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# TOMAHAWK SCHOOL



# Times

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February Edition

## Principal's Message...

Dear Families of Tomahawk School:

February is here! A delightfully short month that hints at the end of winter! Be sure to check the school calendar carefully as there are a few school holidays this month. Our teachers will be heading to their virtual convention on Feb 4th and 5th. These two days provide valuable workshops for teachers with great ideas, resources, and greatly appreciated professional support.

Monday, February 15th is Family Day. Even though we are all staying home, I hope your family will find an extra-special way to celebrate this year. Make some crafts, bake a cake together, or head outside for some fun in the snow as you make some great memories.

Mental Health is an important topic right now as the pandemic continues. We are doing our best to support our students including providing time with our school counselor, or our staff offering a listening ear when needed. However, if your child or your family could use some additional support please know that Tomahawk School can provide access to six free online sessions with a licensed psychologist. Please contact the office for information in complete confidentiality.

On February 24th we will celebrate Pink Shirt Day. The theme this year is "lift each other up" which is an important reminder of how we can use compassion and kindness to defeat bullying behaviour. So, let's wear our PINK proudly!

Tomahawk School has some grant funds available to assist families in need with some free hot lunches. If that would be helpful for your children, please contact the office and we would be happy to provide confidential assistance.

One of the best parts of my day is seeing the smiling faces of our students. The staff of Tomahawk School strives to make each day a wonderful day for our students. Thank you for all you do to support your child and to support our special country school.

Ms. Bell

## 2021 - 2022 School Registration



Online registration for 2021 – 2022 will begin February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by the office if you require assistance.

The link to the New Student Registration form (new students) will be added as a Quick Link on the homepage of psd70.ab.ca.

Families of returning students please check your email for a message from PowerSchool Registration Support.

There will be a computer set up in the office and help available to register if needed.

**Registration deadline to ensure you have your bus pass for the first day of school is March 25, 2021 @ 4:30pm**

## Preschool & Kindergarten Open House



**Calling all Preschool and Kindergarten age students.** Our Preschool and Kindergarten virtual open house will be Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

Please contact the office to make an online appointment.

## Covid Update

### Enhanced Mask Protocols

As enhanced provincial health measures are in place, all staff and Grade 4 - 9 students will be asked to wear a mask whenever they cannot

maintain minimal physical distancing from others in the school. This will include during class time unless students and staff can maintain a 2 m distance. Further information is available on the PSD website at [PSD Mask Protocol](#)

Please ensure you are reviewing the PSD website frequently for updates to various documents.

Feeling Sick? Here's What to do –

<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/News.php>

The Stay at Home Guide is a great resource for outlining symptoms and what to do.

[https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/Stay\\_At\\_Home\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/Stay_At_Home_Guide.pdf)

Information on Contact Tracing-

<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=23930&stream=Homepage%20News>

## No School – February 4, 5, 12 & 15

Mark your calendars there will be no school on the following dates:

Thursday, February 4 – Teachers Convention

Friday, February 5 – Teachers Convention

Friday, February 12 – PD Day

Monday, February 15 – Family Day Holiday

## Parent Teacher Student Conferences – February 23 & 25

Our term 2 Parent Teacher Student conferences will be held virtually Tuesday, February 23 & Thursday, February 25 from 4pm – 7pm. We will accommodate families who are unable to do virtual meetings.

Please contact the office to book your virtual or in person appointment.

## School Fee Statements

Student Fee statements will go home again at the beginning of March.

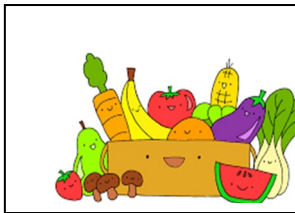
Fees can be paid by credit card online by accessing your parent portal or by sending a cheque to the school made out to Parkland School Division.

## Winter Weather



Winter weather is upon us. Please ensure that your child comes to school with mitts, hats, boots, a warm jacket and ski pants.

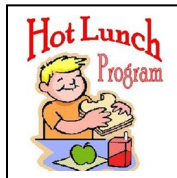
## Nutrition Nook



Our school is able to offer milk to all our students twice a week. We will also be stocking our nutrition nook fridge with a variety of health snacks. This is made possible through generous donations.

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## Friends of Tomahawk



Hot Lunch for February will be the following:

February 11<sup>th</sup> – French toast w/ bacon (whitebull restaurant) – **This is a Thursday**  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti w/ meat sauce (whitebull restaurant)  
February 26 - Individual pizza – (panago pizza)

Parent Council and Friends of Tomahawk will meet on Friday, February 19th from 9-11am.

You are welcome to attend this meeting in person or virtually.

Call the office at 780-339-3935 to RSVP.

## School Donations

Friends of Tomahawk have graciously donated funds so our school could purchase a variety of sizes of snowshoes. As well they have purchased a portable Bluetooth speaker system that will come in handy when we can once again have in-person assemblies and outdoor activities.

## Online Gradebook – Now Available

Parents will now have regular access to Gradebook through their Parent Portal to view student grades on assignments, projects and tests. Please view the video below for more information or contact the school. This access is a part of ensuring that parents have accurate and regular information on their child's academic record.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuOmBGA5FMY>

## Winter Walk Day – February 3rd

Hopefully the weather will continue to be mild for our Winter Walk Day on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will go out separately and enjoy walking our beautiful property.

## Science Fair – March 4

Students will be working hard during the month of February on their Science Fair Presentations. We will be sharing this via a google meet on March 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent out on how to access the google meet.



## **February**

- 3 – Winter Walk Day
- 4 – Teacher’s Convention – No School
- 5 – Teacher’s Convention – No School
- 11 - School Psychologist in
- 11 – Hot Lunch – French toast w/ bacon
- 12 – PD Day – No School
- 15 – Family Day – No School
- 17 – Preschool/Kindergarten Open House – 5-7pm - Virtually
- 19 – School Council Meeting – 9am
- 19 – Hot Lunch – Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
- 23 – Parent Teacher Student Conferences – 4-7pm
- 25 - School Psychologist in
- 25 – Monthly Recognition Assembly - virtual
- 25 – Parent Teacher Student Conferences – 4-7pm
- 26 – Hot Lunch – Individual pizzas

## **March**

- 4 – Science Fair Presentations
- 5 – PD Day – No School
- 11 – School Psychologist in
- 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 19 – School Council Meeting – 9am
- 23 – Term 2 report cards live on Parent Portal
- 25 – Monthly Recognition Assembly – virtual
- 26 – April 7 – Spring Break