

Thickwood Heights

NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Welcome Winter and November 2022

October was a busy second month of school for our Thunderbirds, including our Secret Path Art Display, Spirit Theme Week and Family Halloween Dance. We had the RCMP in to visit our school at the start of the month to discuss Halloween safety. We also held a Halloween parade on the 31st so classes could see all the costumes and cheer on their friends. Thickwood Heights received recognition from the FMPSD Board of Trustees at their Partners in Education Event for The Downie Wenjack Display in 2021.

Remembrance Day and Our Annual Angel Tree

This November, our Thunderbirds will be honouring Remembrance Day by participating in a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10th at 11:00 am in the gym. Families are welcome to join the 30 minute event. The ceremony will be hosted by our grade five assembly leaders and poppies are available in the office by donation to the Royal Canadian Legion. Our grade five class will also be participating in a field trip to the Royal Canadian Legion honouring National Indigenous Remembrance Day on November 8th.

Starting on November 14th, Thickwood Heights will be collecting donations for the Annual Salvation Army Angel Tree Campaign. Interested families can select tags off of the tree display in the entry and bring in gifts for kids in need. The gifts will be collected on December 1st and distributed before Christmas.



Important Dates in November:

- Nov 7th - Monthly Assembly (WITS) 9:00 am
- Nov 10th - Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am
- Nov 11th - No School - Remembrance Day
- Nov 13th - 17th - Rock Your Mocs (Louis Riel 14th-18th)
- Nov 16th - PAC Growing Smiles Fundraiser Closes
- Nov 18th - PLF - No Classes
- Nov 30th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 pm - 7:00pm
- Nov 30th - Bookfair
- Dec 1st - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Dec 1st - Book Fair



RCMP and Safe Community Wood Buffalo Presenting to Thickwood Oct 3, 2022

Thickwood News and Updates

The Christmas Bazaar

This December will bring the return of the Thickwood Christmas Bazaar, where students can pick out gifts for their families through donations provided to the school. We are accepting donations of new or gently used items in the main office and more details will be shared in our next newsletter.

Over \$1700 Dollars Raised

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Family Halloween Dance and donated towards our World Vision Foster child. Over \$1700 was raised to support our sponsorship. Thank you to PAC for paying for the DJ who kept everyone dancing.

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. Hot lunch orders of December opens this Saturday, November 5th.

It is getting COLD outside!

As the temperatures drop please remember to send students in with warm clothing for recess and label all items (including both gloves). The office is also looking for donations of warm snowsuits and gloves for students in need.

Candy Exchange

If students would like to bring in candy to exchange for healthy treats in the office, Ms. Moore has lots of delicious items to exchange.



Congratulations October Thunderbirds!

Kindergarten/ECDP - Nathan & Kenlee
Grade One - Jericho
Grade One/Two - Ella
Grade Three - Madelyn
Grade Three/Four- Chloe T.
Grade Four - Raine
Grade Five - Thomas
Grade Six - Theresa and Carina

Parent Opportunities

APPLE Slice for Families

All Elementary schools at FMPSD 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 FMPSD 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, Nov. 22nd 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**.

Attention
Grade 3 & 4 Students

ART CLUB

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



Congratulations to our Dance Guessing Game Winners

Candy Corn - Josh (Grade 1)
Pumpkins - John Davies
Eyeballs - Drayden (Grade 6)



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"