14:** No School- Teacher Convention

**Feb 17:** No school- Family Day

**Feb 18:** McDonald's Hot Lunch

**Feb 19:** 100th Day of school (Gr 1-3)

**Feb 20:** Village Library Day

**Feb 25:** BofG at 11:08 Am

**Feb 26:** Pink Shirt Day- Random Acts of Kindness

**Feb 27:** Valley Ski Hill Field Trip

## AMISK SCHOOL INFO!

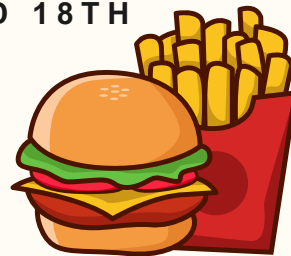
- PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTP://AMISK.BTPS.CA/](http://amisk.btps.ca/) . HERE YOU CAN FIND A CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS, FORMS OR NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL.

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 FEBRUARY 4, 11, AND 18TH



FIND US ON,  
FACEBOOK AND  
INSTAGRAM








# THANK YOU HUGHENDEN!

- \*HUGHENDEN SENIOR MEN'S JETS
- \*TRAVIS MORRISON
- \*ZAC MCLACHLAN

Hughenden Arena  
"Silence does not equal strength"

@britementalhealthprogram




britewellnessprogram





\*HOCKEY BINGO WINNER!

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# BRITE HUGHENDEN GAMES!

KIDS HAD SO MUCH FUN PLAYING THE MENTAL HEALTH GAMES AND BINGO!

Hughenden Arena

@britementalhealthprogram





# YEAH!



The Amisk school Grade 1/2  
split graduated from the  
Superflex Academy

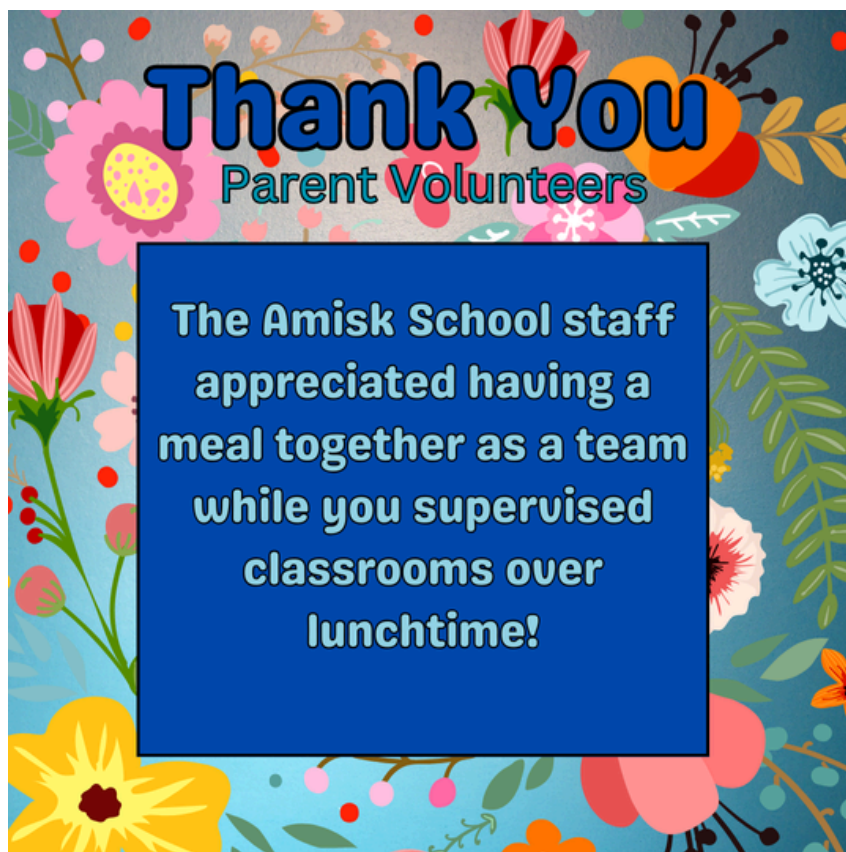


Thank you to Sarah from BRITE  
for putting on such a fantastic  
program for the students!





**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

**DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE  
BOOK CHARACTER  
&  
FREEDOM TO READ DAY**

FEB 4, 2025



AMISK SCHOOL

**PINK SHIRT  
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY**



**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

# Grandparent Valentine *Tea Party*

● A lovely afternoon shared with a grandparent or special person in our lives

- Snacks
- Refreshments
- Games
- Dancing

**12th**  
Feb 2025

At the Amisk School



**1:00**  
**PM**





# Backwards Day







# VILLAGE LIBRARY



# 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!

**January 28, 2025**

## Kindergarten

Vanica- She is a great friend and works hard on learning her letters.

Knox- He is great in math and counting!

## Grade 1

Colt- He is always making us laugh and works hard in class.

Rory- He is very kind hearted and an amazing printer.

Joey- She is always working through challenges and works hard at her reading.

## Grade 2

Hannah- She is kind, thoughtful, and a hard worker.

Jace- He is a good friend and tries very hard to be a good student.

## Grade 3

Maverick- He is kind, caring and polite. He is a great writer.

August- He is a hardworking and dedicated student.

## Cub Coupons to

Kayd, Madison, Everlee, Seth, Sarah, Claire, Lincoln, Wren, Kenna, Brayden, Layne,  
Mason

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards sponsored by NUTRIEN

Hannah- Grade 2

Rory- Grade 1

MC done by the Grade 2 Class

Entertainment by the Kindergarten Class

Snowflake Poem

Bingo Song





*Congrats!*



# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



## Kindergarten

Wow January flew by and February will be a busy month with many fun activities and learning throughout the month. We will now be having a three day week until the end of the school year. The Kindergarten students have been working hard on learning their lowercase letters and sounds. In Math, we will be learning about addition and subtraction of numbers. In Social Studies we are learning all about respect and kindness. In Science we will be learning about our 5 senses and doing some fun experiments. In Art we will be making a Valentine bag to hold all of our Valentine cards and making some stain glass hearts. The students have been working very hard all month and have been learning lots of wonderful things. They are so excited to have a Valentine Party, go skiing and do Random Act of Kindness activities throughout the month. Please enjoy the month of February and hopefully the weather is nice and we can all enjoy sometime outside!!



# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



## Grade 1

January flew by! I hope that everyone had a relaxing winter break. We got right back into things when students got back. This month, we completed the review of the alphabet and learned about blends (sl, gr, tr, dr, etc.) Students are really gaining great strides in their reading fluency. I am so proud of them! In Writing, we continued to learn about proper sentence structure, forming letters properly, and we made our first class book! In Math we finished up our counting strategies unit where students learned how to count to 20 forwards and backwards, students learned how to count on, one more/less than a number, how to compare numbers within 20, and learned how to represent numbers using a number chart, a ten frame, and base 10 blocks. In Science we have been learning about plants and animals native to Alberta. In Social Studies we continue to learn about the groups students belong to, with a focus on family and school community. February is going to be a busy busy month and we are looking forward to it!





# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

## Grade 2



January has come and gone in second grade. This past month the kiddos continued their adventure to Meteghan, Nova Scotia, learning about Acadians and their important contributions to Canadian society during Social Studies. The students have also worked hard at learning about how to make different types of graphs. Starting in February, the kids will begin a unit on addition and subtraction. In English Language Arts, the boys and girls have continued practising their reading and writing skills and have also been looking at story structures. They have also started a new unit on fluency in an attempt to advance on their reading levels. This month in science the students have been learning about sound energy and how it behaves in various ways and its characteristics. In February we will shift to light energy where the students will discover sources of light, how it behaves and how it travels.





# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Grade 3



Wow!! Where did the month of January go??

We have been busy leaning to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers with and without regrouping. It's really not that hard anymore!!!

In language arts we have continued on with our grammar studies. We have learned how adjectives and adverbs make writing so much more interesting. We finished up our study of Greek Myths and have started a unit on Comics and Graphic Novels. We are looking forward to writing our own short comic strip and a graphic novel.

In social we are nearing the end of our unit on India. We have learned so many cool facts and bits of information about this country. We even watched a video about how the men tie a turban and an Indian wedding. Our next country we are travelling to is Peru. We will be learning lots of cool things about that country as well.

In Science we have been exploring how forces can relate to changes in movement. They have learned about Newton's 1st Law and different contact forces including applied, friction, tension, spring/elastic. In the next month the students will be learning about simple machines!



WE ARE SENDING OUT A WARM WELCOME TO MRS. SHERIDAN POULSON, WHO HAS JOINED US AS AN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT IN THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM. MRS. POULSON WAS BORN AND RAISED IN AMISK, AND LIVES ON AN ACREAGE MINUTES FROM TOWN WITH HER HUSBAND AND FOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR HER KIND MANNER AND THE ENTHUSIASM SHE BRINGS EACH DAY TO HER DUTIES IN THE KINDERGARTEN ROOM!

**WELCOME  
TO THE TEAM!**

ANOTHER BIG AMISK SCHOOL WELCOME GOES OUT TO MRS. STACIE MCCALLUM, WHO HAS JOINED OUR SCHOOL FAMILY AS A NEW PART TIME EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT. STACIE GREW UP IN THE AMISK AREA, AND HAS RELOACTED BACK TO AMISK FROM RAINBOW LAKE. SHE IS A WIFE AND MOTHER OF TWO. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW STACIE AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR HER KNOWLEDGE AS AN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT.



THIS WEEK, MOST OF THE AMISK SCHOOL STAFF HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF BOWLING. IT WAS A GREAT TIME FOR TEAM BONDING AND CONNECTION.





# **Provost Music Festival 2025**

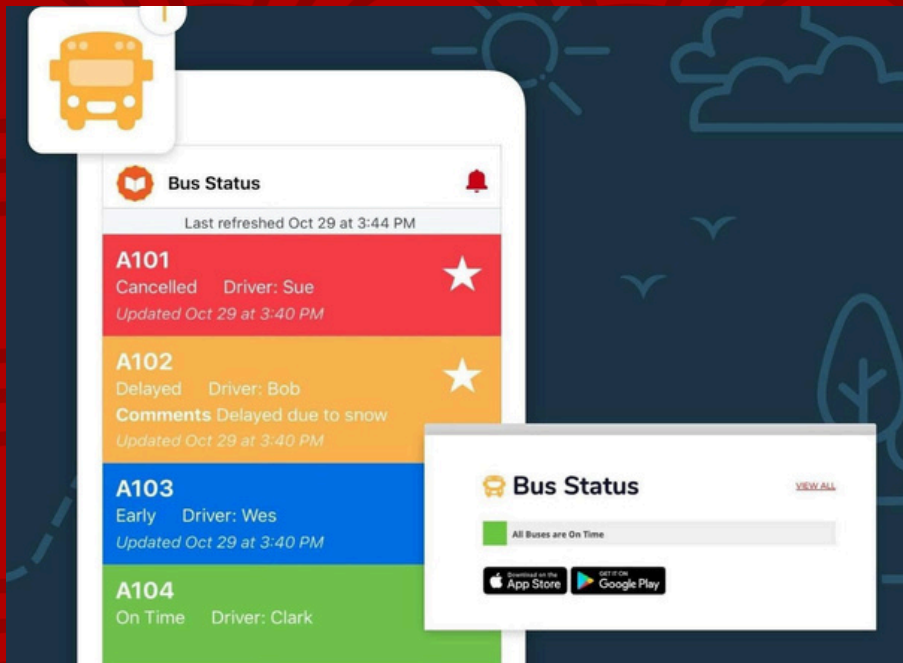
**March 23rd to 28th**

**Provost Music Festival is celebrating its 53rd festival this year.**

**From March 23 - March 28, students from the area will be participating in Spoken Word, Strings, Instrumental, Piano, Vocal and Musical Theatre classes. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their learning and receive feedback from experts in their area of study.**

**Participation in the performing arts has many proven benefits to students. Studies show that involvement in music and arts improves focus, discipline and creativity which all translate to better academic performance. It also helps students build confidence, collaboration skills and resilience. Students can take pride in representing their school and connecting with the broader community via shared cultural experiences.**

**The entry forms can be found on their website at [www.provostmusicfestival.com](http://www.provostmusicfestival.com). Any questions can be directed to [provostmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:provostmusicfestival@gmail.com).**



**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](http://WWW.BTPS.CA)**

**[HTTPS://WWW.BTPS.CA/DEPARTMENTS/TRANSPORTATION/BUS-STATUS-APP](https://www.btps.ca/departments/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!





# Free Skating Lessons



Starting Jan. 21-Tuesdays and  
Thursdays.

Last Day Feb. 13

Learn to Skate Group: 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Those that require less help skating:  
4:00 – 4:45 pm



Location: Amisk Skating Rink

To register please contact:

Dennis: 1-306-640-5046

Sponsored by the Amisk Agricultural Society

# Community Supper at the Amisk Curling Rink

Menu: Smoked Ham, bun, potato casserole,  
salads, vegetable, dessert, refreshment

**Adults- \$15.00**

**Children 10 and over - \$10.00**

**Children under 9 - Free**

**“Catered by Amisk Agricultural Society”**

**Everyone is Welcome**



**When: Friday, January 31, 2025**

**From: 5:30 – 7:30 pm**





# Inclusive Child Care: FREE TRAINING

# Positive Solutions

# FOR FAMILIES!



Examples  
will focus on  
**FAMILY**  
routines.

1

## Making Connections **January 30, 2025** **7:30 to 8:30 pm**

Explore ways to build relationships, provide encouragement & celebrate success.

2

## Keeping It Positive **February 6, 2025** **7:30 to 8:30 pm**

Understand how playful interactions & creating fun in everyday moments can be powerful practices. Examine why children do what they do & how to use positive language.

3

## Behavior Has Meaning **February 13, 2025** **7:30 to 8:30 pm**

Determine the meaning of behavior and understanding effective ways to develop and teach household and community rules.

4

## The Power of Routines **February 20, 2025** **7:30 to 8:30 pm**

Discover the importance of routines and the Routine Based Support Guide while identifying strategies for making transitions successful.

5

## Teach Me What to Do **February 27, 2025** **7:00 to 9:00 pm**

The when & why of teaching key social/emotional & problem-solving skills including feeling vocabulary. Learn calming strategies to cope with big feelings & teach self-regulation skills.



**2 hour session!**

6

## Responding with Purpose **March 6, 2025** **7:30 to 8:30 pm**

Learning powerful prevention strategies and ways to respond with purpose to child behavior in home and community settings.

7

## Putting it All Together **March 13, 2025** **7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Identify the meaning of behavior by examining what happens before & after the problem behavior. Identify the three parts of a behavior plan: prevention, new skills to teach, & responses.



**2 hour session!**

**To register:** call 1-866-651-5911 or email [info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca](mailto:info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca)

Registration will close a week prior to each workshop. All workshops will be held virtually on Zoom. An email address is needed for each participant registering. Positive Solutions is available to child care programs and is now available to parents too!



2025

# February

## FREE Indoor Playground

~~Tuesdays~~ 9:30 am to 11:30 am

1:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesdays: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Thursdays: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Fridays: 9:30 to 11:30 am

## Saturdays

February 1, 8 & 22

9:30 am to 1:30 pm



**Did You Know?**



**CLOSED**  
February 15  
for Family Day  
Weekend

The Indoor Playground is an **INCLUSIVE PLAY SPACE**. Children & parents with disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, are welcome. Call or visit to discuss any accommodations that may be needed.

INDIGENOUS

## Literacy & Parenting Skills

Join us to connect with Indigenous culture, ways to support children's literacy, and parenting strategies. The topics include: self-esteem, positive discipline, storytelling & communication, and values & traditions.



Indigenous & Metis Facilitators

**Fridays**  
1 to 3 pm  
January 10, 17, 24 & 31  
February 7, 14 & 28  
March 7, 14, 21 & 28  
April 4

**ALL** parents welcome. Registration required.

- Transportation available.
- Limited child minding spots.
- Snacks provided.



## Mothers First

Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am  
February 6, 13, 20 & 27

A weekly group for mothers of infants to connect with one another while learning about and practicing self-care.

Location: Midwest Family Connections  
**Childcare and transportation is available.**

**>>> Registration is required.**



Suite 103, 4910 - 50th Street  
Lloydminster SK S9V 0Y5  
306-825-5911 or toll-free: 1-866-651-5911  
info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca





## SK Rural Outreach Mobile Early Learning

Freeplay & literacy activities, parenting information & more!



**Neilburg Library**  
108 Centre Street, Neilburg  
Friday, Feb 7,  
from 1 to 2:30 pm (MST)

**Maidstone**  
Ratushniak Elementary School  
220 3 St. E, Maidstone  
Tuesday, Feb 11  
from 10:00 to 11:30 am (MST)

**Hillmond**  
Hillmond Memorial Hall  
Wednesday, Feb 5,  
from 10 to 11:30 am (MST)

**Paradise Hill**  
Community Centre  
102 3rd Avenue, Paradise Hill  
Wednesday, Feb 26,  
from 10:30 to noon (CST)



## Vermilion Family Play & Connect

For families with children under 6.

Snacks & activities for children provided.  
Door Prize draw every week!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
January 8 to March 25  
from 10 to 11:30 am

**FREE Drop In @ Kiddie Oasis in the Vermilion Regional Centre**  
5702 College Drive

*SIMPLE CONNECTIONS*  
stronger families

Hosted by members of the Vermilion Wellness Coalition: Recovery Alberta, VIBE, Vermilion FCSS & Alberta Family Resource Networks. MFC is hosting on February 19 & 26!

## Making Baby Food How To's

Do you have a baby starting solid food in the next few months?

- Cook and sample dishes for your baby.
- Take home handouts, recipes and food prepared during the workshop.



Led by Dallas Odgers  
SHA Public Health Nutritionist

**Coming in March!**

- Child minding available.
- Transportation available.
- Snacks provided.

# POTTY TIME 101

EVENING SESSIONS!



## Toilet Teaching Group

An inclusive group for children of all abilities and their parents.

LIMITED childminding spaces. Families must pre-register in order to hold a spot.

Transportation available with 24 hours notice.



**Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30**

**FEBRUARY 5**  
What to know before you begin.



**FEBRUARY 12**  
Getting started!



## Ages & Stages (ASQ) & Ages & Stages: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)

Follow your child's development and get tips to support their next steps in speech, physical abilities, social skills, problem solving and social-emotional development.

Pick up a copy at the Centre or at a program, receive a copy in the mail or access online using this QR code.



## My Tween & Me

Parents & 7 to 12 year olds

- support parents and children in the transition to adolescence.
- promote positive youth development, foster resilience in middle childhood and adolescence, and strengthen family relationships through experiential learning.
- parents & tweens attend together.

### Wednesdays

Jan. 22 & 29  
Feb. 5 & 12  
6 to 8 pm

**CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER!**

**Hosted @ Father Gorman Community School**

Enter school via doors that let you into the gym.

Supper provided!



P: 306-825-5911 or 1-866-651-5911  
E: info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca

let's play





# SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back to school students and families! The Scholastic Reading Club is now available for the : 2024-25 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://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**