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TOMAHAWK SCHOOL



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January Edition

Principal's Message...

Greetings Tomahawk School families,

January is a month of new beginnings, so I hope that all of our students are refreshed and ready to begin a new season of learning. Thank you to all our parents for helping students with our week of online learning. We are glad to be back together again at Tomahawk School.

We continue to maintain all the Covid protocols set forth by Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services. Students in grade 4 -9 will wear masks whenever they are in common areas or on the school bus, but all students are welcome to wear masks while at school if desired.

As Albertans, it has been a challenging time these past weeks as we have maintained our "bubbles" to the people in our homes. Please know that we all benefit from the good choices you are making. Together we are supporting the safety and wellbeing of our students and families.

January can also be a great time to start some new homework routines or plan for some family reading time. Students may also need some basic supplies replenished, such as pencils, erasers, or calculators. As always, please know that the support you give your child is greatly appreciated and is truly the foundation for their success at school.

May this truly be a Happy New Year for your family,

Fran Bell
Principal

Covid-19

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](#)

International Travel

If students have travelled outside of the country over the holidays, or you intend to travel internationally, please contact the school office for specific requirements. This does not apply to provincial travel at this time. Further information can be found on the PSD website at [Student Entry 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

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

Student Absences

Please remember to contact the office if your child will be away from school. You can call 780.339.3935 or email tomahawk@psd70.ab.ca

If you would like any missed work sent home, please ensure you contact your child's teacher.



School Fee Statements

Student Fee statements have gone home. Please contact the office if you have any questions. 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.

Santa's Anonymous Update

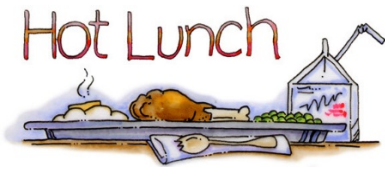
Our School and Community was able to donate numerous gifts as well as over \$1000 in Walmart gift cards to Santa's Anonymous in Drayton Valley.

A big thank you goes out to our Friends of Tomahawk and Bourke's Farm equipment for their generous donations.

Winter Fun Day

Winter Fun Day that was scheduled for December 18th was postponed. Please stay tuned for our rescheduled date.

Friends of Tomahawk



January Hot Lunch forms will go home on January 11th and are due back January 18th. No late orders will be accepted.

January 22 – Chicken fingers & fries
January 29- Cheeseburger & fries

Parent Council and Friends of Tomahawk will meet on Friday, January 22nd 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=UuOmBGaSFMY>

Preschool Fun!

Our youngest students, age 3 and 4, are enjoying a very fun time of learning every Monday and Wednesday morning. Our newest staff member, Mrs. Tina Badgerow, provides a stimulating classroom environment filled with play, laughter and learning. This year students have created numerous creative art projects, built snowmen outside together, and even travelled on special field trips around the classroom! It is wonderful to see our little learners beginning their school journey on a very positive note!

We still have room for more preschool munchkins, and soon it will be time for our new little ones to register for next year. Please continue to spread the word about our fabulous preschool here at Tomahawk School!

Winter Walk Day – February 3rd

Hopefully the weather will continue to be mild for our Winter Walk Day on Thursday, February 3rd. Classes will go out separately to enjoy walking our beautiful property.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who was able to order and enjoy the beautiful poinsettia and winter basket fundraiser put on by Friends of Tomahawk.

We will once again be doing the Spring flower fundraiser. Stay tuned for those details in April.

Grade 7-9 CTF Term 2

Students in Grade 7-9 will once again be doing options the week of January 25-29th. Students have the opportunity to do Photography, Guitar and Art.



January

- 4 – 8 – Online classes resume – All Grades
- 11 – In class learning resumes
- 14 – School Psychologist in
- 22 – Hot Lunch – Chicken fingers & fries
- 22 – Parent Council Meeting – 9am
- 25 – 29 – Grade 7-9 CTF Term 2
- 28 – Monthly Virtual Recognition Assembly
- 28 - School Psychologist in
- 29 – Cheeseburger & fries

February

- 3 – Winter Walk Day
- 4 – 5 – Teacher’s Convention – No School
- 11 - School Psychologist in
- 12 – PD Day – No School
- 15 – Family Day – No School
- 19 - Parent Council Meeting – 9am
- 25 - School Psychologist in
- 25 - Monthly Virtual Recognition Assembly