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# TOMAHAWK SCHOOL



# Times

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**March Edition**

## Principal's Message...

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

Goodbye, February and Hello, March! Winter seems to be slipping away although I am sure we are not done yet. The week of extremely cold weather certainly impacted our rural school with no busses running for four days. Thank you for your patience as we adjusted in the midst of that week to support students with some online learning. I realize it was a very quick change. Moving forward, please know that we will use our online classrooms to support our students, whether one or the whole class is absent. We welcome your feedback on how that support is working for your student and your family.

It is time for the annual Thought Exchange. Details are in this newsletter. I am hoping that the majority of our parents will take some time to share thoughts, concerns, and some positives. Your voice is very important to our school and your input is truly valued.

I am working on the final details of the Tomahawk School Education Plan. Moving forward, we will continue to prioritize a strong literacy program that supports all students to attain a reading ability at grade level. As well, we hope to inspire students with a love for reading! We will also focus on characteristics for success to ensure our students are academically successful, but also mentally, emotionally, and socially. We emphasize excellence in all teaching, and believe that collaboration between home and school is important. Finally, we value learning in Nature as we head outdoors on our beautiful property to take our learning outside on a regular basis.

Amidst the positive changes around us, we continue to maintain all health guidelines at school. Thank you for all you do to keep your family healthy as we all stay healthy too! Please stay safe, and please know that you are welcome to contact me anytime.

Fran Bell

## 2021 - 2022 School Registration



Online registration for 2021 – 2022 began February 10<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 or log on to your parent portal and do the returning student registration.

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 Registration

**Calling all Preschool and Kindergarten age students.** If you know children aged 3 or 4 who are interested in preschool, please contact the school.

Kindergarten registration is also open for students who will be 5 before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact the office at 780.339.3935 for more information.

## 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 – Professional Development Day



**Friday, March 5 – PD Day**

## Spring Break – No School

There will be no school from Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming students back after a restful spring break on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.

## Term 2 Report Cards



Term 2 report cards will be made available on your Parent Portal on Tuesday, March 23.

If you have any issues accessing your parent portal, please contact the office.

## Friends of Tomahawk



Hot Lunch for March will be the following:

March 12<sup>th</sup> – French toast w/ bacon (White Bull restaurant- credit given if already paid)

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Sub sandwiches (IGA Drayton Valley)

Parent Council and Friends of Tomahawk will meet on Friday, March 19th from 9-11am. Please call the office at 780-339-3935 to be added to the virtual invite.

This is a great way to stay connected with your school and community.

## Growing Smiles Flower Fundraiser

Tomahawk School is once again participating in a Spring Growing Smiles Flower Fundraiser. Information will go home before Spring Break. Our order deadline is April 22 with a delivery date of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Just in time for Mother's Day!



## PSD Thought Exchange

Parkland School Division is looking for your input on a variety of topics relating to Tomahawk School. **Your input is needed and valued!**

Please use the email that was sent February 22<sup>nd</sup> and follow the link, or contact the office for assistance. Deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Science Fair – March 4

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 have been working hard on their Genius Hour Projects, and Grades 5-9 are working on Science Fair projects.

In past years we invited family & friends into the school and students went class to class to view all the wonderful ideas. However, this year we will be posting a video of all the projects on our school website after March 4<sup>th</sup>.





## **March**

- 4 – Science Fair Presentations DUE
- 5 – PD Day – No School
- 11 – School Psychologist in
- 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 18 – School Psychologist In
- 19 – School Council Meeting Online – 9am
- 23 – Term 2 report cards live on Parent Portal
- 25 – Monthly Recognition Assembly – 12:30pm
- 25 – School Psychologist In
- 26 – April 6 – No School - Spring Break

## **April**

- 2 – Good Friday – No School
- 5 – Easter Monday – No School
- 6 – PD Day – No School
- 7 – Classes resume
- 8 – School Psychologist In
- 12 – 16 – Term 3 CTF – Grade 7-9
- 22 – School Psychologist In
- 23 – School Council Meeting Online – 9am
- 29 – Monthly Recognition Assembly – 12:30pm