



Penhold Panther Chronicles

October Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into our 2022/2023 school year. This past month has been filled with new experiences for all of our students as they became comfortable with their new teacher, classmates and routines. All of our students have excelled at getting back into 'school mode'. Walking through the classrooms at PES is always filled with students engaged in their learning, putting such great effort into their work, and having many points of pride in what they have accomplished.

As many of you know, Mrs. Lisa Baird, our school principal, is expecting a new baby and was planning to leave us this fall. Mrs. Baird has officially gone on her maternity leave and is awaiting the arrival of this new addition to their family. We wish Mrs. Baird all the best and will update the students when the newest member of the Baird family arrives. With Mrs. Baird leaving, we have welcomed Mr. Mark Crawford into our school to be our acting Vice-Principal. Mr. Crawford has spent many years in Penhold schools, having previous time spent at both Penhold Elementary School and Penhold Crossing Secondary School, and has thoroughly enjoyed his first days with us.

September was a busy month for our whole school. We kicked off the year with a whole school assembly introducing our new staff, our old staff, and setting the stage on what the students can expect for this up and coming year. Our annual Terry Fox run kicked off at Penhold Crossing Secondary School. Penhold students from grades 4 - 12 were together to be reminded of why this run occurs, the lessons on perseverance that come from it, and teaching students the importance to come together as a community to support worthy causes. On Sept 30th, our students honoured the many Indigenous students and families on Orange Shirt Day who suffered because of Residential Schools in Canada. Our students made feathers to decorate our fence with and share what they feel school should be, and should have been for those students. While Orange Shirt day is just one day in our school year, our classrooms teach about the importance of reconciliation throughout the year. Staff had their first Professional Development Day of the year. We took time on this day to focus on where are students are in their numeracy skills. Teachers dug into data to determine areas of numeracy that our student are excelling at and struggling with and made plans on how to address those areas. Teachers have already started to finish up units of study in their classes and have begun to assess on these units.

October will surely be just as busy as September was. Our first student of the month assembly occurred on Monday where we introduced some new awards to PES. We have our school photo day on Oct 7th, our fall book fair from Oct 18th to 20th, and our fall parent teacher interviews on the evening of Oct 20th. Our school highly values strong relationships between school and families. These parent teacher interview meetings are a critical part to ensuring success for our students and we cannot wait to see you all in person.

There are so many things happening at our school currently. Please see the additional pages of this newsletter for additional information that is important for families to know.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Giselle Meyer, Acting Principal
Mr. Mark Crawford, Acting Vice-Principal

Important PES Information....

PES Monthly Awards

At PES we have a monthly assembly where we honour students who are being recognized for displaying our monthly theme. Our monthly themes are posted on our website and are in all students agendas. Theme for October is Compassion.

This year we have 4 new awards that will be given out to our students:

- The Panther Prestige award was created as our teachers felt that they wanted to recognize students who have worked extra hard at displaying more than one area of the Panther 5 characteristics. Panther Prestige awards can be awarded from any of the school adults.
- Art Award is given to one student from grade 4 -6 each month who have shown determination and strong work ethic to improving their artistic ability
- Music award is given to one student from grade 4-6 who has demonstrated the expectations expected from music class and has put effort into improving their musical ability
- Physical Education award is starting in October and is awarded to one student in each grade each month who have shown sportsmanship, teamwork and participation in their physical education classes.

All students will be invited to enjoy Pizza with the Principals on the Wednesday following the awards assemblies.



FARM TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Every year, PES engages in fundraising to help offset the cost of our field trips. This year, we have chosen to fundraise through Farm to Table, a fundraiser where families and community members can purchase fresh vegetables. Vegetables can also be purchased and donated as a way of giving back to the community. This fundraiser gives 50% of the cost of the vegetables back to our school.

[Farm to School Fundraiser Link](#)



Demographics

If you have not completed your demographics, please take the time to complete these ASAP. This form ensures to us that all information about your child - emergency contact information, allergies, medical considerations, and parent phone numbers - are up to date. If you have not done so, please follow this link to complete it.



[Parent Portal Link](#)

Important Dates

- **Oct 5th - Pizza with the Principals**
- **Oct 6th - CENAA Run for Cross Country Runners**
- **Oct 7th - School Photo Day**
- **Oct 10th - No School - Thanksgiving Monday**
- **Oct 11th - 6HM/6J Swimming Starts**
- **Oct 17th-Oct 20th - Book Fair**
- **Oct 20th - Parent Teacher Interviews**
- **Oct 21st - No School - Collaborative Day for Staff**
- **Oct 31st - Halloween Dance 1:45-2:45pm**
- **Nov 7th - Monthly Assembly @ 2:15pm**

Important PES Information....

PES Option Classes

In Alberta, schools are to devote time in their year towards career oriented programming. At PES, we do this through our option classes that are held on Monday afternoons. These option classes are made to fill a number of purposes. We want these classes to be:

- Engaging
- Provide new experiences,
- Chance to work with students in other classes and grades
- Speak to one's talents
- Fun
- Expose students to the many different career options that exist in the world

Some examples of options that you will see at PES this year are cartooning, woodworking, drama, and leadership.

These classes will occur starting Oct 17th for grades 5 and 6 and Feb 13th for grades 4. There are additional school fees for these courses in order to purchase additional materials, \$40 for grades 5 & 6 and \$20 for grades 4.

We look forward to these experiences for our students and hearing about all that they will learn.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Regular attendance
is an important goal
@ PES**

November Hot Lunches

**Will be shared out to families
later in October.**

PANTHER SPORTS

Cross Country

September kicked off with our cross country running team. Mrs. Horrocks and Mrs. Sholdice have been working hard at getting this team prepared for their meets. The first meet was the Dawe run in Red Deer on Sept 30th where we had our first ever gold medal in cross country running earned by Calle B. Congrats Calle!

Next our cross country runners will be heading to Innisfail on Oct 6th to compete in the CENAA (Chinook's Edge North Athletic Association) run. Students will be competing against other students all over Central Alberta.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is about to begin. Watch for information sheets being sent home with students. Thank you to Miss. Boone, Miss. Lodewyk, and Mrs. Hannett for taking on coaching these teams this year.

2022/2023 SWIMMING

Swimming dates for 2022/2023 school year begins this month. The fees for swimming classes have gone up to \$80 this year, which parents will find as quite an increase from last year. The increase in cost comes from the increase that has occurred in bussing.

Swimming is an extra experience that we provide to students that compliments our Phys Ed programming. Since it is extra however, if families are unable to pay the cost of this, students will not be able to participate in swimming lessons.

Parents will notice that this fee to swimming, whether they start in October or later in the year, are being added to their accounts this month. This is to give families the opportunity to pay for their swimming lessons in partial payments. Field trip forms for swimming are also being sent out at the same time. Finally, the Innisfail Pool has changed how they are gathering the students previous swimming experience. They have a Google Form that our teachers will send out to parents closer to their classes swimming dates.

Important PES Information....

Halloween 2022

On Monday, Oct 31, we will be having activities in the day to celebrate Halloween. Teachers will be sharing with parents and students ahead of time what can be expected in your child's classroom.

For costumes, we ask that students do not bring toy weapons or wear face masks as these items can affect the learning that will still be happening that day. As well, these items can be scary for some of our younger students.

Halloween Dance

We are excited to get back to some pre-Covid activities, and the annual Halloween dance is one of them.

On Oct 31st, students at PES will be able to partake in a Halloween dance where we will bring in a DJ and have a concession for students to buy some treats.

We will also have a movie set up in a room for students who wish not to participate in the dance.

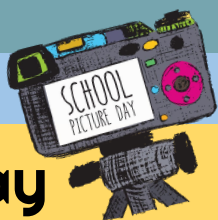


Photo Day

This year we have gone with a new photography company called Smart Photography. We have heard excellent things about their quality and look forward to seeing how all of our students smiling faces are captured.

Viewing and purchasing of your child's pictures can be done at smartorders.ca. Viewing code will be shared with you as soon as the photos are ready.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our first parent teacher interview night of the year occurs on Oct 20th. Interviews start at 3:30pm and will run until 8:00 pm.

Bookings happen on our School Website under Bookings. The following link will take you to the booking page

[Parent Teacher Interview Bookings](#)



Report Cards
Grade 4 - sent home Jan 27th

Grade 5 & 6 - will be available on PowerSchool on Jan 27th



POWERSCHOOL

If your child is in grade 5 or 6, their marks are put into our online platform where parents can see their children's marks at any time. We encourage students and parents to check their marks frequently to ensure they know where they are at and read any comments that teachers may share specifically related to an assessment. More information about our assessment at PES will be shared in the coming months.

PowerSchool does have an app (PowerSchool Mobile) that can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to allow for easier navigation on handheld devices. Your username and password are the same as if you log into our parent portal. Our district code is BPWW.

If your child is in grade 4, their marks are not shared through this online platform but through classroom communication.

The following link can be used on a computer to access PowerSchool. This is the same link as parents and guardians use to update demographics or bussing information.

[Parent Portal Link](#)



PES PARENT AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Penhold Elementary Parent Council is actively searching for new members to make this school year possible.

PES Parent Council supports the students of PES in many ways. They organize and support efforts that help towards field trips costs, school wide activities, classroom libraries and much more.

Please join us **October 18 at 6:00pm** for a free pizza supper to discuss the upcoming events and current elections. Free babysitting will be available for those that may require it. Please RSVP to penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com if you are able to attend.



PES PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank all of the incredible businesses who donated items to our raffle at the 2022 Penhold Fall Festival. We raised \$865 towards building our new playground.

Peace by Piece Nutrition

Penhold IGA

Organic Oasis

Penhold ATB

Dairy Queen

Pizza Stop

Antler Hill Vet

Blairs

Penhold Dental

Ma & Pa's Bakery

Penhold IDA

Tim Hortons - Junction

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Town of Penhold

Special thank you to Town of Penhold for donating \$1075 from the 2022 Mayor Mike's Mini Marathon for a Cause toward PES Playground Fund.

Special thank you to Shane and Mike from The Penholder who hosted the Cornhole Tournament and donated \$265 to our Playground Fund.

PES 2022 CASINO

PES Parent Society was able to have our next Casino moved up to September of 2022. This fundraiser, that is only offered to us once every 3 years, is the main source of funds for our society and, without our parent volunteers, we would not have been able to do it. Thank you to the following parents who donated their time - your small amount of time makes a big impact on supports for the students at PES.

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Special thanks to the team at Organic Oasis for raising \$4,123 through their Grand Re-opening Fundraiser.

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Our safe and caring schools - A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

We truly appreciate having your children back in our schools enjoying a face to face environment. They give us tremendous energy and we do everything we can to return the favour by being as positive as possible with every interaction every day. We care deeply about our students and we work hard to ensure a safe and caring environment exists for everyone.

We have all made our way through some challenging times over the past few years. As we move forward we are committed to doing our part to develop your child's well-being to the highest level. To help us with this commitment, please communicate with your child's teacher so our staff know how we can best assist you as a parent.

If issues do arise that you aren't able to resolve, please contact your child's principal and know that you are most helpful when you join them in looking for solutions. There is almost always a solution right at our fingertips and our staff want to support you in every way they can.

Relationships matter at every level in our school division. We look forward to working closely with you as parents to ensure that all of our students feel safe and cared for in our schools.

To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

Social Emotional Wellbeing course



On course - Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, shared details of the division's locally developed [Social Emotional Wellbeing 15](#) (SEW) course with all school-based administrators as the year got underway. This is an Alberta Education approved, mandatory 50 hour three credit course for all Grade 10 students in Chinook's Edge - the first of its kind in Alberta! It continues a multi-layered approach to protecting and enhancing the mental health of students and staff throughout the division.

Indigenous Learning in Chinook's Edge



Indigenous Leads Day - Schools in Chinook's Edge have a representative to support the division's Indigenous Education priority, and that group met to begin the year together (above). Staff continue to build knowledge to meaningfully embed Indigenous learning into their lessons, to gain a greater understanding of the history, culture and contributions of Indigenous Canadians.

Please note: schools and offices will be closed on September 30th to observe the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).



PES FALL FUNDRAISER



Penhold Elementary School has partnered with “Farm to School’ for our Fall Fundraiser. Families and community members can purchase farm fresh produce, where 50% of the costs return to PES! The more we sell, the better our return

ALL FUNDS RAISED ARE USED TO OFFSET COSTS OF FIELD TRIPS IN THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Why:

- PROMOTES HEALTHY EATING**
- 50% OF COST IS GIVEN BACK TO THE SCHOOL**
- ALLOWS FOR DONATION VEGETABLES TO FAMILIES IN NEED**

What:

2 OPTIONS OF VEGETABLE BUNDLES:

BUNDLE A - \$15

CONTAINS: 2 LBS OF CARROTS, 5 LBS OF POTATOES AND 2 LBS OF ONIONS.

BUNDLE B - \$25

CONTAINS: 3 LBS OF CARROTS, 10 LBS OF POTATOES, 3 LBS OF ONIONS, 1 LBS OF PARSNIP AND 1 HEAD OF CABBAGE



When:

**STARTS SEPTEMBER 14TH
ENDS OCTOBER 19TH
PICKUP WILL BE NOVEMBER 2ND
(TIMES SHARED CLOSER TO DATE)**



How:

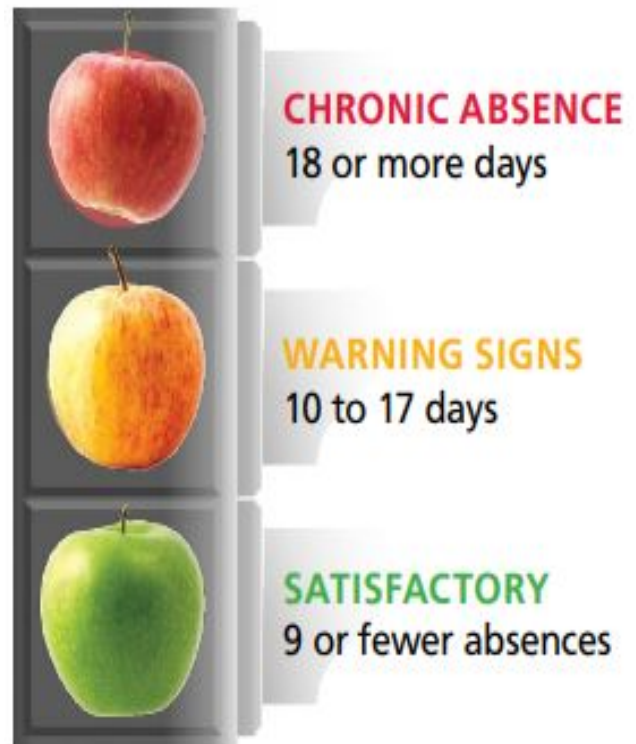
**FAMILIES CAN SHARE THE LINK THROUGH EMAIL OR TEXT
ALL ORDERS ARE PLACED ONLINE THROUGH FARM TO SCHOOL**

[FARM TO SCHOOL SHOP](https://www.farmtoschool.ca/shop/products)

[HTTPS://WWW.FARMTOSCHOOL.CA/SHOP/PRODUCTS](https://www.farmtoschool.ca/shop/products)

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?

In one year...



Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- **Establish** routines for bedtime, waking up and showing up for class.
- **Identify a quiet place** for your child to do school work. If you have more than one child, make a schedule.
- **Develop back-up plans** for logging in to the computer if you can't be there. Find a family member, neighbour, or older child who can help. Community based organizations might also be able to help.
- **Avoid extended family trips and non-urgent** medical appointments when school is in session.

PES PHOTO DAY IS COMING!!

PICTURE DAY!!

Penhold Elementary School

Friday October 7

Pose one is fun and for you-bring your style

IT'S ALL ONLINE NOW!

View images and order pictures online at SmartOrders.ca
Ordering information will be sent home with students on picture day.



The collage features several student photos: a girl with long dark hair in a grey top, a boy in a yellow t-shirt with arms crossed, a girl in an orange t-shirt with a butterfly design, and two girls in blue shirts. A circular logo for SMART PHOTOGRAPHY is in the bottom left. A circular seal in the bottom right reads "OWNED & OPERATED 100% ALBERTAN PHOTOGRAPHY & PRODUCTION".

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Scholastic Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place **October 18 - 20**.

And for parents, friends and family that can't join us in the school, be sure to join us online with our **Virtual Book Fair Extension!** Our online shop will be open on the first day of our Fair, but you can view a selection of the books you'll find here:

[Virtual Book Fair Link](#)

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Book Fair!**
Happy Reading!



Want to Volunteer for our Book Fair?

We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help out:

Tuesday, October 18 - 12-12:45 & 3:00-4:00

Wednesday, October 19 - 12-12:45 & 3:00-4:00

Thursday, October 20 - 12-12:45, 3:00-5:00, & 5:00-7:00

Penhold Youth Club October Calendar



October 2022 Grades 4-6



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

PYC is a safe, healthy, supervised environment for youth to hang out and participate in fun, interactive, and age appropriate activities.

Wednesdays 3:00-5:30pm
Fridays 3:00-5:00pm
***No School Fridays:**
10am-12pm

Penhold Multiplex, 2nd floor beside Kids Kingdom.

At PYC your voice is heard and you are provided the guidance, resources, and support you need to advocate for yourself and turn your ideas into reality.

Questions?
PYC Youth Coordinator
Amanda can be reached @
403-886-4567

The Penhold Youth Club registration form can be picked up at the Penhold Municipal Office (2nd Floor, Penhold Regional Multiplex) or during program hours.
NO REGISTRATION COST! PROGRAM IS FREE

Manga Mania
This year PYC is partnering with the Penhold Library on Comic Fest Week. We have limited supplies for Manga Mania day and therefore will only have room for **10 PYC members**. Please register with Amanda at alindgren@townofpenhold.ca. This is not a drop in program day and registration is required.



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Shadows in the Dark!



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NO PYC!



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Comic Fest Wrap Up
Will be in the Penhold Library from 1-3pm. Youth are encourage to dress up in cosplay, super heroes or anything else they would like dress up in. This is a drop in and free!

Spooky Craft Day!
PYC will be from 10am-12pm on October 21st.

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Manga Mania

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NO PYC!

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Comic Fest Wrap Up!

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Shrek Day!

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Spooky Craft Day!



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Halloween Party!

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NO PYC!



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