



December 2022

Snowman Art by Ms. Gillis's 1/2 Class

## Happy Holidays!

Welcome to the last month of 2022 and the end of a busy November. We finished November with Parent Teacher Interviews, our annual Book Fair, and our 5/6 Volleyball season tournament. November was also a month of special guests at Thickwood; the Junior Oil Barons came in to read to classes, the RCMP taught students about WITS, the vice president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Mike Gray, came to speak to students on Remembrance Day. Our Apple Schools coordinator, Matthew Shewchuk, also did taste tests with classes introducing new fruits and vegetables.

## Holiday Concert: Our Gift to You!

On Wednesday, December 21st Thickwood Heights School will present our Holiday Christmas Concert "Our Gift to You." Ms. Gondek, staff and students have been working hard preparing for this special event open to families. The concert will start at 6:00 pm and students are asked to be at the school and in their classrooms by 5:45 pm. Our Parent Association will be holding a fundraiser for front row couch seating, and more details will be released closer to the concert. We are also looking for donations for raffle baskets with all proceeds going to Thickwood Families in need. If you are willing to donate

a basket for raffle, please contact the main office (780-743-8417). Donators will receive four reserved seats at the concert. The concert will also be livestreamed for extended families and the link will be shared the week of so people can tune in.



## Important Dates in December:

- Dec 1st** - Term 1 Reports Cards Live on PowerSchool
- Dec 5th** - Dec Assembly with Wood Buffalo Food Bank
- Dec 5th, 6th and 7th** - Madagascar Auditions (Grades 4,5,6)
- Dec 6th and 8th** - 5/6 Basketball Tryouts after School
- Dec 12 & 13** - Christmas Bazaar
- Dec 19th - 22nd** - Holiday Theme Week
- Dec 21st** - Holiday Concert: Our Gift to You
- Dec 22nd** - Last Day of Classes
- Jan 8** - First day back from Holidays



Fort McMurray Oil Barons Visiting and Reading to Classes

# Thickwood News and Updates

## The Christmas Bazaar Dec 12 & 13

This December brings the return of the Christmas Bazaar and students can pick out gifts for their families through donations provided to the school. For this event we need donations of new or gently used items for students to gift. Please bring any items to the office.

Students will be able to purchase tickets for \$1.00 each to buy gifts for their family members in our Bazaar "store." Gifts will be wrapped at the school and sent home to be shared over the holidays. The Bazaar is optional and interested students will receive forms to fill out the first week of December

## Hot Lunches

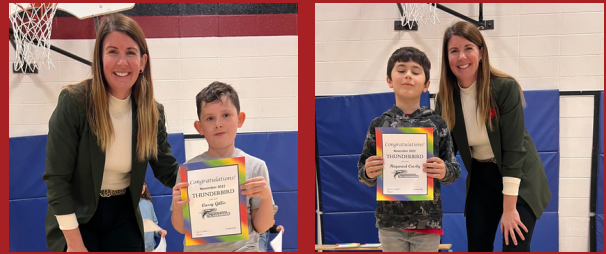
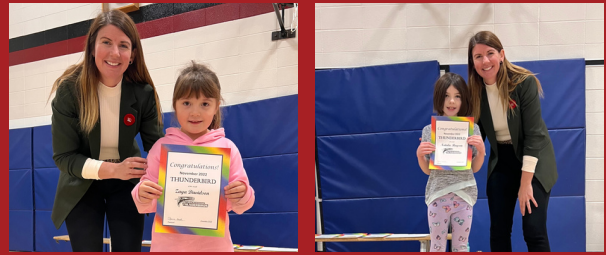
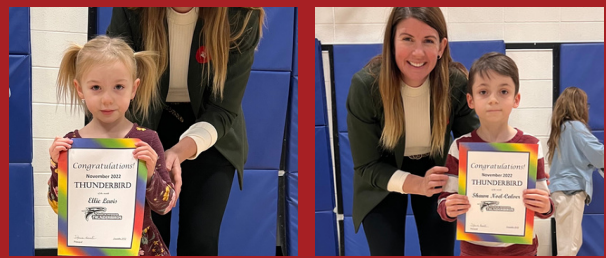
Orders can be placed by creating an account at the PAC Website: [Thickwood Hot Lunches](#). These lunches would not be possible without our amazing PAC volunteers.

## It is COLD outside!

As the temperatures drop please remember to send students in with warm clothing for recess and label all items. Indoor recess will happen on days the weather is -24 or below and all school doors will be unlocked in the morning when it is -24. Students can enter through any door and go to the gym until the bell.

## School Clothing

School clothing orders are now open through our Entrypy Site: <https://thickwoodheightsschool.entripyshops.com/>



## Congratulations November Thunderbirds!

- Kindergarten AM -Ellie
- Kindergarten PM/ECDP - Abigail
- Grade One - Shawn
- Grade One/Two - Zaya
- Grade Three - Natalie
- Grade Three/Four- Casey and Lillian
- Grade Four - Hayward and Olivia
- Grade Five - Ethan
- Grade Six - Karen



# Student & Parent Opportunities

## 5/6 Basketball Tryouts

Grade Five and Six Basketball Tryouts start Tuesday, December 6th after school. All interested students MUST have a complete Parent Permission form to attend.

## Madagascar Auditions

Thickwood's Annual Production opens for Auditions December 5th after school (grade six), December 6th after school (grade four) and December 7th after school (grade five). Auditions are open for any students in Division Two. Please contact Ms. Gondek or Ms. Fenton with any questions. December 6th at lunch will be open for any student who cannot make after school auditions

## PAC and CASINO

Our next Parent Association Meeting will be held at the school in January. There will be an option for parents to join by Zoom. Volunteers are still needed for our upcoming fundraising Casino on **December 5th and 6th.**



## Board of Trustees Presentation "How the Arts Come Alive at Thickwood Heights"



Attention  
Grade 3 & 4 Students

# ART CLUB

STARTING AFTER SCHOOL FOR FOUR WEEKS - SPOTS LIMITED  
CONTACT MS. BARR TO REGISTER OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
JENNIFER.BARR@FMPSD.AB.CA

# Thickwood Arts Presents



## Auditions Open

- December 5th after school - Grade Six
- December 6th after school - Grade Four
- December 6th at lunch for any missed after school auditions
- December 7th after school - Grade Five

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"**