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# TOMAHAWK SCHOOL

# Times

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October Edition

## Principal's Message...

Fall Greetings to All,

Our first month of school has flown by (literally, as we had some very windy days!) and we are settled into our routines for this year. It is wonderful to have our building bustling with the joy of learning in all our classrooms.

Certainly health protocols remain a big part of our new routines and it has been gratifying to see how the students have seamlessly adjusted. Hands are regularly cleaned and older students wear their masks faithfully as we all strive to maintain both a happy and healthy school community. Thank you so much for your role in completing daily health screenings and monitoring if your child needs to stay home. It is the commitment to help each other that makes Tomahawk School such a wonderful school! As the protocols change, we will continue to keep you informed.

We plan to hold our school assemblies on the last Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM. This month I introduced students to our focus on character development. We are using the word "LEADERS" to encourage the following values in all of our students: leadership, empathy, appreciation, determination, effort, respect, and service. As a staff we are looking forward to recognizing students each month for their outstanding effort in these key areas.

Again, I want to thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your child. This newsletter is filled with important information so thank you for taking time to note all of the upcoming events. We are all enjoying these beautiful Fall days and I hope many more are ahead!

Fran Bell - Principal

## Covid-19



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>

**Does your child have ANY of these symptoms?**

- fever
- cough (new/worsening chronic cough)
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new/worsening)
- runny nose
- sore throat

**Yes, that's my child. Now what?**

If your child has any of the above symptoms that are not related to a pre-existing health condition, you are **legally required** to self-isolate your child for a minimum of 10 days or until symptoms resolve—**whichever takes longer**. Call Health Link 811 and fill out the AHS Online Self-Assessment.

**When can my child return to school?**

Once your child completes his/her self-isolation or receives a negative COVID-19 test, a return to school is possible once you complete and submit PSD's Negative Test Declaration ([www.psd70.ab.ca/COVID19.php](http://www.psd70.ab.ca/COVID19.php)).

Your child does not have to self-isolate if he/she has tested negative for COVID-19 and has a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing health condition. AHS suggest that anyone feeling sick stay home, until symptoms resolve; however, if your child's COVID-19 test is negative, this is not legally required.

**Does your child have ANY of these symptoms?**

- chills
- painful swallowing
- stuffy nose
- headache
- muscle or joint aches
- feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- loss of sense of smell or taste
- conjunctivitis (i.e. pink eye)

**Yes, that's my child. Now what?**

AHS strongly advises that you keep your child at home and minimize contact with others until he/she is feeling better.

**When can my child return to school?**

Your child can return to school once his/her symptoms resolve.

## PD Day/ Thanksgiving – No School

Mark your calendars. There will be no school on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> & Monday, October 12 for our PD Day and Thanksgiving.

## School Fees

School fees for 2020-21 are now posted to your Powerschool parent portal.

### 2020-2021 School Fee Guidelines:

- PLAY Tomahawk - (Inline Skating, Camp Yowochas, Curling) - \$40.00
- Nature Extension Programming Fee (K-6) - \$15.00
- Field Trip Fee - \$30.00
- Cultural Fee - \$20.00
- Swimming (K-6) \$29.50
- CTF Complimentary Courses (6-9) \$40.00/Term

Fees can be paid by credit card on your Parent Portal or by cheque made payable to "Parkland School Division".

## Stay Connected to the School

There are many ways to stay connected to the school.

**School Website** – Check out our school website <http://tomahawk.psd70.ab.ca/> for the latest events & activities at our school.

**Facebook** – Like our page @TomahawkSchool to get updates on events.

## Monthly Recognition Assembly



Please join us on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:00pm for our virtual monthly recognition assembly.

We will send the link out via School Messenger on or before October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Inline Skating – October 13-16

Once again this year we will have ALIEN IN-LINE SKATING coming to demonstrate and instruct students as all classes participate in in-line skating.

We will be taking all precautions around sanitizing and keeping students within their cohorts.



### Does your child have medical information we should add to their file?

The new school year is a great time to update the school with any new medical information regarding your child.

If your child has a pre-existing condition that may present symptoms at school, please contact the school office to complete a Pre-existing form. This is particularly helpful for allergies or similar conditions.

### Angela Young - Psychologist

Tomahawk School once again will have our school Psychologist, Mrs. Angela Young, joining us this year. Mrs. Young will join us every other Thursday throughout the year.

All students are welcome to see her but a consent form is required. Please see the office for a welcome letter and consent form.

### School Photos Retakes – October 29

If you were absent for picture day or would like to have retakes done, they are scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.



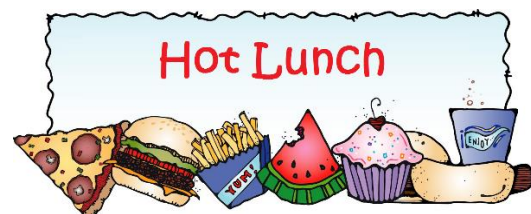
### Friends of Tomahawk

**Our next Parent Council/Friends of Tomahawk meeting will be Friday, October 16th from 9 AM to 11AM.**

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as your input is truly valued. If you are attending in person, please RSVP to the office so we can ensure we have a large enough space. If you prefer to attend virtually, please contact the office for the link to the meeting. See you there!

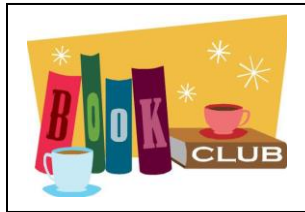
### Hot Lunch Update

We know that our students and families are missing the start-up of our Hot Lunch menu. At this time, due to AHS regulations, we are not able to prepare our regular hot lunch items in our school kitchen. But we are working on a solution! Our hot lunch committee is working with local restaurants to prepare healthy and delicious items for our students. We hope to have a menu home to you after Thanksgiving. As well, we always welcome volunteers who would like to help with hot lunch, so please contact the school office.



## Library Events

Our library is open to the public by appointment. Please call Mrs. Goerz at 780-339-3935 to make an appointment.



Book Club will begin again on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## Tomahawk Playschool is starting in October!

Tomahawk Community Playschool will be starting Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have a 3 or 4-year-old that would be interested in joining this program, please contact the school at 780-339-3935.



## Immunization – Grade 6 & 9 (and 7) s

AHS will once again be coming to the school for Grade 6 & 9 immunization. The first round of immunization will happen November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our Grade 7's who missed having their round 2 immunizations last spring will have the opportunity in November as well. The consent form you signed last year is still valid.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be on **Tuesday, October 20 & Thursday, October 22 from 4-7pm.**

This year we are strongly encouraging families to meet with their child's teacher virtually. We will be setting up 15 minute meets.

Please contact the school office if you would like to schedule a virtual meet. As we know that virtual may not be convenient for everyone will have spots available for in-person interviews as well.

## Terry Fox Run

On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> students will be heading outside with their cohorts and running for Terry Fox.

Pledge forms went home on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be collected until October 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to donate online, please visit <http://www.terryfox.ca/Tomahawk>

## Orange Shirt Day

**Friday, October 2nd we are encouraging students to wear an orange shirt** to show solidarity with Indigenous peoples and the reconciliation surrounding Residential Schools. Orange Shirt Day began when Phyllis Webstad bought a beautiful bright orange shirt for her first day of school- only to arrive at a Residential School where it was taken from her, and she was forced to wear the uniforms, and cut her hair to assimilate with Western culture. Now it is worn as a symbol of anti-racism, and anti-bullying. We will be using Orange Shirt Day as a way to promote awareness about the role Residential Schools hold in Canadian History. Hiy hiy (Metis for 'thank you').



## **October**

- 2 – Grade 5-9 Nature Extension field trip**
- 2 – Orange Shirt Day**
- 9 – PD Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 12 – Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 13 – 16 Alien In-line Skating – Tomahawk Agra – K-9**
- 14 – Tomahawk Playschool starts**
- 20 – Parent Teacher Interviews - 4-7pm - Virtually**
- 20 - Swimming Lessons – Park Valley Pool -Grade 1/2**
- 20 – Book Club in the Library – 10am**
- 21 - Swimming Lessons – Park Valley Pool -Grade 1/2**
- 22 - 21 - Swimming Lessons – Park Valley Pool - Grade 1/2**
- 22 – Parent Teacher Interviews - 4-7pm - Virtually**
- 26 - Swimming Lessons – Park Valley Pool -Grade 1/2**
- 27 - Swimming Lessons – Park Valley Pool -Grade 1/2**
- 29 – School picture retakes**
- 29 – Monthly Recognition Assembly - 12:30 – 1pm**