



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

We hope you all enjoyed some downtime over Winter Break with your family and friends! We are thankful for longer days, and warmer weather on the horizon! Our teachers attended Teachers Convention over the break, and took in sessions to improve their instructional practice, and learn new ways to support our learners.

On March 1, 2022 the government lifted many restrictions for us in schools; which we are so thankful for! We wanted to reach out and clarify some of the new changes.

- We have removed class cohorting- students may now interact with each other in the classroom environment, and many of the teachers have rearranged their classrooms to accommodate and allow groups of students to sit together!
- Masks are used only by those who wish to wear them. Our staff and students will respect anyone who chooses to wear a mask.
- Sanitizing continues to be available for those who would like to use it, but it is not forced when entering our building and leaving classrooms.
- We are moving our Parent Teacher Interviews to a choice of in-person, online, or a phone call. They will be held on March 24th from 3:15pm until 8:00pm. We will be sending out more information in the coming weeks.
- Staggered entries and exits of our classes are now in effect. Our students come and go into the building with the bells.
- We are welcoming back the use of volunteers, as long as both the child welfare check and criminal record check have been completed. If you'd like to get these forms done, please ask your child's teacher for a volunteering package and we will send one home.

There will be some routines that will remain in use this year for operational reasons or to help those adapt to our return to life without restrictions.

- During the day if students need to be picked up or dropped off please call the office, or come in our staff will assist you.
- We are keeping our zoned recesses in effect. We have found a decrease in social conflict between grades, as well, our students have the opportunity to play on the equipment safely with less students.

We are excited as we move forward with planning and organizing some events and routines that have not taken place in the last two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the coming months we look forward to bringing back the following:

- Our schools will now be open for community use - please contact the school if you would like to rent our gymnasium for a community event or group.
- We will be planning our Panther Paw Award assemblies to be in person! We plan to have this resume at the end of March.
- We are excited to have our students interacting with other classes in the same grade. Our teachers are busy planning graded activities.
- Field trips tied to the curriculum are being planned for student engagement!
- We are also beginning to plan volunteer opportunities for parents to support our students and be more connected within our school.

Other things to note:

- Outstanding School Fees- Please note that all outstanding school fees are due before April 30th, 2022. Thank you to everyone who has utilized the online payment and ordering on their child's Student Fee Account. If you are in need of support financially, you can apply to have your child's fees waived online using the following link: <https://www.cesd73.ca/parents/school-fees2/fee-waiver>
- We are not running our Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser this year.
- Our Parent Council will be running an INDEYGO fundraiser from March 7th to March 25th. More details from PAC to come home in the student agendas on Monday.
- Our lost and found is full! Please remind your children to go and take a look to see if they are missing their belongings
- Parent Teacher Interviews will run with a choice of in-person, online, or a phone call. They will be held on March 24th from 3:15pm until 8:00pm. We will be sending out more information in the coming week to book your child's interview.
- Grade 4's start swimming in April 26th- May 19th- please watch your child's agenda for more information.
- A huge thank you to Hockey Alberta, The Hockey Alberta Foundation and Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation for their generous donation to our skating program. We were able to purchase skates and helmets for our students! Another huge thank you to Tom at TBS Sports for his help and support in ordering all our of equipment!

We are truly grateful for the support, patience and understanding you have provided over the past two year during this pandemic. We are excited for the normalcy that is to come. Once we have more information about our plans moving forward, we will communicate them out!

Yours in Education,
Lisa Baird, Principal and Giselle Meyer, Vice-Principal



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Penhold Elementary Book Fair

Penhold Elementary School is having a Scholastic Book Fair!! Please join us, Thursday, March 24th - the night of our Parent/Teacher interviews, until 7:30pm.

In addition to our in-school Book Fair, there is an online option for those that can not attend in person. The link below will go live March 22nd and will close on March 25th. Online orders will be delivered to our school a week after the Book Fair and will be sent home with your child, or you may make arrangements for pick up.

Penhold School link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5162048>

Students will have the opportunity to shop during lunch recesses on Tuesday, March 22nd Wednesday, March 23rd, and Thursday, March 24th.

All money raised will go directly back into the library for new book purchases!

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Fundraising

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Our parent council will be sending out information packages on Monday for all students. The fundraiser will run from March 7th to March 25th.

March Hot Lunches

- March 1st- Chicken Burgers
- March 3- Sausage Rolls
- March 8- Turkey or Egg Croissant
- March 10- Subway
- March 15- Chicken Caesar Salad
- March 17- Chicken Alfredo
- March 22- Chef Salad
- March 24- Pizza Pizza
- March 29- Lasanga
- March 31- Hot Dogs

HOT LUNCH

APRIL HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31st @ 8:00am

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



Penhold Elementary School is thrilled to have the opportunity for students to participate in skating programs at our school. A huge thank you to Hockey Alberta, the Hockey Alberta Foundation and the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation for their generous donation through the Member Grant. Now all students have access to excellent equipment. We are extremely grateful and our students are thrilled to have the opportunity to develop skating skills!

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Thanks to Tom at TBS Sports for supplying skates and helmets for our students to use for years to come. What a blessing!

www.TBSsports.ca

Important Dates @ PES

- March 4th- No School
- March 17th- St. Patrick's Day- wear green
- March 22nd- Report Cards go home
- March 24th- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- March 25th- No School
- March 31- School Swag

School Council

Please join us on March 8th at 7:00pm for our next School Council Meeting! We would love to hear your thoughts and gather your feedback.

This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' provides a perfect opportunity to share our pride in the accomplishments and resilience of our students and staff.

Chinook's Edge takes great pride in telling the story of our student success, even at this time when the pandemic has disrupted traditional assessment measures. This year we have been focused on determining what each of our students need from us to be successful in the next steps of their learning journey. Our teachers and school staff are working tirelessly to address the impact of three consecutive years of learning disruptions. We are funneling our energy to ensure students have reached the essential outcomes and achieved the skills that are critical for their success at the next course level. Our teachers are experts in identifying, intervening and providing the supports a student may need.

The signs of success this year are not necessarily coming from test results and provincial assessments. They are seen in the caring relationships we have maintained with students, in the determination we share to respond to student needs, and in the fact that we have kept kids in school for the majority of the pandemic. We will get back to traditional measures of student success, with the strength of our caring culture and quality learning in Chinook's Edge, and we will get there quickly.

For now, parents of Grades 5-12 students can see their child's progress 24/7 through the PowerSchool app and all parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teacher to fully understand how they are doing.

As we work together toward student success and achievement, we would love to hear from you! In this month's [parent survey](#), we invite you to share a brief story about how a teacher, administrator or other school staff made a difference for your child.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT- MR. KURT SACHER

SUPPORTING STUDENTS TOWARD SUCCESS