



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy few weeks here at Penhold Elementary School! We are so grateful for the announcement from the Provincial Government about the Design Funding for our new Grades 4 to 8 Middle School. We are in the works of creating a committee to support the design team, as well as visit some newly built schools in Central Alberta. We will be having representatives (parents and staff) from all 3 Penhold Schools as well as Board Members and Superintendency Team Members from Central Office. We are excited for this opportunity to support the education system in our growing community. With the development of a new school, we are responsible for fundraising for a new playground at our new location. Our goal is to raise \$200,000.00. If you, or someone you know would like to make a donation, they can reach out to us at the school. All donations will receive a charitable donation receipt. We will be very appreciative of any and all donations to support this fundraiser! Our plan is to run some small school wide fundraisers in the coming weeks and months.

In other news; our students LOVED the Alien In-Line program. We had the program in our school for 4 days, each class receiving two 70 minute blocks of instruction that week. This program was paid for through all the money raised from our Hot Lunch Program. Thank you to those who continue to support this program- it is a great way for us to give back to our student population. As always, if you have recommendations or suggestions for new hot lunch ideas, give us a call here at the office!

Parent/Teacher Interviews was a huge success! Thank you to all the families who made it out to either sit or converse over the phone with our teachers about your child's (ren) progress here at Penhold Elementary. We are grateful to have so many families supporting their children's development at home. Our interview slots filled up quickly. Next year, we will be making time slots only 10 minutes to accommodate the need for more interview slots.

Our book fair was graciously supported, raising over \$2000.00 to purchase new books for our school library! Thank you to all the families who purchased from the Book Fair, as well as the online format.

PI Day was another success that happened in the month of March at PES. Our school community raised \$1600.00 to support children the in the Ukraine who are experiencing hardship currently. The top fundraising classes and students had the opportunity to PIE the Principals. Both Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Meyer took close to 136 pies to the face. It was our first in person assembly in over two years and, for many of our students, their first assembly ever in our building. We are sure it is an assembly the kids will never forget.

Things to note:

- Please plan ahead with your child on after school plans. We would appreciate last minute calls to the school to be reserved for emergencies only.
- Outstanding School Fees- Please note that all outstanding school fees are due before April 30th, 2022. Thank you to everyone who has paid their child's student fees through our online payment portal. If you are in need of support financially, you can apply to have your child's fees waived using this [link](#).
- We are not running our Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser this year.
- Our school council ran the IN-DEY-GO Fundrasier. All orders will be available for pick up on the 14th of April from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. Orders will be in our Collaborative room and we ask parents to use the Collaborative room doors on the North side of our building.
- Our lost and found is full! Please remind your children to go and take a look to see if they are missing their belongings.
- Grade 4's start swimming in April 26th- May 19th. Please watch your child's agenda for more information. Fees have been placed on the students accounts and should be paid ASAP through our Online Parent Portal
- Teachers are working hard to plan year end field trips to support the learning outcomes covered this year. Please watch your childs agenda for more information on those upcoming dates and times.
- Please continue to monitor your children for any symptoms of illness. We continue to follow the AHS Daily Health Checklist, and recommend that parents keep their children home when ill. We have Covid-19 test kits available at the school if you are in need of more, please reach out by phone and we can send a kit home with your child.

As always, we are truly grateful for the support you offer our staff, and your children!

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



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Fundraising

PAC INDEYGO FUNDRAISER

All orders will be ready on the 14th of April from 3:00pm until 6:00pm! Orders will be in our Collaborative room - please go to the Collaborative room doors on the North side of the school. All orders must be picked up, as we have no where to store the extras. If items are not picked up, they will be discarded.

Thank you for supporting this PAC fundraiser!

School Council

Please join us on April 12th at 7:00pm for our next School Council Meeting! We would love to hear your thoughts and gather your feedback.

April Hot Lunches HOT LUNCH

April 5th- chicken ceasar salad
 April 7th- Quizno's subs, juice and chips
 April 12th- chicken burger, chips and juice
 April 14th- pizza
 April 26th- lasanga with garlic toast
 April 27th- hot dogs, chips and juice

**MAY HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 28TH BY 8:00AM
 NO LATE ORDERS ARE ACCEPTED**



ROCKS AND RINGS



APRIL FOOLS DAY



PIE THE PRINCIPALS



YES PROGRAM



ALIEN-IN-LINE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Strong leadership at every level sets students and staff up for success

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are re-energizing our connection between school and home, after two years of disruption to our usual routine. We, along with each of our schools, are working to ensure parents feel you are valued leaders in our schools and in your child's learning.

Our parent community has been leading the learning from home when called upon and collaborating with staff in our schools, in a shared resolve to move learning forward. We know that a strong and caring connection between school and home has multiple benefits for student success. We hope our work together will engage students at a deeper level and motivate a momentum of renewed rigor.

It was our pleasure to connect with several parents from across our division at a special online Parents Matter gathering on March 17, and we're happy to share [this recap](#) of what we learned. We encourage you to check in with your principal and School Council to see how you might become more involved, we invite you to read our [Board eNews](#) each month, and we thank you for sharing the leadership qualities that continue to ensure Chinook's Edge is a division *where students come first*.

Chair Holly Bilton,
 On behalf of the Board of Trustees

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's [parent survey](#): Do you feel that you are involved in your child's education? How would you like to be further involved in your child's learning at the school?