

# Thickwood Heights NEWSLETTER June 2023



CUPE Appreciation Day

We have made it to the last month of the school year for 2022-2023 and what a year it has been! May brought more field trips to Heritage Park and the Oil Sands Discovery Center, the Track and Field City Competition, our school talent show, Multicultural Week hosted by our Student Council, FMPSD First Nation, Metis and Inuit Week, an appreciation parade for our amazing CUPE staff, and special guests from the RCMP, Nistawayou Friendship Centre and the Wood Buffalo Regional Library. The last four weeks of school in June have different events for our Thunderbirds each week before they go into the summer holidays after the last day of school on June 29th.

## Alien In-Line sponsored by PAC

Between June 12th and 16th Thickwood students will get a chance to participate in Alien In-Line Skating lessons at school. Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council who covered the cost of the program. Lessons will be hour long class sessions in the gym and students are asked to bring in a helmet if they are able, and make sure that they are wearing socks that day. No helmets with face masks please, as they obstruct vision.

Families can attend an evening with Alien In-Line for free on **Wednesday, June 14th** from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm or 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Each session can accommodate 50 skaters and no experience is necessary. Please sign up HERE to participate. Sign up will be closed after capacity is reached.

### Important Dates in June:

- June 1st - Safe Community Wood Buffalo Bike Rodeo
- June 2nd - No Classes for PLF
- June 5th - 9th - FMPSD Pride Week
- June 9th - Giants & Run Club Fun Run
- June 12th - 16th - Alien In-Line Skating
- June 14th - Family Night for Alien In-Line
- June 16th and 17th - 5/6 Soccer Tournament
- June 17th - Thickwood Market
- June 20th - 27th - PATs for Grade Sixes
- June 21st - National Indigenous Day
- June 23rd - Kindergarten and Grade Six Graduations
- June 27th - Afternoon Fun Field Day
- June 29th - Awards Assembly and Last Day of Classes



Wednesday, May 3rd was Hats on for Mental Health across Alberta to promote the importance of good mental health.

# Thickwood News

## Thickwood Thursdays

Congratulations to Emily in Grade Four and Alexis in Grade Three who won our Thunderbirds of the Month Award in May.



## School Clothing

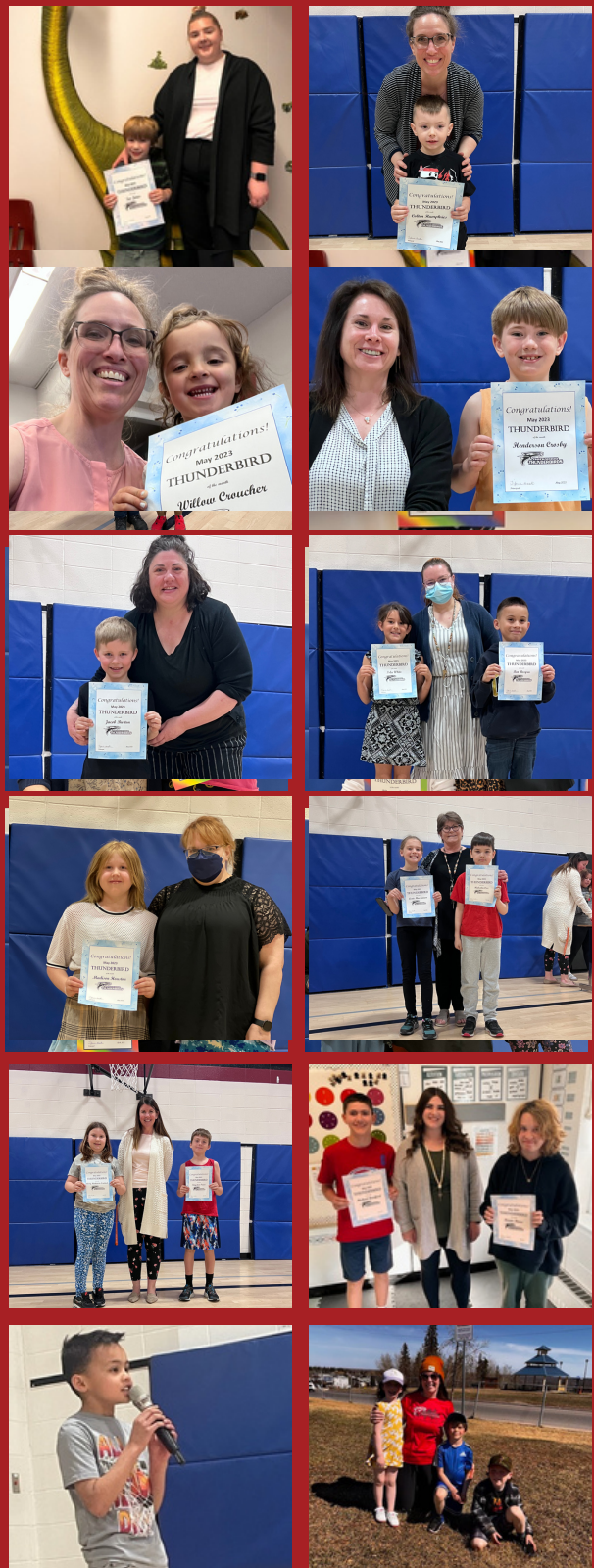
School clothing orders are now open through our Entripy Site: <https://thickwoodheightsschool.entripyshops.com/>

## FMPSD Pride Week Events June 5th to 9th

FMPSD is committed to diversity and inclusion, and strives to support students and staff no matter their gender, race, ethnicity or orientation. All FMPSD schools will be participating in Pride Week June 5th to 9th and following Board Policy 19. At Thickwood students can participate in a "Dress How You Feel Day", buy Freezies in support of the Kids' Help Phone, and meet Walter the Therapy Pig.

## Fun Run on June 9th

Join us at the school on June 9th for our Run Club Fun Run with the Fort McMurray Giants. The Giants play the same night at Shell Place for families to go and cheer on our home team. There will be a free BBQ for all students following the run. Thank you to our PAC for your continued support and covering the cost of the BBQ.



## Congratulations May Thunderbirds!



- ECDP - Zac
- Kindergarten AM - Colton
- Kindergarten PM - Willow
- Grade One - Henderson
- Grade One/Two - Jacob
- Grade Three - Isla and Ben
- Grade Three/Four - Madison
- Grade Four - Lexie and Malcolm
- Grade Five - Kingston and Avery
- Grade Six - Ronnie and Michael

# Student & Parent Opportunities

## School Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at school for special events or field trips, please stop by the office to pick up a Criminal Records Check form. Our school will cover the cost of the check for any parents or guardians interested in volunteering.

## Thickwood Market

On Saturday, **June 17th** our PAC is hosting a summer Market from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the school. Come out to support the school and to shop local.

## FMPSD Indingineous Week

Students at Thickwood honoured FMPSD Indigenous week from May 23rd to 26th, and learned about Medicine Walks from Claire Antonie from the Nistawayou Friendship Center. Students also explored Indigenous Authors during their Library block and decorated wooden hearts to be displayed at the front of the school in support of Truth and Reconciliation and participate in the Caring Society Honouring Memories and Planting Dreams Campaign.



Talent Show Finalist performed in front of the entire school at our May Assembly



Students in all grades participate in Run club during Lunch Recess



Our Grade Five and Six Track and Field Participants had a great time at the City Competition

Students explored a map of the world and identified areas they have lived or have family during Multicultural Week



# MAY CELEBRATION

**WE LOVE OUR CUPE STAFF AT THICKWOOD HEIGHTS! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.**

