



Penhold Panthers Chronicle

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

Important Dates

- January 16th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- January 22nd- Student of the Month Assembly at 2:15pm
- January 26th- Literacy Day at PES
- January 29th- CTF Option Classes Round #3 start
- January 31st- No School- Professional Learning Day for Staff
- February 2nd- Report Cards go live, and paper copies home for Grade 4's.

Up and Coming...

- Hot lunches are available for purchase for February and March. A new hot lunch was added for February 29th. February lunch orders close on the **25th of January at 8:00am** and March orders close on **February 29th at 8:00am**. Please see the link on our website under the 'Parents' tab.
- Skiing fees have been added to student accounts. All outstanding fees need to be paid before students can attend the skiing dates.

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



Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we embark on the exciting journey that is 2024. The halls of Penhold Elementary School are buzzing with energy as we return from the winter break, refreshed and ready for a fantastic start to the year.

As we delve into January, it is a time of reflection and renewal. It's a chance for us to set new goals, embrace fresh opportunities, and build upon the successes of the past. Here at PES, we are committed to providing an enriching and supportive learning environment for our students, and we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

A few important reminders:

Attendance Matters: Regular attendance is crucial for academic success. Please ensure that your child attends school on time every day. If your child is unwell, be sure to notify the school office or your child's teacher.

Stay Connected: Follow us on our Facebook Page to stay updated on school news, events, and important announcements. Our school website is also a valuable resource for information.

Weather Advisory: Hopefully we have seen the last of the polar vortex cold weather, however, with winter in full swing, please be mindful of weather conditions. In case of inclement weather, stay tuned for announcements regarding any potential school closures or busing cancellations.

We have a number of things taking place at PES over the next few weeks including: student of the month, literacy day, report cards going live or being sent home, the grade 6's are headed to watch the Grand Slam curling event, Mission Impossible down in the gym, along with a visit from the Astrodome.

On January 22nd, 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 next Monday! If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will contact you.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support. Together, we can make 2024 a year of growth, achievement, and memorable moments for our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful January filled with inspiration and success!

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 permission forms have gone out! Please check your email and complete them as soon as possible. The skiing fees have also been added to student quick pay accounts. All outstanding fees need to be paid before students can attend skiing.

Hot Lunches

Our hot lunches are up on student quick pay and ready for purchasing for the months of February and March. Ms. Boorman will be making the Hot Lunch Menu for the remainder of the school year! 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!

- Helping with the skating option is needed on February 26th, March 11th, March 18, and March 25th from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Please email Ms. Boone @ sboone@cesd73.ca if you can help!
- Our grade 6 teachers are still looking for parent volunteers for the Grand Slam Curling event on January 18th. If you are interested, please email jdeckert@cesd73.ca

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!

Report Cards

Student report cards will be going live for the Grade 5 and 6 students on Friday, February 2nd on PowerSchool. A paper copy report card will go home with the grade 4 students at the end of the day.

Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Parent Council

Our next meeting is January 16th, 2024 at 7:00pm! Please come out and join us. Meeting will be held in the staff room at PES.

If you have any questions, you can email our executive at penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Here are a few reasons you should join our PAC....

Parent Council can be a rewarding and impactful experience for parents.

Advocate for Your Child: Parent Council members have the opportunity to advocate for their children and contribute to decisions that directly impact the school environment. This involvement ensures that the unique needs and concerns of parents are heard and addressed.

Community Building: Being part of the Parent Council allows you to actively contribute to building a strong and supportive school community. You can help foster positive relationships among parents, teachers, and students, creating a sense of belonging and unity.

Stay Informed: Joining the Parent Council provides first hand information about school policies, programs, and activities. This knowledge helps you stay informed about your child's educational experience and enables you to communicate more effectively with teachers and school administration.

Collaboration with Educators: Joining the Parent Council offers the opportunity to collaborate with teachers and school administrators. This collaboration helps bridge the gap between home and school, promoting a more holistic and supportive approach to education.

Influence School Policies: Parent Council members often have a say in shaping school policies and decision-making processes. Your input can help create a more inclusive and effective educational environment that benefits all students.

Support Educational Initiatives: Being part of the Parent Council allows you to actively support educational initiatives and programs such as the new playground at Penhold Waskasoo Middle School. You can contribute ideas, volunteer your time, and help organize events that enhance the learning experience for all students.

Professional Development: Parent Council involvement provides opportunities for personal and professional development. You can gain valuable leadership and organizational skills, expand your network, and enhance your ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups of individuals.

Parental Involvement Benefits Students: Research consistently shows that students perform better academically and have improved behavior when their parents are actively involved in their education. Joining the Parent Council is a direct way to contribute to your child's success.

Be a Positive Role Model: By actively participating in the Parent Council, you become a positive role model for your child. Demonstrating a commitment to education and community involvement sets a powerful example and reinforces the importance of civic engagement.

Make a Difference: Joining the Parent Council gives you the chance to make a meaningful difference in the lives of all students at the school. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, can positively impact the educational experience for everyone.



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