



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

The month of January seemed to fly by here at Penhold Elementary School! We thank each of the parents, guardians, older siblings and grandparents who assisted the students during the extended Christmas Break. We sure missed the kids in the building! We are ever so grateful for the staff who worked hard that week working from either home or the building to program, create, and get things ready for the return to learning.

We celebrated Literacy Day on January 27th, with some school wide fun! Students and staff enjoyed; a dress up day, tea, hot chocolate, cupcakes and cookies down in the Panther Cafe, reading competitions with books as prizes, and a number of fun academic reading and writing projects! Please see some of the photos below of the engagement and fun we had!

We will be hosting some small fundraisers here at PES! Candy Grams will be sold for \$1.00 from Feb 1 to Feb 9 - students can purchase a candy gram for their friends, family, teachers or themselves. They will be delivered on the 14th in the afternoon. All sales raised will go into our Leadership Fund. We appreciate all the generous support we receive with all our school wide fundraisers!

We have moved the location of our buses further south in front of our school. This allows our supervisors to walk the students across the road safely, and have the ability to peripherally look both ways. We ask that parents please drive slow in front of the school, and always keep their eyes open for students crossing. Our staff parking lot is off limits to parents/guardians on both the south and north ends of our building. Please find alternate parking in front of the building, or to the North and South.

Students and Staff are encouraged to wear Pink Shirts on the 14th of February to show kindness!

February 19th - 27th is Winter Break. Teachers will be attending Teachers Convention on the 24th and 25th. Classes will resume on the 28th.

Our School Council is looking to hear from you! Please attend our next meeting on February 8th at 7:00pm - virtually. If you'd like to attend, please call the office and we will share the login information with you.

Hot Lunches for the month of February are FREE for all students. A huge thank you to Mrs. Tindall and the Nutrition Program for providing this treat! All March Hot Lunch orders are due on February 17th at 8:00am. No late orders are accepted. We are unable to process any refunds; if your child is away, you can pick up the lunch, or we can donate it to another student.

Yours in Education,

Lisa Baird, Principal and Giselle Meyer, Vice-Principal

Literacy Day at Penhold Elementary

A huge thank you to all our students and staff who participated in Literacy Day! Students enjoyed time in the Panther Cafe, listening to reading, reading and sharing their favorite childhood stories and ready competitions. We drew 75 student names for free books as prizes from our weekly reading challenge. We are looking forward to next year!

Important Dates @ PES

- February 1st- Start of Candy Gram Sales
- February 11th- No School
- February 14th- Candy Grams Handed Out
- February 14th- Pink Shirt Day (kindness)
- February 18th- TWIN Day
- February 19th-27th- Winter Break

FREE February Hot Lunches

All hot lunches in the month of February are FREE for the student population.

- February 2nd- Soft Tacos
- February 4th- Hot Dogs
- February 7th- KFC Chicken and Fries
- February 9th- Soup
- February 14th- Corn Dogs
- February 16th- Pasta and Meat Sauce
- February 18th- Chili



MARCH HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 17th @ 8:00am

*****NO LATE ORDERS ARE ACCEPTED*****

In Chinook's Edge we are proud of our mission and vision statements, which continue to guide our every effort. This year more than ever, teachers and school staff have relied upon these words that guide our relationships, inform our work together, and impact the potential of each student. We all place a high value on relationships in Chinook's Edge and, although we have been challenged to maintain our usual high level of connectedness, we see many examples of our strength as a connected team of staff, students and families.

With respect to parents, we are proud of a number of ways we are connecting in a meaningful way:

- Despite restrictions in our buildings, many of our schools are seeing strong participation in virtual School Council meetings.
- Schools are also reporting a positive response to the new Parent Teacher Interview module provided through our new websites.
- Grade 5-12 students and parents are accessing PowerSchool to see continual updates of student progress.
- Our bus families are using a new app that allows our Transportation Team to communicate in real time each day - which is particularly vital during a cold season where every minute counts if you are waiting outside on a rural road.
- Collaborating with our Parents Matter Committee continues to provide a meaningful exchange of ideas.

Being connected to our parents and to one another is key to our success in many ways. It has never been more important for us to remain understanding of each other, as we continue reaching towards the aspirations contained within our mission and vision statements so that all students can achieve success.

We would love to hear your thoughts through this month's [parent survey](#) - what word or phrase describes what you value most about your child's school?

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools



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