

September 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		August 30	31 Day 1	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3
4	5 Labour Day (No School)	6 Day 4 First Day ECS	7 Day 5	8 Day 1 Pot Luck Supper 6pm	9 Day 2	10
11	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17
18	19 Day 3 School Council Meeting 7pm	20 Day 4 Hot Dog Day	21 Day 5	22 Day 1 X-Cross Country Run	23 Prof. Dev. (No School For Students)	24
25	26 Alternate Day	27 Day 2	28 Day 3 Terry Fox School Run @ 1:00	29 Day 4 Awards Night 7:00 pm	30 Day 5	

AUGUST

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Welcome back to another school year.

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Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful and restful summer break. I know that I enjoyed my time, as I got to spend time with family and friends, despite the wet weather.

As we begin the new year, we are celebrating the wonderful new playground. What a terrific example of teamwork and persistence has been set by our communities and our volunteers. We are spending extra time on the playground to allow the students an opportunity to explore the possibilities. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

As always at the beginning of a new year we have said goodbye to a few familiar faces and we have several new faces to our school community. I would like to welcome the following students and their families:

In Kindergarten:	Scotty Gagnon
	Samantha Giesbrecht
	Derek Hensch
	Destany Metzger
	Rylan Metzner-Mundt
	Tanner Miller
	Korben Siebold
	Kianna Stadnyk
	Scotty Stewart
In Grade One:	Malachi Jackson
In Grade Three:	Elias Metzner-Mundt
In Grade Four:	Madeline Sampert
In Grade Six:	Carter Mundt

Assessment News

Our number one goal continues to be regular and consistent communication with parents and students regarding student progress in academic subjects, effort/attitude and behaviour. In order to achieve this we have established the following guidelines, which are consistent with the Pembina Hills Regional Division Assessment Policy AP 60-1:

1. Each teacher will contact parents at least once a month. This contact could be by having parents sign and return various items, by phone calls, emails, progress reports, meetings (formal and informal), and other similar contacts. This year, you will also be receiving, at the October goal setting conferences, a letter with instructions and a password so that you can access Power School at any time. Elementary teachers have committed to updating Power School Grade Book on the last Friday of each month and the junior high students will have more frequent updates due to the nature of the courses in junior high. The number of written progress reports will be decreased to three plus the final report card. The reduction in number is due to increased Power School access and to feedback

from our parents who said the reports were too close together to be meaningful. Of course, as always, you are encouraged to contact your child's teacher (s) anytime you have questions or concerns.

2. All teachers will send home quizzes, tests and major assignments to be signed and returned when appropriate. These will then be placed in assessment binders in the teacher's classroom. Teachers in higher grades will also send home course outlines, and sometimes unit outlines, to be signed and returned. Please note that many additional assessments are done on a daily basis, such as questioning students for understanding, using white boards for student response, SMART Board activities and so on. These formative assessments allow teachers and students to get a quick sense of the level of understanding of various concepts, but do not result in traditional "marks". These types of assessment help teachers plan for student success at least as much as the above items.

3. There will be two scheduled conferences through the year, with an additional conference in March if parents or teachers of a particular student request it.

Conference 1: October 3 and 4

PURPOSE: to get to know the students better and to establish strategies and goals to help students achieve at increasingly higher levels. Also, to distribute Power School passwords and instructions.

Conference 2: January 30st and 31st

PURPOSE: to review student progress in all areas and to plan together to ensure continued success and to make necessary adjustments to previous plans.

4. In addition to the above conferences, there will be 3 written progress reports, which will be focussed on student progress in academic subjects, effort/attitude, and behaviour.

Progress Report I November 10, 2011

Progress Report II January 26th, 2012

Progress Report III April 26th, 2012

One copy of each of these reports will be sent home along with a purple sheet which we ask you to sign and return acknowledging that you have received it.

5. The summative final report card will be sent home on June 28, 2012.
6. As always, we would encourage parents to contact us when you have any questions or concerns. It is never necessary to wait for the above dates.

We are looking forward to an excellent year and I am looking forward to seeing you all at next week's potluck and Playground Grand Opening.

Have a great month!

Lisa Gehring, Principal

FAMILY NIGHT POT LUCK SUPPER

On Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 6:00, we will host our annual Family Night and the Grand Opening of our new playground. It is a Pot Luck Supper at W.R. Frose School. Please bring a salad or a side dish. Hamburgers will be provided.

AWARDS NIGHT - Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 pm
We will be having the grade six, seven, and eight (2010-11) School Year).



W.R. FROSE SCHOOL COUNCIL

General meetings will be held bi-monthly starting with the first meeting which will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Milk Sales

Students may pre-order milk from September-December, January-March and April-June at a cost of 75¢ per carton (pre-order forms are sent home with students) or they may purchase milk on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Fridays at a cost of 80¢ per carton.

ICE CREAM SALES

We will be offering ice cream again this year. We order Chapman's, it is a nut free product. Cost of ice cream will be between \$1.25 and \$.60.



JUICE SALES

Juice is available from the general office. We removed the machine last year due to cost of the product and are now purchasing cases of juice and selling them through the office at a cost of \$1.00.

2011/2012 TEACHERS

Our homeroom teachers are: ECS – Diana Klassen; Gr. - 1/2 Diana Klassen; Gr. - 3/4 Anna McCann; Gr. - 5/6 Lisa Gehring; Gr. 7/8 Mr. Thompson

SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

Communications/information coming from the school office will be sent home on golden rod paper the calendar, monthly newsletter and other information for parents. The lilac coloured paper will be strictly used for paper work that needs to be returned to the school. These will be milk orders, consent forms, and any other materials that require signatures.



Teachers will be sending home bi-monthly newsletters (Sept, Nov., Mar., April)

Most communication/information notices are sent home with the youngest child in each family. Please remind your children they are our link between school and home and it is important that the information gets through! We would like to use e-mail if possible for communication home. If parents would prefer an e-mail from the school, please contact Florence as soon as possible and she will have a directory set up for teachers. Powerschool passwords will be handed out at October goal setting conference.

PARENT/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

At various times throughout the school year teachers need the help of volunteers for assorted tasks (i.e. assisting students in the classroom, material preparation, organizing class celebrations/special days, helping photographer on school photo day, Soccer Tournament, Science Fair, Track Meet, Library helpers, etc.) If you are interested in helping, contact your child's homeroom teacher or Florence in the general office (954-3827).

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



As per PHRD Policy 402.5, anyone transporting students to and/or from the school-sponsored activities must fill out a **"volunteer driver authorization form" for each new school year** (available at the school). When filling out the form, volunteers must check with their insurance company to ensure that they are adequately protected (minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00). If you are interested in being a volunteer driver, please contact Florence for a form. (The form only has to be completed once per year and is kept on file for the school year.)

MAGAZINES SALES/RENEWALS

The magazine campaign will begin next week and will continue until the end of the month. The grade 5/6/7/8 students will be taking orders for new or renewed magazine subscriptions.

NB: When you order through this program, you pay no more (sometimes even less). QSP will honor any savings coupon for a magazine but not merchandise offers and a substantial portion of the subscription price "stays at home" to support school projects!



SWIMMING

Students in grades one/two/seven/eight, three/four, five/six will be participating in swim lessons during the 2011/12 school year. The cost of these lessons will be \$50.00 per student (\$27.50 for lessons and \$18.50 for bussing). No dates are available at yet.

RECYCLING



The library is still collecting Campbell soup labels and used stamps. Campbell soup labels are redeemed for sports and science equipment for the school. Students also recycle pop cans, juice and other containers. We use the funds from the recycle to purchase equipment in our school. With the proceeds from a few years we were able to purchase the milk fridge and color printer last year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Individual student and class photos will be taken on October 11. Pre-view envelopes will be sent home approximately one-two weeks after photos are taken.

STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES

There will be two scheduled conferences through the year, with an additional conference in March if parents or teachers of a particular student request it.

Conference 1: October 3 and 4

PURPOSE: to get to know the students better and to establish strategies and goals to help students achieve at increasingly higher levels.

Conference 2: January 30th and 31st

PURPOSE: to review student progress in all areas and to plan together to ensure continued success and to make necessary adjustments to previous plans.

In addition to the above conferences, there will be 4 written progress reports, which will be focused

on student progress in academic subjects, effort/attitude, and behaviour.

Progress Report I November 2011

Progress Report II January 2012

Progress Report III April 2012

Final Report Card June 28, 2012

Two copies of each of these reports will be sent home. The one on yellow paper is yours to keep.

We ask that you sign and return the purple copy, so that we can keep a record of it in our assessment binders.

ASPEN HEALTH DENTAL SERVICES

Dental screenings are planned for Kindergarten to grade six students. Kindergarten students are offered the Fluoride Varnish program procedure that effectively prevents and even stops cavities in the early stages. This procedure is done conveniently in the school (two applications per student per year). Parental consents for all of the above procedures will be sent home early in the school year.

\$ SCHOOL FEES \$

Pembina Hills Regional Division #7 levies an instructional materials and insurance fee of \$50.00 for Kindergarten students, \$60.00 for students in grades one to six, and \$70.00 for students in grades seven and eight (or a "family rate" of **\$230.00 if paid by September 30**). These fees are used for the purchase of supplies such as textbooks, workbooks, paper supplies, phys. eq. equipment, science equipment, etc.

An insurance fee of \$1.00 per student is included in the instructional fee and is for a divisional "blanket coverage" which includes the Seaboard Life Assurance "Basic Plan". The basic plan provides coverage for school days and school related activities. Parents can apply for additional coverage if they wish. Forms have been sent home with students.

Students (Kindergarten to grade six) pay a \$6.00 agenda fee and (Grade seven and eight to pay \$2.50)

All fees are due by October 15 for each school. If you are unable to pay the fees by October 15, please contact the school (954-3927) and alternate payment methods can be arranged. **Please make cheques payable to Pembina Hills Regional Division #7.**



LOCKERS/LOCKS

Grade five/six/seven/and eight students have the use of lockers for books, coats and gym supplies. They will be using school locks for their lockers.

M. ALICE FROSE LIBRARY

The library is open to student and the public Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm as well as every Wednesday evening from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

After school craft days will be held through out the school year. The cost is \$2.00 per participant per craft day.

We are always in need of miscellaneous craft items such as tin cans, (large and small), small cardboard jewellery boxes, Pringle cans, old Christmas cards, garland, ornaments, artificial flowers, etc., for our craft days and school art classes. If you have any of the above items that your can donate, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our annual Book Fair and Silent Auction will be held in October (hopefully in conjunction with the Student Lead Conferences).

FCSS FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON/COUNSELLOR

Debbie Miller will be the FCSS Family School Counsellor at W.R. Frose School for the 2011/2012 school year. She will be at our school one day a week.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

Through out the school year students often need extra supplies. We will have the following supplies available for students to purchase.

Key tabs: \$1.00 each	Pencils: 25¢ each
Scribblers (interlined)\$1.00 each	Pens: 25¢ each
Scribblers (lined) \$1.00 each	Glue Sticks: \$1.00 each
Loose-leaf Paper (lined) \$1.50/pkg.	Duo Tangs: 50¢
Loose-leaf Paper (plain) \$1.00/pkg.	Erasers: 25¢
Highlighters: 75¢	Rulers: 75¢
Scribblers (coiled): \$1.00	

NUT FREE

As of August 31, 2009 our school is nut free. Please remember to check the ingredients listed on the food items that your child will be bringing to the school. Please refrain from sending snacks or any items that may contain nuts.

Cross Country Run

All students will participate in the Cross Country Run on September 22, 2011

Gr. 7 & 8 students will be at the Westlock Golf Course

K-6 will be at W.R. Frose School