



Penhold Panthers Chronicle



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

Important Dates

- February 3rd- Calgary Opera at 10:30am and Assembly at 2:15pm
- February 5th- Pizza with the Principals for Award Winners at lunch
- February 7th- Ski Day #1 at Canyon Ski Hill
- February 10th-14th- Candy Gram Sales for \$2.00
- February 11th PAC Meeting online at 7:00pm
- February 12th- Jersey Day
- February 14th- Valentines Day Dance
- February 17th to 21st- Winter Break- No School for Students
- February 26th- Pink Shirt Day for Kindness
- February 27th- March Hot Lunch Orders are due by 8:00am
- February 28th- Staff vs. Student Hockey Game at 1:00pm at the Multiplex

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.

Swimming fees will be added to student accounts before they start swimming. All swimming fees need to be paid in advance for students to swim.

Please connect with Mrs. Baird or Mrs. Meyer at the office if you need some support with school fees!

*****We now have a DEBIT Machine at the school office*****

From the Principal's Desk



The month of February is just about here! Our students crushed 3 full 5 day weeks in a row, and the month was gone in the blink of an eye!

We have our Student of the Month Assembly on the 3rd of February at 2:15pm. Parents and Guardians are all welcome to come and watch!

Calgary Opera will be here in the morning of the 3rd to present their performance of "The Witty Squirrel". All thanks to Stewart and Eileen Ford for making this event a possibility for our students.

Staff vs. Student Hockey Game on the 28th at 1:00pm. Thanks to all the parents who also volunteered to come and help out! Either on the ice or in the stands. Permission forms for student players will go out later this week, please get those signed ASAP. Students are required full equipment due to our insurance policy for them to play.

Options for Round #3 and #4 are ready for student choice! Attached is the [LINK](#) to access the descriptions of each of the options for student choice. Please take some time over the next few days to open the document and review the choices with your child. Students will be selecting their choices at school though a google form in the coming days. Our goal is to get students into one of their top 3 choices for options. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher for more information or call the office.

Please be mindful when you are parking in front of the school during bus hours. We have a number of students going across the road, and parents are not watching when they are driving. We have had a few near misses. U-TURNS are not allowed on Fleming Ave. Our Peace Officers and the RCMP will be driving past the school to ensure we are able to keep our students safe! Please make note that the speed limit for our school zone is 30kms.

4Eberts and 4Boone will be starting their swimming lessons on February 25th. Please make sure that all outstanding fees are paid so your child can go swimming.

The construction of Penhold Waskasoo is coming along! Please check out our Facebook page to see the updated photos!

Thanks to Mrs. Keeler and Mrs. Boorman for setting up the Panther Cafe on Literacy Day for the students! They enjoyed the Starbucks like feel along with the refreshments, cakes, cookies, and cheesecakes!

We have a number of things taking place at PES over the next few weeks including: student of the month assembly, visit from the Astrodome, literacy day, our first ski day, Mission Impossible down in the gym, among tons of learning taking place!

Please make sure that you are looking through your child's Power School and reviewing the marks and comments that teachers are adding to student work. This is a good snapshot at how things are going for your child academically at school. If you have any questions about Power School, please connect with your child's teacher or give the admin a call at the office.

A reminder that we have Winter Break and Teachers Convention from February 17th to the 21st. The school will be closed during this week.

Wishing you a wonderful February! 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



PES January Assembly

February 3rd @ 2:15pm

We will be celebrating students who have shown the character trait of student showing PATIENCE!

PES Hot Lunches

Can be found on our [Calendar](#)

Parent and School Council Update

Our next meeting on February 11th will be ONLINE starting at 7PM.

[LINK TO JOIN HERE.](#)

Please reach Parent Council at penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com for and emailed copy of the meeting minutes and agenda.

JDES & PES Discount Card Fundraiser happening NOW!

End of an Era clothing orders due February 7 (and March 24). If you need another paper form email Parent Council or visit our Facebook page to order online.

Parent volunteers needed to help with the Student vs Staff hockey game February 28. Please reach out to Parent Council if you are able to help out.

Bakers wanted for our next bake sale happening during Parent Teacher interviews in March. More information to come soon.

Leadership Activities

Candy Bags: Ms. Eberts and her leadership crew have made bags of candy that will be sold from the 10th to the 14th of February. Candy Bags will sell for \$2.00 and they can be gifted to other students, or students can send them to themselves or take home for siblings.

Valentines Day Dance: On February 14th in the afternoon, we will be hosting our Valentines Day Dance in the gym. DJ Maren will be playing the music. At the dance, pop, chips, cotton candy and candy bags will be sold if students would like to purchase. Chips and Pop will be for sale for \$1.00 each and Cotton Candy is \$2.00.

Penhold Waskasoo Middle



Penhold Waskasoo Middle School is coming to life before our eyes! With the exterior closed up, progress is being made inside the building. The crew has conduit being added, walls are roughed in, insulation and drywall are going up. Each day shows so much progress, and brings us another day closer to our opening! Some highlights of the building are the learning commons with floor to ceiling windows, huge gymnasium, robotics room, state of the art science lab, and polished cement floors! We are so thrilled to see the progress that will take place in the coming weeks and months.



Canyon Ski/Board at PES

Ski date: February 7th

We had a very successful first ski day! The weather was perfect, and the students enjoyed themselves! Thanks to all the parents and volunteers who came out to the hill to support our students and the staff at Canyon.

For the February 7th ski day, please make sure that all students attending the trip arrive at school on time.

All personally owned equipment (skis, snowboards and boots, etc) need to be labelled and dropped off at the school either the day before, or the morning of. These items cannot go on student buses.

What's going on with YES at PES?

After School Programs
3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

Tuesdays

Flag Football: Jan 14 - Feb 11
Martial Arts: Feb 25 - Apr 1
Workout Club: Apr 8 - May 20
Run - Jump - Throw: May 27 - Jun 17

Thursdays

Happy Habits: Jan 14 - Feb 11
Video Games Club: Feb 25 - Apr 1
Comics & Animation: Apr 8 - May 20
Anime Club: May 27 - Jun 17

School's Out Hangouts
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

February 19
February 21
March 21
April 23
April 25

Registration required!
Contact Mr. Jeremy
at jwalters@cesd73.ca for more info



CHECK OUT THE YES PROGRAM AND ALL THAT'S GOING ON WITH MR. JEREMY!

Introducing... the Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Red Wings!

Penhold Waskasoo Middle School's future students, staff and community have taken another step forward in preparing for the opening of their new school in September 2025. They have defined key elements of their identity, including a logo, an athletics logo and mascot.

Students, staff and parents have decided students will be known as the PWMS Red Wings.

Penhold Elementary School (PES) Principal Lisa Baird, who will serve as PWMS's Principal when PES closes and the new school opens, says, *"As we prepare to open the doors of Penhold Waskasoo Middle School this fall, the excitement in our school community is palpable. The process of designing a new building and creating a new identity has been a truly collaborative effort, and it's been an incredible opportunity for students, staff, and parents to have their voices heard."*

Baird says, *"The logo creation, in particular, has been a highlight of this journey. After a fun and engaging process, capturing the vision from the students at all three community schools as well as staff and parents/guardians, it was clear the community was united in choosing the Waskasoo Red Wings as our new symbol."*



Top: the new athletics logo for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School. Directly above: students got to vote on which image would go on the gym wall, weeks after selecting the Red Winged Blackbird as their mascot

Giselle Meyer, Vice Principal of PES and the soon to be PWMS, says, *"I am excited about the results of this process because it is one of the first steps in bringing PWMS to life for our students, staff and the community and creating our new visual identity."*

Meyer says, *"I love that we have chosen to be the Red Wings. I love the connection to the area the school is built on, how the kids will be able to see Red Winged Blackbirds when they are walking in the paths behind the school, and how it is a mascot that fits a middle school; it was designed specifically for students in this age group."*



What Red Wing Blackbirds represent

Red Winged Blackbirds are known to nest in the ponds and sloughs behind Penhold Waskasoo Middle School and Penhold Crossing School. *The birds are said to represent change, transformation, love and compassion, inner strength, courage and determination.*

These characteristics are aligned with feedback from students, staff and families who described the kind of experience that PWMS students should have.



A nod to the Red Wing habitat, its feathers and to agriculture

The school's logo is a nod to bulrushes which are a habitat to Red Wing Blackbirds and are round behind the school, as well as to the feather of the bird. The logo also acknowledges the importance of agriculture in the community, as it could represent a head of wheat, and the idea of growth and harvest.

The school's initials are contained within the frame, speaking to inclusiveness. The value of courage and integrity is shown through the strong, stable, confidence portrayed in the logo.

An active and athletic representation

The athletic logo is a portrayal of a blackbird that was, in part, inspired by the artwork of teacher David Massey. The wings show the bird in flight, speaking to the active and athletic nature of the logo.

Momentum and excitement is building

Baird says, *"This process has contributed to a real sense of momentum, sparking excitement and pride as we transition into this next chapter. As we say goodbye to being Panthers, knowing we'll be the Red Wings gives us something fresh and empowering to rally around."*

"There's something special about being the Red Wings—it's not just about a mascot, but about embodying the spirit of resilience, strength, and community," says Baird.

Kaydence F., a Grade 4 student at PES, says, *"I am so excited for the new school and to become a Red Wing. I like the idea of being a Red Wing because birds in flight are like students flying everyday and everywhere to learn and see new things!"*

Grade 5 student, Everly R., says she liked voting on what version of the Red Wing would be painted on the gym wall. *"The face in the bird is bold and focused. I love the colours in the background and on the bird. The sun in the background reminded me of the sunrise in Penhold every morning. I love living in Penhold and being able to have a school close to where I live!"*

Grade 6 student, Owen D. says, *"I'm so excited to be a Waskasoo Red Wing because it feels like we're starting something new and special together, and we as students get a say in what decisions are made."*





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PD DAY CLUBS

\$20 A DAY
9:00AM-5:00PM
PENHOLD MEMORIAL HALL



JAN 30
MAR 21
MAY 2
SIGN UP FOR AS MANY AS YOU WISH



GRADES 1-4

YOUTH HQ
REGISTER HERE



FOR MORE INFO
BGC@YOUTH HQ.CA
YOUTH HQ.CA



February 2025 Grades 4-6



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

In School Time:
Wednesdays 3:00-5:00pm
Fridays 3:00-5:00pm

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 / alindgren@townofpenhold.ca

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**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Winter Break February 17th-21st PYC will be closed during winter break. Glitter Day- February 26th There will be glitter tattoos at PYC this day. If you do not want your child to participate please let us know.	 5 DIY Squishy Night!	 6	 7 Heart Crafts!	
	 DIY SQUISHY		12 Watercolor Art!	13	14 Comic Contest	15
	 FREE PRINTABLE COMIC BOOK TEMPLATES	18	19 NO PYC!	20	21 NO PYC!	22
	 GLITTER DAY!		26 GLITTER DAY!	27	28 Ketchup Day!	

We are thankful to the many community organizations and businesses that have supported our playground fundraising goals over the past several years! We are VERY close to our goal and our playground dreams are becoming a very close reality!

**Penhold Waskasoo
Middle School
Playground
Fundraising**

**Revised Goal
\$462,000**

**Raised \$452,000*
Shortfall \$10,000**

97%



Penhold School Parent Council & Penhold Elementary School

*Includes \$250,000 from Alberta Education