

# AMISK SCHOOL

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

FEBRUARY  
2025

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we wrap up February, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful learning and activities that have taken place in our school this month. From engaging classroom projects to special events like Book Character Day, 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day/Grandparents Tea, Random Acts of Kindness, Pink Shirt Day and the Ski Trip, our students have been busy growing, learning, and building positive relationships.

Looking ahead, March brings exciting opportunities for students and families. One of the highlights will be our Student-Led Conferences, where students will take the lead in sharing their learning journey with you. This is a fantastic opportunity to see their progress, celebrate their achievements, and set goals for the months ahead. More details on how to sign up will be shared soon.

As we move toward spring, we continue to focus on literacy, numeracy, and fostering a safe and caring environment for all learners. Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow!

Warm regards,

Jeanene Dewald



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# 12 Numeracy Tips for Families 12 34

Here are some simple and fun numeracy tips to support your child's learning at home:

**Count Everyday Objects:** Whether it's counting snacks, steps, or toys, encourage your child to count things they see around the house or outside. This helps them build number sense in a meaningful way.

**Use Playful Math Games:** Board games like Chutes and Ladders, Snakes and Ladders, or card games like Go Fish help practice counting and number recognition while having fun.

**Talk About Shapes and Sizes:** Point out different shapes around the house or in nature, and discuss their attributes (e.g., "This box is a rectangle because it has four sides, and two are longer than the others").

**Sort and Group Objects:** Sorting items (e.g., buttons, blocks, or coins) into groups by color, size, or type helps children understand patterns and organization, key skills for later math concepts.

**Incorporate Math Into Daily Routines:** Whether it's setting the table, cooking, or running errands, talk about numbers and measurements in practical situations (e.g., "We need 2 eggs for this recipe!" or "How many apples are in the basket?").

**Use Technology Wisely:** Educational apps and websites can make math practice fun. Look for age-appropriate games that focus on number recognition, addition, and subtraction.

*By making numeracy part of your child's daily routine, you're helping them develop a strong foundation for future learning. Enjoy the process together!*

## Upcoming Events!

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

**March 3:** Teacher's Pet (Gr 2 and Gr 3)

**March 4:** Pork and Pickle Hot Lunch,  
Teacher's Pet ( K and Gr 1)

**March 11:** Spaghetti Hot Lunch

**March 13:** Silly Hair Day, Downtown  
Library visit

PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm

**March 14:** No School (BTPS Learning  
Day)

**March 17:** St. Patrick Day

**March 18:** Subway Hot Lunch

**March 20:** Student Led Conferences

**March 25:** BofG at 11:08 (MC-K, Ent.-  
Gr. 2)

**March 28:** No School (School Based  
PL Day)

## AMISK SCHOOL INFO!

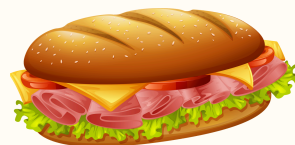
- PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTP://AMISK.BTPS.CA/](http://amisk.btps.ca/) . HERE YOU CAN FIND A CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS, FORMS OR NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL.

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.

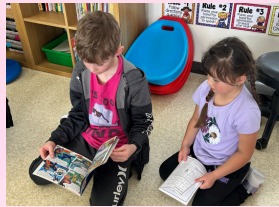


HOT LUNCH DAYS FOR THE MONTH ARE  
MARCH 4, 11, 18



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# Pink Shirt

## AND RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

Our school came together to celebrate kindness and positivity in a big way! Students and staff wore pink shirts as a symbol of standing up against bullying, while engaging in activities that spread kindness throughout our school. From our Kindness Tree, to reading buddies, the book exchange and all of the generous donations, these encouraged a love of reading and giving. The daily kindness challenges inspired students to complete Random Acts of Kindness every day. A huge thank you to Mrs. Roworth for organizing such a special week that reminded us all of the power of kindness!





**SKATING FUN!**

# Thank You

Parent Volunteers

The Amisk School staff appreciated having a meal together as a team while you supervised classrooms over lunchtime!



PATTI HOVDE

*For making and donating wonderful playdough to our school!*

THREE DAYS A WEEK

# BREAKFAST PROGRAM

AT AMISK SCHOOL



THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATIONS, AMISK SCHOOL WILL NOW OFFER BREAKFAST TO ALL STUDENTS THREE DAYS A WEEK FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

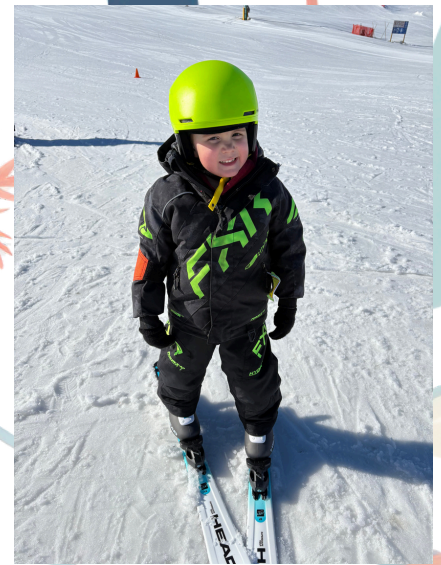
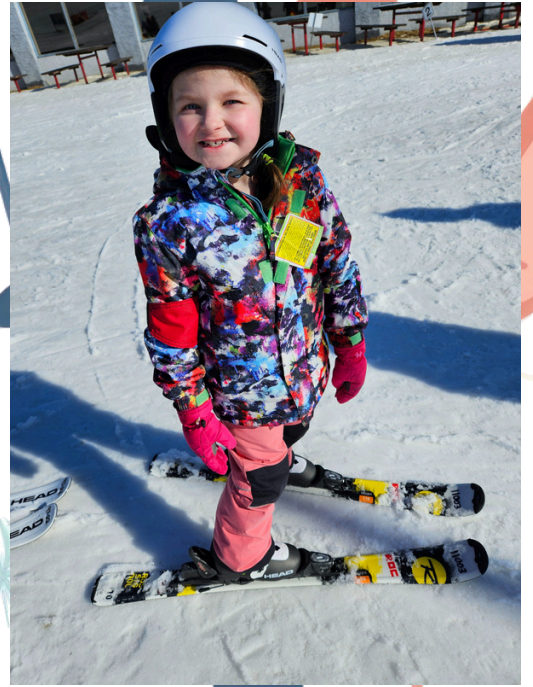
Amisk School is excited to welcome back

# MUFFIN MONDAYS

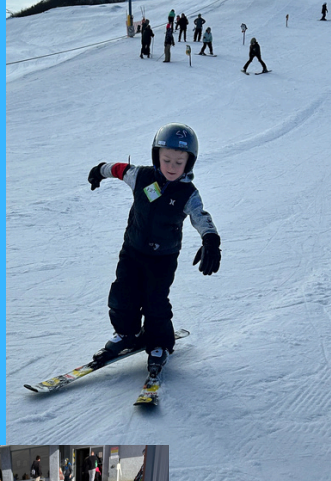


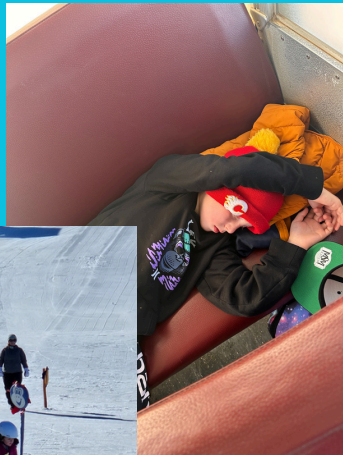
Thank you to the Amisk Senior Center Group for providing muffins to the school the second Monday of each month.

# VALLEY SKI TRIP









**WHAT A FUN DAY AT THE VALLEY SKI HILL!  
 THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO JOINED US, AND A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PAC FOR HELPING COVER SOME OF THE SKI/FOOD COSTS AS WELL AS PAYING FOR THE BUSSING!**



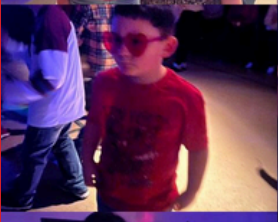
**OUR HALLS,  
CLASSROOMS,  
AND GYM WERE  
FILLED WITH  
LOVE AND  
EXCITEMENT  
DURING OUR  
GRANDPARENTS  
TEA AND DANCE.  
A BIG THANK YOU  
TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED,  
IT TRULY  
BROUGHT SMILES  
TO OUR FACES!**

**Happy  
Valentines  
Day**





Happy Valentine's Day





**SARAH FROM BRITE HAS HELPED GUIDE THE KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 2 /3 STUDENTS ON THEIR JOURNEY TO FIND THEIR INNER SUPERFLEX SUPERHERO! CONGRATULATIONS!!**

# BOOK CHARACTER & FREEDOM TO READ DAY AT AMISK SCHOOL!



**WHAT AN INCREDIBLE DAY CELEBRATING THE JOY OF LITERACY! OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF KICKED THINGS OFF WITH A FANTASTIC COSTUME PARADE IN THE GYM, SHOWCASING THEIR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTERS. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WE WERE JOINED BY AMAZING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARENTS, AND EVEN OUR SUPERINTENDENT MRS. WEBB!**



# 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!

**February 25, 2025**

## Kindergarten

Kamden- He is a math whiz! He is kind and respectful to his teachers and classmates.

Kayd- He is kind and a hard worker in our classroom.

Gabriella- She is a hard worker and does great in math.

## Grade 1

Lily- She has a calm demeanor and always gives 100%.

Seth- He works hard on regulating his emotions.

Forrest- He has a positive attitude and is improving his writing.

## Grade 2

Thomas- He is a great writing, excellent reader, and thoughtful student.

Clara- She is an excellent reader and writer. She is friendly.

## Grade 3

Porter- She has a great work ethic and puts a lot of attention into detail in her work.

Rayna- She is a hard worker and dedicated to learning.

## Cub Coupons to

Wynter, Emily, Molly, Tao, Rory, Thomas V, August

Draw for Walmart \$10.00 gift cards sponsored by NUTRIEN

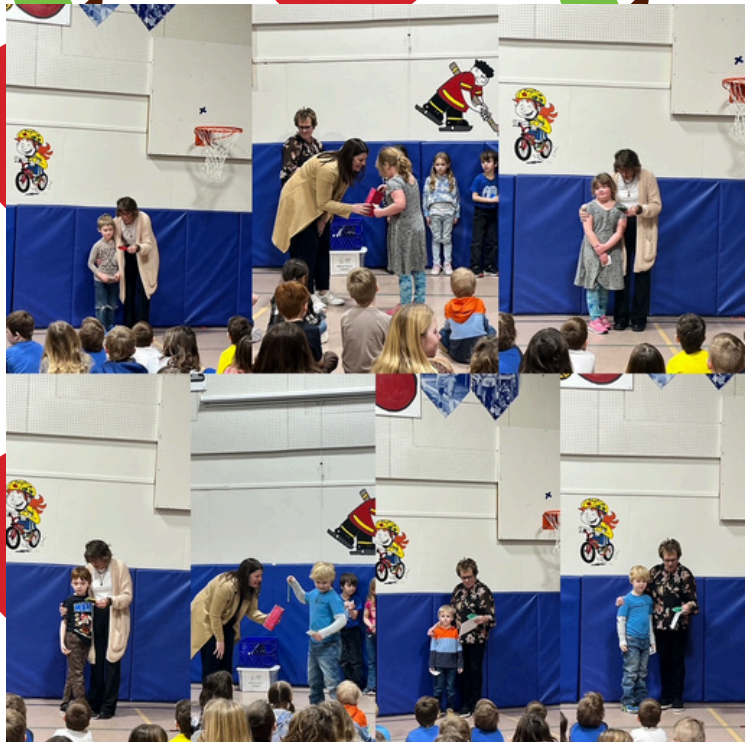
Gabriella- ECS

Porter- Grade 3

MC done by the Kindergarten Class

Entertainment by the Grade 1 class





*Congrats!*



## AMISK JUNIOR CURLING

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE JUNIOR CURLING CLUB THIS SEASON. A BIG THANKS TO MS. J AND MRS. V FOR COACHING AND ORGANIZING, AS WELL AS ALL THE PARENTS WHO HELPED OUT ON THE ICE!



# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



## Kindergarten

February has been a fun filled, busy, exciting and adventurous month! The Kindergarten students have been busy learning, celebrating valentine's day, listening to stories during Freedom to read day, skating and skiing in gym class, being kind and doing lots of Random Acts of Kindness throughout the month of February. In Literacy the students are continuing to learn their letters and sounds. In Math they have been working on adding two sets together and printing their numbers. In Social Studies they have been busy learning all about being me! In Science, the students have been learning about their 5 senses. The weather is warming up and the students have been so excited about being able to have recesses back outside. March will be another busy month with lots of fun learning activities planned. Have a great month, everyone!!



# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



## Grade 1

What a busy month February was! February was full of fun and exciting activities as well as bus cancellations due to cold weather. We are looking forward to warmer days! This month, we started learning about digraphs (ck, th, sh, ch, wh, ph), as well as continued to practice reading words with beginning and ending blends. In writing, we have started to learn about creating stories with a beginning, a middle, and an end. We continue to solidify our knowledge with previous learned heart words as well as learning new heart words. In Science we completed our living systems unit, and are looking forward to starting our next one - Energy. In Social Studies we are working on learning about the groups we belong to - focusing on family, school and our community. We are looking forward to March!



# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

## Grade 2



February seems to have just flown by. Over the last 28 days, the kids completed their adventure to Meteghan, Nova Scotia, learning about Acadians and have headed off to Iqaluit, Nunavut, to learn about Inuit culture. We will even have a special presentation about the Inuit early in the month of March. A unit on graphing was completed in early February and the students have started on addition and subtraction within 100. In English Language Arts, the boys and girls have continued practising their reading and writing skills and have also worked on their public speaking, which will continue into the next month. They are also looking at different parts of speech such as nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives. This month in science the students have been exploring light energy. We have had the opportunity to do a lot of investigations into the characteristics of light. The next unit we will start learning about will be earth systems where we will investigate Earth, its landforms, its bodies of water, and its relationship to the Sun.



# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Grade 3



And just like that, February is over!! We had a lot of fun finishing up our graphic novel and comic unit. We know all the parts that make up graphic novels. The best part was creating our own page. Now, we are moving onto Fairy Tales. We will learn some information about what makes a fairy tale, and then we will try our hand at creating our own version of a fairy tale - a fractured fairy tale. Stay tuned for how that goes.

In math, we completed addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers. What we thought would be hard, turned out to be not that bad. Now, we are excited to dive into multiplication and division. In our spare moments we are practicing our multiplication tables so we can move up the levels and become a Black Belt Ninja.

Peru is our next stop on our around the world tour of fascinating places to visit. We certainly did enjoy learning about India and how different it is from life here in Canada. We are curious about what life is like in Peru.

For phys. ed this past month we have explored different ways to have fun on the scooter board. We played scooter hockey and even tried a bit of scooter basketball. Once the weather warmed up, we adventured outside with the snowshoes. Skating was also a fun activity this month.

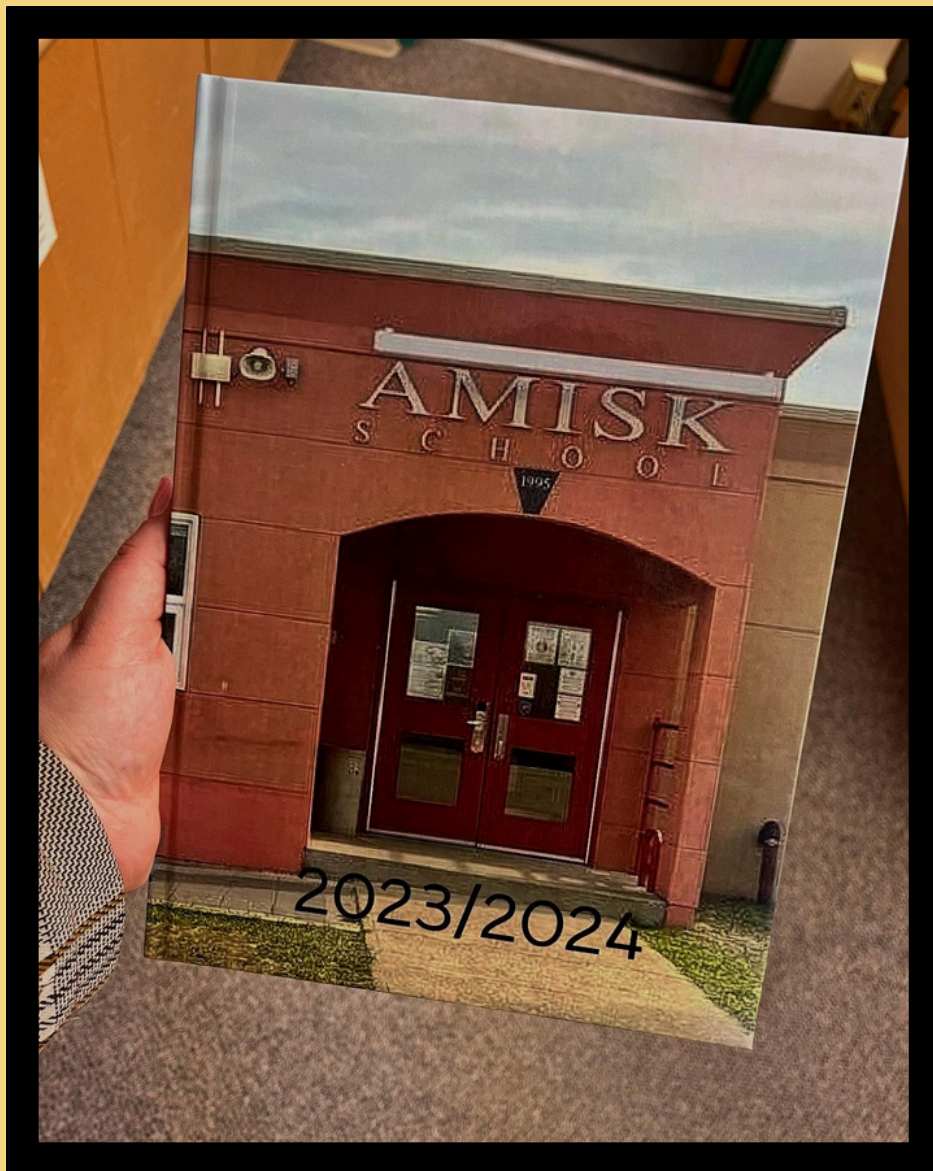
In Science, we are finishing up our energy unit and are moving on to earth systems where the students will analyze changes in Earth's surface and explain how its layers hold stories of the past.





**AMISK SCHOOL'S AR STORE WAS BUSY THIS MONTH, WITH THE STUDENTS IN GRADE 1-3 SPENDING THEIR HARD EARNED CASH! STUDENTS WHO REACHED THEIR AR GOALS THIS QUARTER RECEIVED \$20 TO SHOP OR SAVE FOR EVEN BIGGER PURCHASES! WE ALSO CELEBRATED WITH BINGO!**





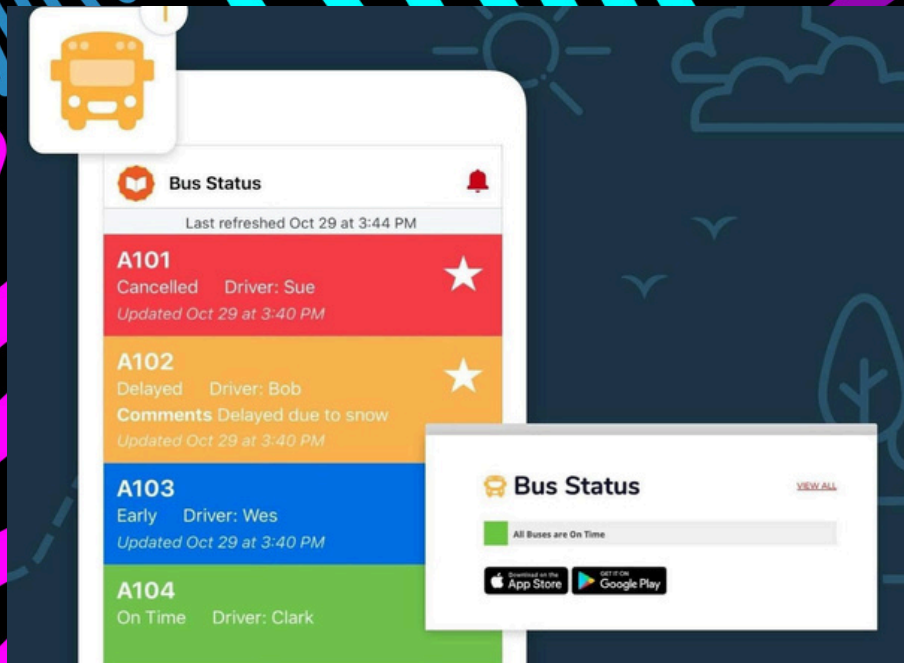
## **YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!**

**OUR 2023/24 AMISK SCHOOL YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!**

**DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO ORDER LAST SPRING? NO WORRIES! WE HAVE 4 EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE FOR \$40 EACH—FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, CALL OR MESSAGE THE SCHOOL TO GRAB YOURS.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO MRS. STANKIEVECH FOR HER INCREDIBLE DEDICATION AND COUNTLESS HOURS SPENT CREATING THIS SPECIAL KEEPSAKE. WE APPRECIATE YOU!**





**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!

# Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

March 2025



Recovery Alberta is proud to offer FREE online programming to caregivers of school-age children and youth as well as adults in the community who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

## Caregiver Education Sessions

### Keeping Scattered Kids on Track *Supporting Children and Youth with ADHD*

For parents and caregivers of children and youth in grades K-12

**Part 1:**  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 2:**  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

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### Test Anxiety *Strategies for Success*

For parents and teens (grades 7-12) to attend together

Wednesday, March 19  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

## Caregiver Education Sessions

### Collaborative Problem Solving

For parents and caregivers of children and youth in grades K-12

**Part 1:**  
Wednesday, March 19  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 2:**  
Wednesday, March 26  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

## Participant Feedback

“Thank you for the useful information that was well-presented!”

“Topic selection was excellent with time bound interaction.”

“Everything is perfect, especially [the presenters] who are amazing, perfectly aligned with the topic.”



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YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## IRISH STEW SUPPER

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Amisk Senior Centre

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Adults - \$15.00

Students 10 and under - \$10.00

Preschool Free

(Includes Salads, Fixings, Dessert, Refreshment)



# 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**