

February 2023 Principal Message

Welcome to Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis. Let's talk about changes with our portables. Happy Kindness month! This is a short month but it is a busy month around school. Here are some key points:

- Feb and March are SURVEY months for Alberta Education. I will complete student surveys with Grade 4-9 and parents will receive a survey in the mail. Did you get a survey yet? We will try to promote the importance for parents to complete the survey. Eventually we will get the results released to us.
- Registration time for PSD. Parents should be registering their children for next year to allow the bus schedules to also be created. We will promote registration in the newsletter.
- I am working on an order form for SCHOOL SWAG. At the end I will show you what I have so far as I welcome your feedback. I am looking forward to making these items available.
- I am also creating a sports shirt for our Badminton, Archery and Basketball teams. The shirts will be available to purchase at a reduced price for team members.
- Archery is going well and students are starting to attend various tournaments of their choice. The school spent over \$1000 on new targets and repairs to bows and arrows. Although not ideal, it was important to keep the equipment well maintained.
- Our Grade 9 students are having their first in-person meeting with Memorial High School on Friday. This will start the process of registering and picking courses for Grade 10. We have 9 students potentially heading to MCHS.
- We had a great time hosting a SCHOOL TOUR for trustees, PSD Executive, and a County Councillor. Students were able to interact in a number of grades, including sharing the dioramas from Grade 6/7 and some time visiting with Kindergarten and 8/9. It was a successful tour as the school looked fabulous and we highlighted the many great programs at Tomahawk School.
- All the classes enjoyed a virtual field trip on Farm Safety. It was great to see our students benefiting from this important safety lesson.
- Like all PSD schools, our students completed a standardized writing assignment this month. Stories were written in every grade and the mark will be recorded digitally to allow student growth to be compared over the years. Parents will see the assignment at the upcoming PTIs in March.
- Teachers all enjoyed an excellent Convention. On our recent PD day all the teachers shared about some of their learning and all of us had relevant and meaningful classes.
- Basketball is wrapping up and soon Badminton will start. There is a lot of interest in Badminton so we are excited about possibly having two teams. :)
- Finally, our CTF for Junior High is at the end of the month.
- Plus we hosted a DANCE for Wabamun, Entwistle, and our school. It was great! There is as much interest in buying pop and candy as dancing :)
- Our teacher on leave is anticipated to return on March 20th, but that will be confirmed closer to the date.
- Wear PINK tomorrow as we all focus on kindness and promote no bullying!
- Winter Fun Day... moved date to March 5th.

WHEW...no wonder we are all feeling busy. 😊

Sincerely,

Ms. Bell
Principal