



Penhold Panthers Chronicle

Principal- Mrs. Lisa Baird & Vice- Principal- Mrs. Giselle Meyer

Important Dates

- December 4th- Student of the Month Assembly at 2:15pm
- December 8th- No School
- December 14th- Christmas Concerts at 5:30pm (students with the last name A-J) and 7:00pm (students with the last name K-Z) over at Penhold Crossing!
- Wednesday Candy Cane Sales- These will take place every Wednesday in December. Candy Canes are \$1.00 each.
- December 19th- School Wide Turkey Dinner down in the gym!

Up and Coming...

- Hot lunches are available for purchase for January and December. Please see the link on our website under the 'Parents' tab. We have partnered with Ma & Pa's bakery in town, and they are making some cinnamon rolls.
- THEME DAYS
 - Dec. 4- Dress like your teacher
 - Dec. 14- Dress up for the Christmas Concert
 - Dec. 18- Christmas Hats, Elf Ears, etc.
 - Dec. 19- Dress your best!
 - Dec. 20- Red and Green Day
 - Dec. 21- Christmas Sweater Day
 - Dec. 22- PJ Day!

School Fees

If you have not done so already, please login to [Student Quickpay](#) to pay your child's school fees. CTF Option Fees and Agenda fees have been posted to your account already this school year.

From the Principal's Desk



We are in the homestretch of 2023! Our students and staff are working hard in the classrooms, and pushing forward with new learning objectives and curriculum. Important learning takes place from the time your children get to school to the time they leave the building. Attendance is KEY to student success! Please be sure that you are supporting your children on getting to school daily, and on time.

Middle School is when we build on foundational elements that contribute to students' academic success, and helping our children learn strong study habits is highly important! Learning appropriate study skills will help the students expand their knowledge but also develop the skills necessary for future academic endeavours. Encouraging our middle school students to embrace and refine their study habits is a shared responsibility. Parents, teachers, and the entire school community play pivotal roles in guiding our students toward academic excellence. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you'd like support with studying for assessments. More tips for studying are located below!!!

We have a number of things taking place at PES over the next few weeks:

On December 4th we have our school wide assembly. Student of the month awards will be given to a number of students who have shown the 'Panther Five' characteristics. Please join us for this assembly at 2:15pm on Monday! If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will contact you.

On December 14th, we have our Christmas Concerts over at Penhold Crossing Secondary School! Concert #1 for last names A-J is at 5:30pm and Concert #2 for last names K-Z will be at 7:00pm.

To celebrate the Christmas Season at Penhold Elementary School, our students and staff will be participating in a free plated Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on December 19th during lunch time down in the gym, which will be cooked and served by our Nutrition Coordinator, Ms. Boorman and the staff at PES. We think it's important to come together, find cheer and celebrate all the GREAT things we have in our lives, like each other! Special guests like our Board Trustee, Mrs. Cooper, Superintendent, Mr. Sacher and Associate Superintendent, Mr. Shawn Russell will also be in attendance to help us celebrate!

We have welcomed Ms. Boorman, our new nutrition coordinator to PES! She is going to be changing up our menu a little for both breakfast and hot lunches, as well as accommodating the needs of our Gluten Free students! Welcome to Ms. Boorman, we are happy to have her at PES!

As always, if you have any questions, please give me a call at the office. 403-886-4390

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Lisa Baird
Principal of PES



Skiing at PES!

Our skiing intent form has gone out to families as well as the introduction letter. If you are interested in skiing, please complete the form which is in your email. Intent needs to be completed by December 1st, 2023. Our skiing dates are: February 15th and March 1st.

Hot Lunches

Our hot lunches are up on student quick pay and ready for purchasing for the months of December and January. Ms. Boorman will be making the Hot Lunch Menu in the coming weeks for February. If you have some ideas for her, please email pboorman@cesd73.ca

Volunteers are NEEDED!

We are on the search for volunteers for a number of things taking place at PES!

- Turkey Dinner Support.... We need help peeling and cutting up 80-100lbs of potatoes as well as cooking and cutting up some turkeys! If you can help, please call the office!
- Helping with the skating options is needed on February 26, March 11, March 18, and March 25th from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Please email Ms. Boone @ sboone@cesd73.ca if you can help!

Grade 4,5 & 6 Lunch Intramurals

Students have the option to attend some intramural programming in the gym at lunchtime on their selected grade level day. Games such as floor hockey, badminton, volleyball, basketball will be played. Thanks to our staff for putting these on for the kids!

Parent Council

Our Parent Council will be running a Cookie Walk on the night of the Christmas Concert. Containers of cookies and squares will be available for purchase for \$10.00 each and proceeds will be going to the new playground at Penhold Waskasoo Middle School. If you'd like to bake goods for this event, please email penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be on January 16th, 2024 at 7:00pm at the school!
We'd love to have you attend!

Christmas Concert

VIP Seating...

To raise money for our new playground, we are holding a "bidding war" for **prestige, front row covet seating!** We have **SEVEN** comfy couches that **seat 4 people** per couch (as seen below) set up in the front row at each concert! Nothing beats getting to see your child(ren) perform right up close... and the money is going to a GREAT cause!

Bidding will start at \$10.00 a seat. Bids can be made at the office ahead of time, and the largest bid will win the selected seating. We have several couches that will keep you comfortable throughout the show! All bids will close on December the 13th, and winners of the seats will be contacted to arrange payment and given their seat selection details.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A BID. Tax Receipts can be made out!
403-886-4390



Study Habits

Building a Strong Foundation: Middle school lays the groundwork for more complex subjects in high school and beyond. By establishing effective study habits now, students build a solid foundation that will serve them well in tackling advanced concepts later on.

Time Management Skills: Middle school introduces students to a more diverse and demanding schedule. Learning to manage time efficiently through organized study sessions helps students strike a balance between academics, extracurricular activities, and personal time.

Preparation for High School and Beyond: The transition to high school can be challenging, and students who have honed effective study habits are better equipped to navigate the increased workload and expectations. Additionally, these habits prepare them for the rigors of college and beyond.

Boosting Confidence and Motivation: Success breeds confidence. When students experience the positive outcomes of their efforts, it fuels a sense of accomplishment and motivation. Establishing good study habits fosters a positive cycle of learning and achievement.

Lifelong Learning Skills: Beyond the classroom, the ability to study effectively is a skill that transcends formal education. It is a lifelong asset that supports continuous learning, personal growth, and professional success.

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If you have not done so already, please fill out the following link in regards to skiing intent for 2024.

[Skiing Intent 2024](#)



Penhold Elementary School Ski Days at Canyon Ski Hill!



Parents/Guardians of Penhold Elementary School,

We are very happy to be offering our students the opportunity to participate in skiing or snowboarding at Canyon Ski Hill in the first part of the New Year. This is always such a fun day for students, staff, and volunteers to get outside, get some exercise, and enjoy each other's company! The ski dates are **February 15th and March 1st**. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to try it out for the first time or to get another day of practice for those who are more experienced.

Below is the estimated cost for attending only one of the days or both days. If your child has their own gear but no helmet, they will need to rent one once they are at the hill. **All outstanding school fees need to be paid before a student can participate in the skiing days, this includes CTF fees and Agenda fees.**

| Type of Package | One Day | Both Days |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Lift ticket, equipment rental, lesson, bussing | \$60 | \$120 |
| Lift ticket. Lesson, bussing | \$35 | \$70 |
| Lesson (you are a season ticket holder), bussing | \$25 | \$50 |

You will received an email today with a **Letter of Intent** form attached. This is to be filled out and submitted so that we can get an idea of how many students will be skiing or snowboarding, which days, and who will be staying back at the school. The form is due back by **December 1st**. Students who choose not to go to Canyon, will be participating in some fun learning in the classroom, in the gymnasium, and maybe even outside!

These days require many hands on deck and, therefore, we need some parent volunteers to help out at the hill. If you are interested in volunteering for one or both of the days, please send Mrs. Hannett an email at dhannett@csd73.ca indicating the days you would like to help out.

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact the school at (403) 886-4390 and you will be directed to the staff member that will be able to assist you.

We hope to see everyone at the hill! We look forward to some fun filled days on the slopes!

-Your PES Staff