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Principal's Message...

Dear Tomahawk School Families,

Spring break is behind us already, and our students have arrived back to school...some look refreshed and some look a bit sleepy! However, the beautiful spring weather will have everyone happy to be outside at recess time. It is springtime, which means that our weather will have the usual Alberta changes, so please ensure your student still brings a jacket, and wears rain boots or outside shoes that can handle some mud!

I have a number of important news items to share with you. First, our Gym renovation will start in early May, so you will see that the gym will be closed once the renovation officially starts. Students will be having their Physical Education classes outside for May and June. The intention of starting in May is to try to have the renovation complete for September, which is very exciting for all of us!

Second, our Grade 6 students will have a change in their expected schedule for Provincial Achievement Tests. Grade 6 students will NOT write a PAT in English Language Arts or Math this year. The recent implementation of a new curriculum has made it challenging for students to learn so much new material in one year, thus the PAT for those two subjects has been removed. Grade 6 students will still write a PAT in Social Studies and Science.

Finally, sadly I want to share that I have resigned my position as Principal of Tomahawk School. I will be moving to a new position with Alberta Education next year. Over the last five years I have grown and changed with the school, and I have appreciated all of the relationships I have formed. Tomahawk School will always be a special place for me. However, I am very excited for our delightful school to have a new Principal coming aboard next year. I know that whoever it is will help Tomahawk School to grow and flourish in the years ahead.

May the joy of Spring be yours, Fran Bell Principal

Growing Smiles Fundraiser



Our Growing Smiles Flower Fundraiser forms will be sent home later this week. **The order deadline is April 23rd, with a delivery date of May 9th. Just in time for Mother's Day!**

Grade 7-9 CTF - April 15th - 19th

Our Grade 7-9 students will have their Term 3 CTF classes the week of April 15th - 19th. This will be their final CTF week, as students have had the opportunity to rotate through Sports Medicine, Foods and Art this year.

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, or use the link to share your thoughts!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oQdVD-Fx3qhoeScHyuKiEwLuzzwFofl0q1DzcJ2StHQ/edit>



Tomahawk Agra - Birdhouse Building

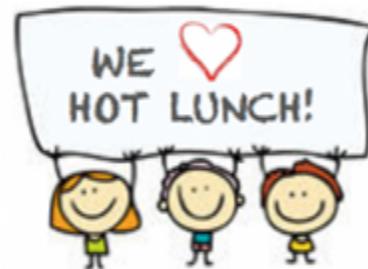


The Tomahawk Agra is hosting a birdhouse building event on Saturday, April 20th. Pre-register by April 5th, by calling Joyce at 780-339-2412, or by email at

tomahawkagra@gmail.com

Friends of Tomahawk & Hot Lunch

The Tomahawk School Council/Friends of Tomahawk will host their next meeting on **April 16th, 2023 @ 7:30 pm**. Taking part in School Council is a great way to stay connected to your school and community!



Hot Lunch for April will be the following:

April 4 - Taco in a Bag

April 11 - Lasagna Soup w/ bun.

April 18 - Domino's Pizza

April 25 - Perogies & Garlic Sausage

Powwow Practice - April 12th & May 10th



Prescott Learning Centre in Spruce Grove is hosting dance instructor Mariah Dumont, along with guest singers from Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation for Powwow Practice on April 12th & May 10th, from 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome at this family friendly event. For more info, email admin@skydancerindigenous.com

Solar Eclipse - April 8th

On Monday, April 8th our area will experience a partial solar eclipse. It is extremely dangerous to look directly at the sun, even with dark sunglasses. Only approved glasses made for a solar eclipse should be used. We recognize that this is a special scientific event, but we also want to make student safety a priority. The eclipse will be visible from about 11:54 to 1:40. We will be moving our recess time to ensure we are inside during the event. Students will not be allowed outside during the time of the eclipse. We will have a special viewing in the gym for students to watch as it is live streamed. Please discuss the special event with your child, and remind them of the danger of looking at the sun during this time period. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Parkland County Summer Day Camps



Parkland County is hosting Summer Day Camps this summer, and will have one at the Tomahawk Agra from Aug 6-9. The 4 day camp runs from 9am-4pm, and is \$80/person. Registration is now open. Visit www.parklandcounty.com/SummerCamps for more information.

West End Meeting - April 23rd

Please hold the date in your calendar for a special meeting that is planned for April 23rd at Wabamun School, beginning at 6:00pm. All of the West end schools, along with PSD Trustees and County of Parkland members, will be meeting to discuss the advantages and concerns of rural schools. We hope to see many of our Tomahawk School families there.

National Volunteer Week - April 14th - 20th

Mark your calendars - April 14th to 20th is National Volunteer week. Be sure to recognize the volunteers that you know, and let them know that they are doing a great job!



dates to Remember

April

2 - School Counselor In

4 - Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag

4 - Monthly Recognition Assembly - 2:00pm

8 - Partial Solar Eclipse

9 - School Counselor In

11 - Hot Lunch - Lasagna Soup

15 - 19 - Jr. High CTF #3

16 - School Counselor In

16 - School Council Meeting - Online - 7:30pm

18 - Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza

23 - School Counselor In

23 - Growing Smiles Fundraiser Orders Due

23 - West End Rural Advantage Meeting - Wabamun School - 6:00pm

25 - Hot Lunch - Perogies & Garlic Sausage

25 - Spring Concert - 1:30 & 6:30pm

30 - School Counselor In

30 - Birdhouse Building Day - Kindergarten - Gr 7