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Principal's Message...

Welcome Back! It is always exciting to start a new school year. It is so wonderful to see our students arrive with big smiles (well, most of them!), and ready to start a brand new year. Teachers have been busy setting up classrooms and planning for a great year ahead. We really are so grateful that you are a part of the Tomahawk School community, and for entrusting us with educating your child.

Tomahawk School truly values our connection with parents, as we work as a team. Please mark September 20th on your calendar to drop by the school any time between 4:30 -7 PM to "Meet the Teacher." Also mark September 14th to attend the Annual General Meeting for our School/Parent Council meeting. Teachers will be setting up email contacts with all parents to ensure regular communication. Finally, come to the school library on Sept 13th from 6-8 PM for a workshop on using Powerschool, the App that allows you to have immediate access to marks for your student.

This newsletter is one important way that we keep parents informed. It is sent home digitally and in paper form. We welcome your comments and suggestions for other ways we can maintain clear and timely communication. Please be sure the school has your current email and cell number.

Welcome to an exciting new school year! Ms. Bell - Principal

CHECK OUT.... STRONG FAMILIES - STARTING THE YEAR IN STRENGTH

Attend a session to discover some great strategies for heading back to school and dealing with anxiety. The session is September 19th from 6:30 to 8 PM held at the Center for Education in Stony Plain. More information and registration can be found at:

<https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/strong-families-september-19>

Welcome Back and Meet the Teacher



Welcome back to a new school year! We are so excited to see all of the student's faces once again. As a welcome back, and kick off to the school year, we will be hosting a **Meet the Teacher** event on **Wednesday, September 20th**, from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Hot dogs and light snacks will be available, so come on by and say hello to our teachers. We hope to see you there!

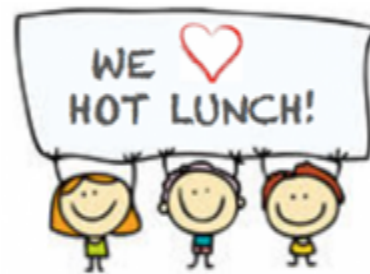
Terry Fox Run

Tomahawk School will be hosting our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 22nd. All students will assemble in the gym after lunch for a short presentation, followed by the run for all students. Students are encouraged to wear either Canada gear or red and white clothing for the Terry Fox Run. Pledge forms will be sent home next week, and additional information will follow very soon!

School Council & Friends of Tomahawk

Have you ever thought about joining the Tomahawk School Council? It is a great way to stay connected, and to learn about what is happening at the school and in the community. School Council/Friends of Tomahawk School Society is hosting their Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, September 14 at 7:00pm**. Meetings are held once per month, and all are welcome. Please plan to attend!

Hot Lunch



Hot lunch order forms have been sent home for **September AND October**. We ask that the forms for both months be returned by **Friday, September 15**.

Hot Lunch for **September** will be the following:

September 21 - Chicken Burger & Caesar Salad

September 28 - Taco Beef Quesadillas & Veggies

Cross Country Running

The school year has just started, but our first extra-curricular activity of the year, **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING**, is right around the corner! Below are the dates and locations of the upcoming runs. You must register at our school office and get a school Tshirt before you head to a race! Tomahawk Staff will be helping at the Entwistle race so hope to see you there!

September 14 - Blueberry School

September 21 - Living Waters (@ Jubilee Park)

September 28 - Entwistle School

October 5 - Woodhaven School

October 12 - Meridian Heights School

October 19 - High Park School



Parkland County FCSS Open Air Cinema

Pack your lawn chairs, cozy blanket, and join Parkland County FCSS for their 2nd annual outdoor movie at the Wabamun Coal Diamond Sports Park on Friday, September 15th. Entry begins at 6:00pm, and The Super Mario Bros. movie starts at sunset. There will be prizes for best dressed, so dress up as your favourite Super Mario character. In lieu of admission, non-perishable food donations will be accepted. There will be a concession stand on site; youth 12 & under require adult supervision. Please note that pets are not permitted (service animals allowed), and limited parking is available on site.

School Counselor

We are excited to introduce our new school counselor, Ms. Yvonne Germscheid. She will be in the school every Tuesday to meet with students. If you would like to meet with Ms. Germscheid, or would like your student to meet with her, please contact the office so that a referral can be made.

PowerSchool Info Session

Parkland County is hosting a POWERSCHOOLI info session at the Tomahawk Public Library on Wednesday, September 13, from 6:00-8:00pm. Join us to learn how to use PowerSchool to check your child's assignments, grades, attendance, etc. Learn the ins and outs of PowerSchool, so that you can keep on top of your child's progress at school. Check out the Fall Program Guide for more information.

<https://www.tricala.ca/take-a-class>

2023 - 2024 School Fees

School fees for the 2023-2024 school year have now been added to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Payments can be made online by credit card, or in person by cash, or a cheque made payable to "Parkland School Division".

Orange Shirt Day

Friday, September 29th is Orange Shirt Day at Tomahawk School, and we are encouraging students to wear an orange shirt to show solidarity with Indigenous peoples, as we continue to move towards reconciliation. This is a day to promote awareness of the role Residential School holds in Canadian History.

School Handbook

With the start of a new school year, we always encourage families to review our School Handbook, which includes the Student Code of Conduct. The handbook can be found on our school website under publications on the 'Our School' tab, or by using the following link: <https://tomahawk.psd.ca/about/publications>

Bus Status 4 App

The former Bus Status App has received a major update, and on September 29 it will no longer work. Please delete the old version, and download the new **Bus Status 4** app for your mobile phone. The app is available for iOS and Android. The new version is faster, more reliable and optimized for school divisions and families. **Please note: Bus drivers are still needed in our area. Contact PSD Transportation department @ 780-963-8452 if you are interested.**



September

- 5 - School Counselor In
- 6 - First day for Tomahawk Preschool
- 12 - School Counselor In
- 13 - PowerSchool Info Session - 6:00-8:00pm at the Tomahawk School Library
- 14 - Cross Country - Blueberry School
- 14 - School Council AGM - 7:00 pm at Tomahawk School
- 19 - School Counselor In
- 20 - Meet the Teacher - 4:30 - 7:00 pm (Hot Dogs and Watermelon will be served)
- 21 - Hot Lunch - Chicken Burgers & Caesar Salad
- 21 - Fitset Ninja at Tomahawk School
- 21 - Cross Country - Living Waters @ Jubilee Park
- 22 - Terry Fox Run
- 26 - School Counselor In
- 28 - Hot Lunch - Taco Beef Quesadillas & Veggies
- 28 - September Recognition Assembly - 2:00pm
- 28 - Cross Country Run - Entwistle
- 29 - Orange Shirt Day
- 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

- 5 - World Teachers' Day
- 5 - Cross Country - Woodhaven
- 6 - No School - PD Day
- 9 - No School - Thanksgiving