



# Penhold Panther Chronicles

## November Newsletter

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

October finished on a high, perhaps a sugar high, but a high nonetheless. Our students got into the Halloween spirit and enjoyed their dress up day to end the month. The school dance or movie afternoon was a hit as our students. It was really nice to see our students enjoying a social event that had become a rarity during the last few years.

Congratulations to Mrs. Baird and her growing family. The Baird family welcomed a happy and healthy baby girl.

October sure flew by, with a plethora of events happening here. Our first school assembly was highlighted by our guest speaker, Josephine Michaluk. She spoke to the students about the importance of having goals. Josephine set out to donate blood regularly and after over 50 years of donating, she set the world record for whole blood donations at 203. This is an amazing feat and has landed Josephine in the Guinness Book of World Records. This is impressive in terms of keeping a goal for so long and for all the people she has helped with her generosity and commitment.

Also in October: we had a school photo day, our swimming program started with a splash, the Book Fair was a great success (more on that later), our options started for our grades five and six students, we ran our Farm to Family fundraiser and we had an excellent turn out for our Parent / Teacher Interviews. Speaking of Parent / Teacher Interviews, thank you to all the parents for coming out. A strong connection between school and home, teacher and parent is one that helps to ensure the success of our children. We appreciate the partnership and the trust of our parents as we work together to raise great kids.

We also completed our fire drill schedule for the fall. The students have had three drills so they are now trained in our expectations for safe evacuation of the school. Three more fire drills will occur in the spring. In November we will walk through our secure our school and lockdown procedure. We will be notifying parents of this ahead of time and each teacher will chat with their class about how these procedures work before we practice as a school. The students will know it is a practice and school admin will pop into each classroom to ensure we are not causing worry with our kids. Also, we are trying to set up some rail safety presentations this month for our students.

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

# Important PES Information....

## PES Monthly Awards

Our next assembly is just around the corner, coming on Monday, November 7 at 2:00. 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 November is Perseverance.

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.



## ARM TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



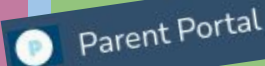
Thank you to all those who supported us through this fundraiser! We had 36 families place orders. The money raised will go toward the costs of field trips.



## 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

- Nov 7th - Monthly Assembly @ 2:15pm
- Nov 8th - School Council Mtg @ 7:00
- Nov 9th - Remembrance Ceremony @ 10:00
- Nov 9th - Pizza with the P's
- Nov 10th - no school
- Nov 11th - Remembrance Day - no school
- Nov 15th - Picture retakes
- Nov 23rd - Board Visit to PES
- Nov 25th - Collaborative Day - no school
- Nov 30th - Career / Health Fair

# Important PES Information....

## Remembrance Ceremony

We are looking forward to re-establishing our tradition of holding our Remembrance Ceremony as a community of schools. On November 10th, the three schools will get together at Penhold Crossing School gym. Our students are creating some artwork to decorate the gym. Also, some of our students will have roles in the presentation, as will students from the other schools. We are also appreciative of the involvement of the Innisfail Legion.

We will walk to Penhold Crossing at about 9:30 with our students. The ceremony is set to begin at 10:00. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

## Legion Poster, Poem and Essay Contest

Teachers have the information on the annual Legion Poster, Poem and Essay contest. Students are encouraged to complete an entry at home. Please check with your child as to their interest as each year our students win cash prizes from the Legion for their important Remembrance work. The deadline for submission is the end of November.

## School Council

We have a new School Council executive. Amanda Closs is our new President, Nora Holben is our new Vice President, Renee Mairs returns as our Secretary, Natasha Caissie returns as our Treasurer. Thank you to these dedicated parents who have volunteered to ensure that parents have a voice at PES.

Special thanks to Ridehl Wilson for her many years of committed service on our parent council.

## December Hot Lunches

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

## PANTHER SPORTS

### Volleyball

Wow, what a great turn out. There was so much interest we had to split the five and sixes into their own practice times.

Mon. - Gr. 5

Tues. - Gr. 4

Wed. - Gr. 6

Thurs. - Gr. 4

Thank you to Miss. Boone, Miss. Lodewyk, and Mrs. Hannett for taking on coaching these teams this year.

## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to our parents and students for supporting the annual Book Fair. We all know how important reading is, so when kids can pick out and buy their own books, there is a wonderful opportunity for them to read more.

The Book Fair is really a win, win for our students. Kids buy books that they are interested in, so they read more. Then, the money earned at the Book Fair is used to buy our Library Learning Commons more books for everyone to access them.

This year our net sales from the book fair was \$3,641.59. This means that the school will get about \$1,500.00 in new books for our students. Great news!

## Achieving our goals together - A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In our three-year [Education Plan](#), we have set specific targets and detailed strategies around our divisional goals to ensure each student in Chinook's Edge achieves success. Our Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections goals are impacting students at every grade level, and our division's achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team.

Staff in all schools, across all grades, help students achieve success by setting the bar high and then supporting students as they strive to reach it. We have a strong focus on sharing best practices around teacher strategies to bring the very best learning experiences to the students we serve. That is the focus and benefit of our five Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge (more on this below).

Staff in our schools are making genuine gestures to invite parents back to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend their assemblies, or take part in Parent Teacher Interviews. At the division level, the Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are grateful for the feedback we are receiving through our Parents Matter Committee and Parent Council meetings.

We work hard to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for our students, families and staff, because we believe that strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities. Most importantly, it is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve, which will set them up for a lifetime of success.

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

### Professional Learning Days



What are staff doing during the division's five non-instructional days for students?

"[Professional Learning Days](#) provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. [Read more here](#).

### Inclement Weather



The safety of students, staff and parents is our highest priority, which is why Chinook's Edge developed an Inclement Weather procedure.

This link to our [Inclement Weather website](#) outlines specific responses if weather causes a change to our regular daily processes. This means school buses may not run or school closures may be in effect for a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division if weather necessitates an Inclement Weather day.

**Be safe, Be aware, Be ready to learn!** Be familiar with this important information. Thank you.