



# Penhold Panthers Chronicle



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

## Important Dates

- December 2nd- Assembly at 2:15pm  
- SKI FORMS ARE DUE by 3:00pm
- December 4th- Pizza with the Principals for award winners
- December 9th- Last day of Options Round #1
- December 12th- Christmas Concerts at 5:00pm (A-J) and 6:30 (K-Z)
- December 13th- No School
- December 16th- Christmas Hat Day
- December 17th- School Wide Turkey Dinner- Dress to Impress
- December 18th- Christmas Sock Day
- December 19th- Free Turkey Soup for all students and staff  
- Christmas Sweater Day
- December 20th- PJ Day  
- Community Christmas Reading with cookies and milk

**Winter Break- December 21st, 2024 to January 5th, 2025**

## 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



We aren't sure where the 2024 year has gone, but we are in the closing weeks of a great year!! Our students are excited for all the fun events coming up in the weeks ahead, along with our evening of Christmas Concerts. Our staff are excited to share in the warmth of the holiday season with our families all while celebrating our students talents on stage.

We've had a change of plans for our Christmas Concerts on December 12th. The shows will be held on our gym at Penhold Elementary, not Penhold Crossing Secondary. We want to celebrate one last concert in our gymnasium before we close our building for good in 2025! Students with the last names A-J will sing at 5:00pm and K-Z will be at 6:30pm.

Our staff met on Friday morning on our Professional Development Day to discuss reporting and assessment practices at Penhold Elementary, along with utilizing our SWAP (Switch with a Purpose) programming. Our goal for this school year is to boost students academic ability with intense interventions. For the past 6 weeks, our students have been working on literacy skills and our staff have seen a noticeable improvement.

On December 2nd at 2:15pm we have our school wide Student of the Month assembly. If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will contact you. Parents and Guardians are always welcome to attend!

If you are not already doing so, please 'like' our school Facebook page to see all the highlights and happenings within our building!

We have a number of things taking place at PES over the next few weeks including: candy cane sales, food drive, shoebox campaign, locker decorating, school wide turkey dinner, hat day, Christmas sock day, etc!

We are grateful for community engagement as we have many members of the community coming in to read stories to our students on December 20th!

Penhold Waskasoo Middle School is well on its way to a Fall opening in 2025! The interior is almost closed up, and soon the construction crews will be adding windows, walls, electrical, etc. Mrs. Meyer and myself have been working on the RFP's (requests for proposals) for furniture, gym audio, and an outdoor sign. We are happy with the progress thus far, and are looking forward to what's to come in the months ahead. Should you have any inquiries about PWMS, do not hesitate to ask!

Our Learn to Ski program at Canyon Ski Hill is taking place on January 24th and February 7th. Forms are due by December 2nd at 3:00pm and money is due January 10th by 3:00pm. No late forms will be accepted!

As always, if you have any questions, please give me a call at the office 403-886-4390, or send me an email at [lbaird@cesd73.ca](mailto:lbaird@cesd73.ca). We are excited for all that the month of December brings!

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Lisa Baird  
Principal of Penhold Elementary School



## PES December Assembly

December 2nd, 2024 @ 2:15pm

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

## PES Hot Lunches

Can be found on our [Calendar](#)  
January Hot Lunches have gone live!

## Parent and School Council Update

### Cookie Walk!

BAKERS NEEDED! Please see the attached flyer for more information on the cookie walk and Ma and Pa Pre-Scooped Cookie Dough.

### Christmas Raffle

December 7th-12th

Stay tuned on our FB page for some great prizes in our upcoming Holiday Raffle that will debut at the Springbrook Small Town Christmas and run until the Christmas Concerts!

### Bad Carollers!

Check out our FB page for all the information on this new and fun event! Check out how you can (potentially) torture your neighbors!! Check out the flyers that went home last week and take a look at our FB page for more information.

If you have any questions, or are willing to provide items for the bake sale, please email [penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com) for details.

## Leadership Activities

**Candy Canes:** Our leadership students will be selling **candy canes** at the office on the 10th and 11th of December for \$1.00 each. Money raised will be used to fund our Valentines Day Dance and other leadership events.

**Food Drive:** We are collecting **food drive** items for our Christmas Hampers. Classes are being judged on the sculptures they can make with all the items! Food is due by December 12th.

**Locker Decorating:** Students are encouraged to bring items from home to decorate their lockers by December 11th!

## Christmas Concert at PES

Our school wide Christmas Concerts are on December 12th! Due to the number of students we have, and the number of family members we will be having two performances: 5:00 (last names A-J) and 6:30 (last names K-Z).

\*\*\*\* EXCITING NEWS\*\*\*\*

OUR CONCERTS WILL NOW BE HELD AT OUR SCHOOL IN THE GYM!!!

## SKIING at PES

PES Ski Day's will be taking place on January 24th, 2025 and February 7th, 2025. Students will be expected to attend both days. Students not partaking in skiing will be expected to attend school that day where learning will be occurring with a focus on alternate winter sports and activities. Students will leave after morning buses and be back to catch buses at the end of the day.

Cost of skiing for both days is:  
Full rental, lift pass and lesson - \$130 (\$65/day)  
Lift pass and lesson - \$80 (\$40/day)  
Lesson only - \$60 (\$30/day)

We are asking families to complete the following [Google Form](#) ASAP if they plan on having their child attend the ski days. Completion of the above form will initiate the field trip form creation as well as have the fees added to accounts. **Forms must be completed by December 2nd, 2024.** If the Google Form is not completed, then students will not be put on the list to attend and we will assume they are staying back at the school.

**We are asking families to have fees paid for skiing by January 10th, 2024. Fees for the ski days as well as any other outstanding fees (swimming, options, agendas) must be paid in full before the first day of skiing in order for students to attend.**

## 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.

*'tis the season*  
TO BE JOLLY

**Penhold Elementary School  
Second Annual  
Christmas Shoebox Campaign**

Do you want to make a difference this holiday season for children and youth within own community?

At Penhold Elementary School we are collecting Christmas shoeboxes! The aim of this initiative is to bring some holiday cheer to families who may be experiencing financial hardships or struggles this winter season. We believe that every child deserves to experience the joy of receiving a gift during the festive season!

Typically, our shoeboxes are filled with gifts, toys, and essential items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothes, other age appropriate gifts.

If you would like to provide a shoebox, or know of someone who would benefit from one, please call Mrs. Baird or Mrs. Meyer at 403-886-4390.

**Penhold Elementary School**  
~A Great Place to Learn~  
Box 130, Penhold, Alberta  
T0M-1R0  
Phone: 403-886-4390 Fax:403-886-5429

November 22, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to be able to offer skiing to our students as an extracurricular activity again this year! Penhold Elementary School has offered these two optional days to students as we see the high value in exposing students to sports and activities within the community.

As part of our trips to Canyon Ski Hill, they will be offering lessons to all students at their individual skill level. Lessons will include teaching about snow safety, skill development and, most importantly, build an interest in outdoor activities that are part of a healthy balanced lifestyle.

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If you have any questions regarding the program please do not hesitate to contact the school at (403)-886-4390.

Respectfully,

*Lisa Baird*  
Mrs. Lisa Baird  
Principal

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

**DECEMBER AT PENHOLD ELEMENTARY**

We have a busy month ahead of us at Penhold Elementary as we get into the holiday spirit! Please refer to this page to keep track of all the events and fun taking place.

- **December 10/11th - Candy Canes will be on sale for \$1 each**
- **December 12th- Food Drive Sculptures Due! Grade 6's judging the best class!**
- **December 11th - Decorate your locker for Christmas (students may bring in supplies from home to decorate their locker)**
- **December 12th - Christmas Concert at PENHOLD CROSSING SCHOOL. Last names A-J @ 5:00, Last names K-Z @ 6:30**
- **December 16th - Christmas Hat Day- wear your elf ears, or a favorite Christmas/Winter hat or toque**
- **December 17th - School Wide Plated Turkey Dinner at 12:00pm. Please Dress to Impress! Students will be eating together in the gym.**
- **December 18th - Christmas Sock Day or crazy sock day!**
- **December 19th - Christmas Sweater Day!**
- **December 20th - Pajama Day- wear your PJs to school -Guest Reading by community members**

# School Council Corner

Join us for our next PAC meeting on January 14th at 7:00pm

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!



### FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK SALE



**Bake Cookies & Bring Joy to your Community this Holiday Season!**

Help us spread **joy and sweetness** as we raise funds for Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Playground.

Baking may be dropped off at school office

December 11th, 10 am to 4pm

**Cookie walk will be held during our School Christmas Concert December 12th**

**Running short on time this Holiday Season?**

Check out Ma & Pa's pre-scooped Cookie Dough sold instore. From now until Dec 7th, \$5 from every package of Cookie Dough sold will be donated to the Innisfail Food Bank.

Help support our Community in multiple ways... with Cookies.



**Please email us if you are able to help out: [penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)**



### Get your Penhold School End of An Era T-shirt or Hoodie



- \$25 Youth T-shirt (S-XL)
- \$30 Adult T-shirt (S-XXL)
- \$40 Youth Hoodie (S-XL)
- \$50 Adult Hoodie (S-XXL)

Join us in remembering a special part of our community's history with a commemorative shirt

Visit Penhold School Parent Council on Facebook or email [penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:penholdelementary.schoolcouncil@gmail.com) to order

Penhold Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

## BAD Christmas CAROLLERS

**Get in the Christmas spirit with this family fun activity!**  
**The Bad Carollers are coming to town!**

Funds raised are going right back into the community to assist families in need during the school year. See the PES parent council Facebook page, school sites, and your child's backpack for more details.

To give this amazing experience to someone or save yourself, please fill out the Google form:  
<https://forms.gle/xRzAvW5aVuxYV3R4Z>

Additional questions and details please contact:

Courtney (403) 396-8265  
[courtneysymes@hotmail.com](mailto:courtneysymes@hotmail.com)

Janice (403) 350-0950  
[cjdraper@shaw.ca](mailto:cjdraper@shaw.ca)

Margo (403) 304-8170  
[mgruenewald@cesd73.ca](mailto:mgruenewald@cesd73.ca)

- \*\$10 for initial booking – prebook in google form link
- \*\$10 to stop the music, Carollers leave
- \*\$15 to stop the music and send us elsewhere
- \*\$25 to NOT come back at all or prebook so they DON'T come at all
- \*\$5 request your favorite carol \*tips/donations of any sort welcome

**Town of Penhold Sunday, December 15, 2024 4-8 pm**

**Springbrook Monday, December 16, 2024 5-8 pm**



# December 2024 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
1	2	3	4 Dance to the Beat!	5	6 NO PYC!	7
8			11 Winter Wonderland Night!	12	13 NO PYC!	14
			18 Hockey Day!	19	20 Slimy Stuff!	
<div style="border: 2px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>NO PYC December 23rd – January 3rd</b>            PYC for grades 4-6 will start back up again on January 8th, 2025.         </div>			25 NO PYC!	26	27 NO PYC!	28
29	30	31				

# MERRY MINGLE

DEC. 7

12 TO 2PM

DROP-IN AND ENJOY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY

THE MESSENGERS

WITH COLOURING SHEETS FOR KIDS AS WELL AS REFRESHMENTS AND COOKIE DECORATING

We extend our heartfelt thanks to both the Wolfe Family and the Penhold ATB Financial for their generous donation towards our new playground! We deeply appreciate their support in getting us closer to achieving our goal!



## 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