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Times

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Principal's Message...

Dear Tomahawk School Families,

Welcome to 2024! A new year brings a wonderful sense of excitement and possibilities, and it is the same at Tomahawk School. Our students are working hard as our classrooms hum with activity and the joy of learning. Students and teachers are hard at work, and you should be seeing good progress from your child.

Speaking of progress, report cards will be available online on Tuesday, January 30th. Please take the time to review your child's report card, and contact the teacher if you have any questions. If you prefer a printed copy, rather than online, just contact the office and we will gladly send a copy home. This is the first formal report card since September, so it is an important communication tool between home and school.

We continue our focus on providing our students with extracurricular opportunities. Our Grade 6-9 basketball team is busy playing games each week. Archery starts on January 16th, and the Grade 4-9 club is full. We have many Grade 4 students interested this year, so Archery continues to be very popular at Tomahawk School. We also have a special day planned for all students to participate in an introduction to curling on January 25th. We love to see our students enjoying new sports!

On Monday, January 29th we will be inviting our parents to join us again for Family Literacy Day to read with their child from 2:30 to 3:00 PM. We love to have parents in our school, and this is always a great time to highlight the importance of reading. Reading has so many benefits, and we all enjoy taking a bit of time for the whole school to curl up and enjoy a good book.

Welcome to a wonderful new year. Thank you for being a part of our school family.

Fran Bell - Principal

Archery - Grades 4-9

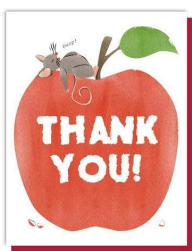
Archery season is upon us! Archery will run every Tuesday from 3:15 - 4:30, beginning January 16th. Students will be bussed to the Tomahawk Agra each Tuesday, but parents will need to pick up their child afterwards at 4:30. A BIG thank you to the Tomahawk Agra, and the Tomahawk Bow Benders for allowing us to use the facility and equipment.



December Recognition Assembly

We welcome family members to join us on **Thursday, January 11 at 2:00pm** for our December recognition assembly. In the past we have held our monthly recognition assemblies at the end of each month, but moving forward we will be scheduling our assemblies for the first Thursday of the following month.

Santa's Anonymous - Thank You



We are so pleased to announce that our school and community donated numerous toys and gifts, gift cards and monetary donations, totalling over **\$1000** to Santa's Anonymous in Drayton

Valley. Thank you to all who were able to take part.

A big thank you goes out to Friends of Tomahawk School for their generous donation.

Family Literacy Day - January 29th

We invite parents and families to join us on January 29th for Family Literacy Day. Bring a favourite book and plan to read with your child from 2:30 - 3:00pm.



Reporting Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to contact the school office, and their teacher. You can call 780.339.3935 or email tomahawk@psd.ca. On days when buses are canceled, please report that your child is safe at home, so that our records are accurate.

Peanut Butter

As part of our Tomahawk School nutrition program, we have been receiving bagged lunches for our students. Some of the sandwiches in the bagged lunches contain peanut butter, so please let us know at the office if this is a concern for you or your child due to a peanut allergy.

School Council/Friends of Tomahawk

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 7:30 pm**. As always, we would love to see some new faces, so if your schedule allows, please join using the following link:

meet.google.com/qsq-iybt-raq

January Hot Lunch



January 11 - Sub Sandwiches & Chips

January 18 - Grilled Cheese w/ Soup OR Veggies

January 25 - Domino's Pizza

Winter Weather - It's Here!



Well it looks like Winter has finally shown up! When the outside temperature drops below -23 with wind chill, students stay indoors for recess.

However, please be sure that your child comes to school with proper winter clothing and footwear, and is prepared for all types of weather while at school and on the bus.

PSD Stronger Together Newsletter

Did you know that Parkland School Division publishes a monthly newsletter with information, opportunities and strategies to help families navigate their child's educational journey? To view current or past issues, or for more Stronger Families information, visit the website with the following link:

[Stronger Families Page](#)

School Fees

School fees for 2023-24 are now posted to your Powerschool parent portal. Fees can be paid by credit card on your Parent Portal or by cheque made payable to "Parkland School Division".

Share A Thought

Tomahawk School and Parkland School Division rely on stakeholder feedback to learn and improve for the benefit of students, families, staff and the community. Use your phone's camera or a QR code reader app to scan the QR code to share your thoughts!



Report Cards

Semester 1 report cards will go live, and be available for viewing on your ParentPortal account on Tuesday, January 30th. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the office and we can print one for you.

Rocks and Rings Curling

On January 25, Alberta Ag Producers will be coming to Tomahawk School for an introduction to curling called 'Rocks & Rings'. Students will be given instruction on the sport of curling, and then have an opportunity to curl on a modified rink.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

January

8 - Back to School

9 - School Counselor In

11 - Hot Lunch - Sub Sandwich & Chips

11 - December Recognition Assembly - 2:00pm

15 - Peace Officer Jesse Visit - Grade 5 -9 (Morning)

16 - School Counselor In

16 - School Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

18- Hot Lunch - Grilled Cheese with Soup OR Veggies

23 - School Counselor In

24 - Bell Let's Talk Day

25 - Rocks & Rings Introduction to Curling

25 - Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza

29 - Family Literacy Day - 2:30 - 3:00pm

30 - Hawaiian Theme Day

30 - School Counselor In

30 - Semester 1 Report Cards Go Live

31 - Semester 2 Begins