



# NEWSLETTER

September 2023

## Welcome Back!

September kicks off another great school year with our Meet the Teacher BBQ, Annual Terry Fox Run, School Photos, and Truth and Reconciliation Week. Soccer and Volleyball are back for Grades Five and Six and we have new soccer nets on the field behind the school. We are always looking for parent volunteers for our school events! Please contact Ms. Moore in the office at [elaine.moore@fmpsd.ab.ca](mailto:elaine.moore@fmpsd.ab.ca) on how you can sign up and get your Criminal Records Check for volunteering at the school and on field trips.

## What's New in 2023/2024

This year is Thickwood's **50th Anniversary** of being a community school. We are off to a great start with around 240 students, 30 staff members, and many new faces to welcome (see page three). There is also a new musical production of **Aladdin Jr.** scheduled for March 2024 and planning in the works for a Family Art Night. Each month our announcements and assemblies will feature one of the Seven Habits from Leader in Me and one of the Seven Sacred Teachings from the Indigenous Culture, focusing on character education. A special guest musician, Norman Foote, will be visiting us in October with a chance for students to participate in a Keyano production.



### Important Dates in September:

- Sept 6th - Meet the Teacher Open House BBQ
- Sept 12th - Metis Bev Jigging Lessons
- Sept 15th - PLF - No Classes
- Sept 18th - Terry Fox Run
- Sept 19th - Picture Day
- Sept 20th - First School Council Meeting
- Sept 25th - 29th - Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Sept 29th - No Classes for Truth and Reconciliation



Welcome Back Sharing Circle in Grade One

# Thickwood News and Updates

## School Council

Our First School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at Thickwood Heights School at 8:15 am. There will be a virtual option to join sent out to all parents the day before the meeting. School Council supports special programs like Alien Inline, transportation for fieldtrips and our annual production and supplies for the school.

## Student Counsellor

Our school counsellor, Annan Slattery, will be at the school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays. Email [annan.slattery@fmpsd.ab.ca](mailto:annan.slattery@fmpsd.ab.ca) to connect with her or ask questions.

## Hot Lunches

Orders can be placed by creating an account at the PAC Website: Thickwood Hot Lunches (password TWHL). These lunches would not be possible without our amazing PAC volunteers. Special thank-you to Miki McNaughton for taking over the organization of Hot Lunch on our School Council.

## Leader in Me

Each month we will feature one of the Seven Habits in our Assemblies, Announcements and Newsletters. More information on the Leader in Me can be found through this link. Our first habit is: Be Proactive!

## Seven Sacred Teachings

The Seven Sacred Teachings are a form of Character Education through our health programming. The first teacher is the Eagle teaching for "love."



## ***Congratulations 2022-2023 Award Winners!***

We wrapped up the 2022-2023 school year with our End of Year Celebration Assembly - including some special awards. This year we will continue celebrating our Thunderbird of the Month in each grade at our Monthly Assembly.

# Welcome to Our New **Thickwood Staff**



# Parent & Student 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!](#)

## 5/6 Soccer & Volleyball

Last June our 5/6 Soccer tournament was cancelled and has been rescheduled for September 15th & 16th. Interested students have had a permission form sent home with more information. This will delay Volleyball season, and our first tryout will be September 13th for interested players in Grades 5 & 6. An email will be sent home to parents closer to the date.

## Student Council

Teachers will be nominating students for Student Council this month in grades 4-6 based on Thunderbird Citizenship, Leadership qualities demonstrated in class and student interest. Student Council will begin meeting weekly at the end of the month to plan fun school events and activities for our Thunderbirds, including an October Spirit Week.



Readers are  
Leaders!

**TumbleBooks**  
Free Resource

ONLINE READ ALONGS - GRAPHIC  
NOVELS - EBOOKS - LANGUAGE  
LEARNING  
CLICK ON THE [LINK!](#)

Thickwood Heights Presents

Disney's  
**Aladdin Jr.**

The logo for Disney's Aladdin Jr. features the title in a stylized, purple and blue font. The word "Aladdin" is in a large, flowing script, and "Jr." is in a smaller, blocky font. To the right of the title is a golden genie lamp. The background is a purple and blue gradient with a silhouette of a city skyline at the bottom.

**March  
2024**

**Auditions  
Open to  
Students  
in Grades  
4-6  
December  
2023**

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