

NEWSLETTER

January 2023

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2023 and the return to school on January 9th. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed some of the beautiful weather. On the last day of classes, Dec 22nd, we celebrated the holidays with waffles and pyjamas. Dec 21st brought the return of our annual Holiday Concert and the all of the students' practice paid off. What a show! Special thank you to Ms. Gondek for all of her hard work putting the performances together. In Dec, Thickwood also participated in the Angel Tree Campaign for the Salvation Army and the Food Bank came and presented at our monthly assembly. We also had a fun theme week to get into the holiday spirit and the student creativity was amazing!

Christmas Tree Art, Ms. Fenton's
Grade 3/4 Class

Madagascar: The Cast is Selected!

Last December, interested students in grades four, five and six had a chance to audition for our Spring Production of Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Junior. Ms. Angela Fenton, Ms. Valerie Gondek and Ms. Amanda Donald are producing this production which will be performed at Keynao College the week of March 20th - 23rd. Cast members will practice after school for the next three months, starting with full cast rehearsals this week from Tuesday to Thursday, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, to work on full cast songs. All Thickwood students will be bussed to Keyano to experience the production in March, and other FMPSD Schools will also

be invited. Families and the general public will have the opportunity to come and watch our cast during evening performances with more information released closer to the show date. Good luck to all of our cast members as they prepare and thank you to our staff volunteers!



Important Dates in January:

- January 9th - Return to School
- January 10th - First Madagascar Practice after school
- January 10th - First 5/6 Basketball Practice after school
- January 16th - Monthly Assembly
- January 17th - Hot Lunch Orders Due for February
- January 19th - RCMP in to Read to Students
- January 25th - Ski Day at Vista Ridge (4/5/6)
- January 27th - No Classes - PLF
- January 31st - Monthly PAC Meeting
- Coming Up:** February 14th - Family Valentine's Dance



Wood Buffalo Food Bank Presenting to the School

Thickwood News and Updates

"Our Gift to You" Holiday Concert on YouTube

If families would like to view the holiday concert recording, please go to the FMPSD YouTube page.. The concert can be watched [HERE](#).

June Graduation Dates Set - Kindergarten and Grade Six

This June our Kindergarten Graduation will be held during the day on **Friday the 23rd** and our Grade Six Graduation will be held in the evening the same day. Both events will take place in the Thickwood Gym. More information to be shared closer to the date.

Hot Lunches

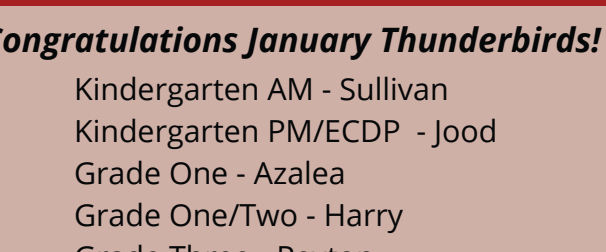
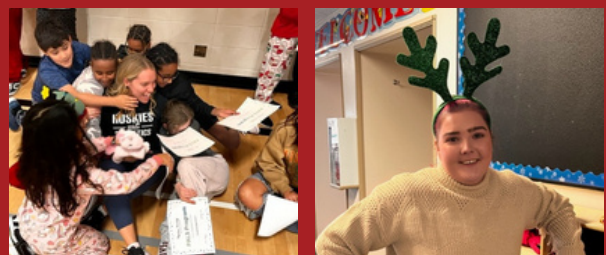
Orders can be placed by creating an account at the PAC Website: [Thickwood Hot Lunches](#). These lunches would not be possible without our amazing PAC volunteers. February orders due by **January 17th**.

PALS

In December, interested Grade 4/5/6 students worked with Keyano College to become Playground Activity Leaders for indoor recesses. When temperatures are below -24, students have indoor recess and our new trained leadership team will organize activities in the gym for all classes on a rotational schedule.

School Clothing

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



Congratulations January Thunderbirds!

- Kindergarten AM - Sullivan
- Kindergarten PM/ECDP - Jood
- Grade One - Azalea
- Grade One/Two - Harry
- Grade Three - Peyton
- Grade Three/Four- Sam
- Grade Four - Hailee and Medal
- Grade Five - Elle
- Grade Six - Keishi

Student & Parent Opportunities

5/6 Basketball Practice

Students on the Grade 5/6 Basketball Team will practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Thickwood Gym. Tournaments will take place in February and March.

Ski Day Volunteers

Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteer for our Vista Ridge Ski Days on January 25th and February 16th.

PAC

Our next Parent Association Meeting will be held at the school on **Tuesday, January 31st**. All are welcome and a Zoom link will be shared for a virtual option closer to the date. A special thank you to all of our family members who supported our casino fundraiser in December.

In Search of Volunteer

Coaches

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR COACHING SUPPORT FOR OUR ATHLETES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH BADMINTON OR TRACK AND FIELD, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE AT 780-743-8417

Our Kindergarten Students were great "Holiday Decorations"



Our Grade One students are learning about empathy, with the Division Play Therapist, Chelsea Griffin and interacting with a new baby



Salvation Army Angel Tree Gift Pick-Up

