



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

May is here, and teachers are working hard to complete their curriculum, and prepare the students for their transition to the next grade. The students continue to remind us there are ONLY 37 school days left in the 2021/2022 school year!

Education Week runs from May 2nd to the 6th. This week is an excellent opportunity to advocate for public education and to illustrate the important role that schools play in communities. Our teachers work hard to create partnerships between parents and students. We are thankful for all the Penhold Elementary teachers who have been a part of the students' learning journeys by pushing the students to be successful! Our teachers pride themselves on creating optimal learning conditions for all children and being creative and innovative in their planning and programming. We are blessed to have such incredible teachers who continue to give their all for their students! Happy Education Week to our Teachers!

We have two retirements to announce this year at PES. Congratulations to both Gloria Willis and Adele Ethier on their retirement announcements! Gloria has been a long standing Educational Assistant at Penhold Elementary for many years, and has made a true impact on thousands of students who have come and gone from this building. She embodies kindness, warmth, and a true desire to help students find success! Adele has spent many years at Penhold Elementary, first starting out as an Educational Assistant, and then transitioning to our Learning Commons Technician. Adele has helped many of our students develop a love of reading and created lasting relationships with students! We wish both of these ladies all the best as they venture into retirement!

We are tremendously thankful for our first donation towards the new playground! Antler Hill Veterinarian Services dropped off a generous cheque this past week; we are grateful for the community support! We are continuing to accept donations over the next year and a half. Our school goal is to raise \$200,000.00. Playgrounds are not part of a school build, therefore, it is up to the school and parent council to raise the funds.

We are busy collecting outstanding school fees. If you have not done so, please login to the parent portal and get your fees taken care of. We will be re-sending the outstanding fees to a guardian/parent email addresses, as well as hard copies in student agendas. In order for students to go swimming, fees need to be paid beforehand.

This past week- we had support from our Maintenance Team at Division Office to move our library into the Collaborative Room on the north side of our building! This is an exciting move as we have now been able to create a true learning commons space. We cannot wait for families to come and check out this beautiful, bright and warm learning space.

Chalk About It- Students will be heading around town and writing positive messages in chalk for Mental Health week! Thanks to the YES program for taking this on! Ms. Kiera has so many great ideas!

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. We are taking a number of calls in the last 5 minutes of the day, which makes it difficult to track your child down to give them the messages
- Outstanding School Fees- Please note that all outstanding school fees were 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](#).
- Thank you to those that supported our IN-DEY-GO fundraiser- Parent Council raised a total of \$2500.00.
- 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 5's start swimming May 24th to June 16th. 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. Fees must be paid before the students start swimming.
- Teachers are working hard to plan year end field trips to support the learning outcomes covered this year. Please watch your child's 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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SCHOOL COUNCIL
 A huge thank you to all of you who supported this fundraiser! PAC raised over \$2500.00!!!!

School Council
 Please join us on May 10th at 7:00pm for our next School Council Meeting! We would love to hear your thoughts and gather your feedback.

May Hot Lunches **HOT LUNCH**
 May 3rd- Chicken Burgers
 May 5th- Sausage Rolls and Fruit Salad
 May 10th- Pasta and Meat Sauce
 May 12th- Subway
 May 17th- Chicken Caesar Salad
 May 19th- Pizza Pizza
 May 24th- Baked Potatoes
 May 26th- Quiznos
 May 31st- Beef on a Bun
JUNE HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE MAY 26th BY 8:00AM



A huge thank you to Antler Hill Veterinarian Service for the donation to our new playground!

Administrative Professionals Day!
 We'd be lost without Mrs. Rose!



Grade 4 Catapult Carnival was a huge success!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENT

Ensuring the highest levels of safety in our schools

Chinook's Edge has an outstanding record of meeting safety standards in our schools, and our annual safety audit shows our division's steadfast commitment. Our staff and students are mindful of maintaining the detailed safety protocols that are embedded in our division culture. This means that, while we continue to deal with the ebb and flow that the pandemic has required of us, our attention to our safety program is strong.

We are very grateful to everyone in our school communities for working to maintain our high standards of safety. We strive for optimum safety levels throughout our division because we care about the people in our buildings – our students, staff, parents, volunteers and guests – and this priority ensures everyone continues to thrive in our safe and caring schools.
 ~Kurt Sacher, Superintendent

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's parent survey [at this link](#).

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