

Thickwood Heights

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Welcome October 2022/2023!

September went by quickly for our Thunderbirds, with new friends, classes, and adjusting back to school routines. Students participated in our Terry Fox Run, raising over \$2100 dollars for cancer research. Our grade fives went to the Snye River to experience the Athabasca Cultural Days and Matthew Shewchuk from Apple Schools visited classes to lead physical activities. We had a special guest artist work with our division two classes to create pieces for Truth and Reconciliation week and each class created orange shirts to display in front of the school.

Monthly Assemblies and the Thickwood Thunderbird Award

Each month Thickwood Heights will hold a school assembly to come together as a school community, celebrating peers and learning about important topics. Parents are welcome to join by signing in at the office. This October, Safe Community Wood Buffalo will be coming to the school to talk about Halloween Safety, using crosswalks and how to be seen in the dark. In Nov, Constables from the RCMP will teach students about using their "WITS" when dealing with tough situations.

At our monthly assemblies, one student from each class will be selected as our Thickwood Thunderbird of the month for exemplifying the characteristics we celebrate at our school. Classes set their own criteria in September and students and teachers can nominate Thunderbirds to be recipients of the awards throughout each month.

Our first Thunderbird Award winners will be presented Monday at our October Assembly.

Important Dates in October:

- October 3rd - School Assembly at 1:15 pm
- October 5th - Farm to Table Arrives from PAC
- October 7th - No School
- October 10th - Thanksgiving - No School
- October 17th - 22nd - The Secret Path Display
- October 21st - PLF - No Classes
- October 24th- 27th - Thickwood Theme Week
- October 27th - Family Dance 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- October 28th - No Classes - Institute Day
- October 31st - Halloween



Thickwood News and Updates

The Production

Debating March 2023 Thickwood Heights presents **Madagascar the Musical!** Students in grades 4-6 will be able to audition in December to be part of this annual tradition with the performance held at Keyano Theatre.

5 & 6 Volleyball

Starting in October will be a mixed volleyball team for grades five and six. All interested students in these grades will be able to try out to join the team and participate in the city tournament on November 18th and 19th.

Hot Lunches

October is our first month of Hot Lunches for the 2022-2023 School Year. Orders for November will be opening soon and can be placed by creating an account at the PAC Website: [Thickwood Hot Lunches](#). These lunches would not be possible without our amazing PAC volunteers.

Reminders

Milk can be purchased each day for \$1.00 at lunch and breakfast is served everyday between 8:00 am and 8:10 am. Please remember to label students' names on everything so we can return lost items. Reminder that school grounds are for Thickwood students during school hours, and that pets must follow the [RMWB bylaws](#)



Welcome New Staff Members!

Annan Slattery - School Counsellor
Paige Esler - ECDP Afternoon Teacher
Diane Rizzuto - LAC (Starts October 12th)
(Learning Assistance Coordinator)



Parent Opportunities

APPLE Slice for Families

All Elementary schools at FMPD are Apple Schools, which is a school-focus preventative health initiative. We now have a monthly APPLE Slice for parents/families! Parents can sign up to receive the newsletter [here!](#)

Circle of Security

Circle of Security is a FMPD free 8-week program about being a parent and following your child's lead when possible and taking charge when necessary. Participants are encouraged to attend all 8 sessions inclusively. Due to the nature of the group, we ask that you please make prior arrangements for childcare as children are not permitted to accompany their parents in session. Here is a [link](#) with more information and parents can contact the school if interested.

PAC and CASINO

Our next Parent Association Meeting will be held at the school on **Tues, Oct. 25th at 8:15 am**. There will be an option for parents to join by Zoom. Save the Date for our upcoming fundraising Casino on **December 5th and 6th**.



Save the Date

Holiday Concert

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 21ST



Thickwood Arts Presents



Auditions Open December 2022 for Students in Grades 4-6

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture, the show follows a group of Central Park Zoo animals who are unexpectedly shipped to Africa. Four friends who are thrust into an exciting, high-stakes, international adventure at the very moment in which they start to imagine the possibilities beyond the safe environment in which they live.

Show Debuts March 2023 at Keyano Theatre



"Where the Arts Come Alive"