



PENHOLD PANTHER CHRONICLES



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the Penhold Elementary Staff and School Council, we welcome our students and families to the 2022/2023 school year! The first days have been full of smiles, laughter and summer stories! It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Welcome Back BBQ and Open House- it was a long 3 years keeping parents and guardians at a distance due to Covid-19 Protocol.

We are thrilled to be back to school with minimal restrictions from Alberta Health Services. In our best efforts to keep our school community safe this year, we thank you in advance for following Alberta Health Services' isolation recommendations. We hope this information is helpful as we begin a new school year. Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns after reading the recommendations.

We have five new faces in our building this year; Miss Kendra Johnson (Grade 6 Teacher), Ms. Minka Lodewyk (Learning Commons), Ms. Shay Fox (Educational Assistant, Grade 4), Mrs. Lisa Daniel (Family School Wellness) and Ms. Sydney Boone (Grade 4 Teacher). We welcome these five to our PES family and are excited to see all they have to offer our students and school community!

In the coming weeks, we will be announcing an Acting Vice Principal to join the PES team! For those of you who haven't noticed or heard, I (Mrs. Baird) will be going on Maternity Leave sometime in October as our little family is expecting the birth of a baby girl! Mrs. Meyer has been appointed the Acting Principal while I am on leave. We will be hiring to fill her Vice Principal role. More details to follow in the weeks ahead.

We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning opportunities for all. Creating a positive, safe and caring learning environment is a priority at Penhold Elementary School. To help with this, it is important to have all questions and concerns communicated to the school as soon as they arise. Please don't hesitate to call us at the school, any time! It is always best to reach out to the classroom teacher first, before calling the office.

Your child's teacher is your partner in creating a successful school experience for your child. Your visits and phone calls with them are a critical link in our partnership. With this partnership in place, we can ensure your child has their best school year ever!

As we begin the school year, it is important to review the drop-off/pick-up and parking procedures to help ensure safety for all. We have supervision outside of our building starting at 8:30 am, therefore, please do not send your students any earlier than this. Our playground area is off limits first thing in the morning, therefore, we ask that students line up at their boot room door once they arrive- this creates a great opportunity to encourage the face to face conversations with peers.

Demographic Forms have hit your email inboxes. Each year, we require updated demographic forms (phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts...etc) in case of emergencies. If you could please update these as soon as possible, that would be most helpful for our staff. Please call our office if you do not have access to the parent portal. School fees (agendas, option fees and some swimming fees) have been applied to accounts.

Hot lunch ordering is set up through the payment portal. Orders for October are due September 29th by 8:00am and can be found on our school website under the Online Parent Portal tab.

We look forward to a fabulous 2022/2023 school year!
Yours in Education, Mrs. Lisa Baird, Principal and Mrs. Giselle Meyer, Vice Principal

Important Dates at PES

- September 5th- No School
- September 16th-Terry Fox Run
- September 23rd- No School
- September 29th- Orange Shirt Day and Hot Lunch Orders are due by 8:00am
- September 30th- No School- National Truth and Reconciliation Day

October Hot Lunches

- October 4th- Chicken Burger with Chips and Juice
- October 6th- Chicken Caesar Salad
- October 11th- Pizza and Juice Box
- October 13th- Subway, Cookie and Juice
- October 18th- Quiznos, Chips and Juice
- October 20th- Baked Potatoes
- October 25th-Chef Salad
- October 27th- Hot Dogs, Chips and Juice

All hot lunch orders are due on September 29th by 8:00am. **No LATE orders will be accepted!**

Penhold Elementary School & Parent Councils



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

All parents and guardians are invited to come to the AGM to learn more about the councils and how they serve the school. We will be voting in the key roles of the councils. We are always looking for new members! This is a great opportunity to get involved and make your voice heard.

All parents and guardians are welcome to join us
Tuesday, September 20th @ 7PM
Meeting will be in person at the school!

Nut Safe Lunches and Snacks

Our school environment is a nut aware zone. We have several students in our school with severe and life-threatening nut allergies. We need your help and ask all families to not send peanut/nut products to school for snacks or lunch items. In classrooms where we have a severe/life threatening nut allergy, you will receive a letter as an extra precaution. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support in this area as we create a safe environment for all of our students. Please note this includes Nutella.



GRADE 4 TEAM



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ADMIN TEAM



OUR HEROS!

Meet the faces of the PES staff!



September 2022 Grades 4-6



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

PYC's Open House on September 7th is from 5-7pm.

New Time!
Wednesdays will now be from 3:00-5:30pm.

All participants of the PYC program must have their 2022-2023 registration form in to participate in the program. Members from last season will need to fill out a new form for this season.

***Please sign up with Amanda through email if you want to help at the Smile Cookie Fundraiser. The Fundraiser will be from 10am-12pm.**

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			7 PYC's Open House!	8	9 NO PYC!	10
			14 Ninja Day!		16 Minion Day!	17
			21 NO PYC!	22 	23* Smile Cookie Day!	24
			28 All Around the World!		30 NO PYC!	

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SPA AND SALON



Middle School Playground Fundraising Event

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16
3 PM - 8 PM



IN CELEBRATION OF OUR RE-GRAND OPENING & 7TH ANNIVERSARY
WE ARE DOING A FUNDRAISER EVENT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

WE ARE DOING A TICKETED EVENT
\$10 PER CHILD AND \$25 PER ADULT
MONEY FROM THE TICKETS GO 100% TO THE FUNDRAISER FOR
THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IN TOWN.

WE HAVE PARTNERED UP WITH BLAIR'S LIQUOR AND PEACE BY PIECE NUTRITION
FOR THIS SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT!

VIP TICKETS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
MINI 15 MINS SERVICES
WINE AND BEER SAMPLES FROM BLAIR'S LIQUOR
BITE SIZED APPETIZERS' FROM PEACE BY PIECE NUTRITION
NON - ALCOHOL DRINK OPTIONS
DARK WOODS - COFFEE & ICED LATTES

FREE GIFT WITH EVERY \$100 GIFT CARD PURCHASE
10% OFF ALL RETAIL
10% OF ALL RETAIL AND GIFT CARD SALES
BEING DONATED TO THE FUNDRAISER
AUCTION ITEMS - ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED

FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS

CALL 403-573-3300

OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

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TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Prioritize school!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance.
- Have regular evening and homework routines.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Try to make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about attendance.

We understand your child will be away at times because of illness and other reasons.

Our priority is to eliminate unnecessary absences so that your child can learn, connect and succeed in school!

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance.

Attendance in school is compulsory in Alberta for everyone between the ages of 6 and 16.

Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities which increases the likelihood of successfully completing high school.

Missing 2 days of school each month or 20 days each year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10.

Find out more at our [Chinook's Edge website](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Chinook's Edge School Division
4904 - 50 Street
Innisfail, AB T4G 1W4
1-800-561-9229

Don't let your child miss a day of learning opportunities unnecessarily!

Chinook's Edge strives to provide a warm welcome in each of our safe and caring schools.

As part of the Chinook's Edge school community, your child has access each day to:

- Quality Learning Environments
- Social Emotional Wellness
- Engaging curriculum
- Positive relationships
- Connection to peers
- Enrichment activities and clubs
- Culture and tradition

Chinook's Edge also provides a continuum of supports for students when needed, including breakfast and nutritious snack programs, access to Family School Wellness and Inclusive Education professionals, and flexible Alternative Learning programs.



Where Students Come First!

Attend today, Achieve tomorrow



Regular school attendance is **critical** for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school.

We share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child.

If your child's attendance is becoming a concern, please contact your child's teacher. They are your partner in helping your child succeed in school!

When absences become a concern

If your child is experiencing attendance concerns, as a parent you can expect:

- 1) Your child's teacher will reach out to you to explore ideas that may help your child attend (ie. new seating arrangement in the classroom);
- 2) If attendance concerns continue, your child's Principal or Vice Principal will work with you to determine supports that may be helpful at the school level (ie. adjustments in your child's schedule, etc);
- 3) For continued attendance concerns, the Principal of Alternative Learning will connect with you to explore supports at the division level (ie. exploring Alternative Learning, etc).

We want to work together, so your child can succeed in learning and in life



Penhold Elementary School Parent Council Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Hello Penhold Elementary Families! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and fabulous first few days back at school!

As many of you know we are fundraising for a new playground! Even though a new school would still be a few years away, we are starting to fundraise now. For the next few years, this will be the focus of all our fundraising.

Over the summer months we have been blessed to have been presented with many Fall fundraising opportunities and are looking for volunteers to help us out and make these events a success!

We have 3 fundraising events in the upcoming weeks, if you can volunteer for any of these events, please contact Ridehl Wilson at 403.350.5540. Thank you!!

1. September 9th Craft Beer Night 50/50 and Raffle Ticket Sales – we need 4 volunteers to help sell 50/50 and raffle tickets. Shifts are from 6pm-8pm or 8pm-10pm.
2. September 10th Cornhole Tournament – we need 2 volunteers from 1:30 – 5 pm.
3. September 12 & 13th Charity Gaming Casino – we need a total of 9 volunteers on each of the days over 2 shifts at Jackpot Casino. This is our BIGGEST fundraiser and typically brings in over \$20,000!!

Believing in every student - A message from the Superintendent

Students, staff and families across Chinook's Edge are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us, and I extend a warm welcome on behalf our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team.

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our schools share a focus on key [divisional goals](#): Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections. We believe this strong foundation will allow our students to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. Our schools are filled with enthusiasm as this year gets underway.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure a clear path ahead for our students, including a focused collaboration to support the new K-3 curriculum (more information below). We work to build welcoming school cultures and believe each day is filled with learning opportunities for every student in our care, which is why we are launching our [Attendance Matters](#) initiative.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everyone a tremendous year ahead!


Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Welcome letter from The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education: [click here](#)

Ready to go with new provincial curriculum



Twenty-five Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers from schools across the division worked in grade teams to collaboratively create resources to support implementation of the [K-3 curriculum](#). They found that, while there are some new or refreshed initiatives, the curriculum has clear connections to the three division goals in Chinook's Edge:

Academic Excellence
Social Emotional Well-being
Career Connections

