



# PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the Penhold Elementary Staff and School Council, we welcome our students and families to the 2021/2022 school year! The first days have been full of smiles, laughter and summer stories!

We are thrilled to be back to school with minimal restrictions from Alberta Health Services. The health and safety of our students continues to be top priority as we navigate through the school year. Masks are welcome and encouraged, and hand sanitizing will continue to be in place on the entrance and exit of classrooms and the building.

We have three new faces in our building this year; Mr. David Massey - 5/6 teacher, Ms. Jessica Hammer - Music/Phys. Ed Teacher and Mr. Mike Evans - Custodian. We welcome these three to our PES family!

We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning opportunities for all. Creating a positive, safe and caring learning environment is a priority at Penhold Elementary School. To help with this, it is important to have all questions and concerns communicated to the school as soon as they arise. **Please don't hesitate to call us at the school, any time! It is always best to reach out to the classroom teacher first, before calling the office.**

Your child's teacher is your partner in creating a successful school experience for your child. Your visits and phone calls with them are a critical link in our partnership. With this partnership in place, we can ensure your child has their best school year ever!

Our ADmazing fundraiser has kicked off - this is our biggest fundraiser which helps to off set costs of field trips for our students. Coupon books are \$25.00, please refer to this [letter](#) for more detailed information.

Hot lunch ordering is set up through the payment portal. Orders for September are due September 9th by 8:00am. Please use the following [link](#) to order for your child.

As we begin the school year, it is important to review the drop-off/pick-up and parking procedures to help ensure safety for all. We have supervision outside of our building starting at 8:30 am, therefore, please do not send your students any earlier than this.

We look forward to a fabulous 2021/2022 school year!

Yours in Education, Mrs. Lisa Baird, Principal and Mrs. Giselle Meyer, Vice Principal

### School Council and Parent Advisory Council

Our next School Council, and Parent Advisory Council meeting is **September 21st at 7:00pm.**

Please come join us at the school. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend! We would love to hear your questions and feedback

If you have any questions or would like more information about the council; please email: [penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)

### Important Dates

- September 6th- No School
- September 9th- Hot Lunch Due by 9:00
- September 17th- School Pictures
- September 22nd- Beach Theme Day
- September 23rd- Terry Fox Run
- September 24th- No School- PD Day

### Nut Safe Lunches and Snacks

**Our school environment is a nut aware zone. We have several students in our school with severe and life-threatening nut allergies. We need your help and ask all families to not send peanut/nut products to school for snacks or lunch items. In classrooms where we have a severe/life threatening nut allergy, you will receive a letter as an extra precaution. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support in this area as we create a safe environment for all of our students. Please note this includes Nutella.**

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school!

Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning, so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime.

On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, where students come first!

Holly Bilton, Chair

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELIEVING IN EVERY STUDENT

