

NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Fall has Arrived!

The leaves are changing and fall has officially arrived at Thickwood School. September flew by with our Meet the Teacher BBQ, Terry Fox Run and Truth and Reconciliation Activities. We raised over \$3000 dollars for cancer research and our 5/6 Soccer Team received a Bronze medal and the Heart and Hustle Award in the City Tournament! October starts off with our monthly assembly, and promises to be another busy month, including our Downie Wenjack Legacy School week and our Family Halloween Dance on Thursday, October 26th.

Thunderbird Home Reading Challenge

One of our school goals this year is to focus on the literacy of our Thunderbirds and continue to improve on their reading and writing skills. To support this goal, we are encouraging students to read at home, on their own or with a family member. The first week of every month a tracking sheet will be sent home from our Librarian, Ms. Mootosamy, for students to record their reading minutes.

We will be setting a school wide goal of reading minutes, holding class challenges, and individual rewards for students working on increasing their literacy. Families can also use this [Google Form](#) to submit reading minutes each month. Did you know that every week students can take books out from our school library? Ms. M uses funds from our Scholastic Book Fair to order new books and series based on student interests. Students also meet with book buddies weekly to read with a new friend from another class.

Important Dates in October:

- Oct 3 - Monthly Assembly 9:00 am
- Oct 6 - Day-in-Lieu No School
- Oct 9 - No School - Thanksgiving
- Oct 16-19 - Downie Wenjack Week
- Oct 20 - PLF - No School
- Oct 23 - Photo Retakes
- Oct 24 - Norman Foote Performance at Keyano
- Oct 24 - 26 - Theme Week
- Oct 25 - Parent Council Meeting
- Oct 26 - Family Halloween Dance
- Oct 27 - Institute Day - No Classes
- Oct 31 - Halloween Parade



Congratulations to our 5/6 Soccer Team!

Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th 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. Thank you to Parent Council for covering the cost of the DJ for our upcoming October Halloween dance.

Student Counsellor

Our school counsellor, Annan Slattery, will be at the school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays. Email 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 teaching for October is the Buffalo and Respect.



Truth and Reconciliation Week

Our Thunderbirds participated in Truth and Reconciliation Week by learning about Metis Culture from Beverly Lambert from the NWT, listening to stories and practicing gratitude with Connie Kulhavy through the Rupertsland Institute, participating in Orange Shirt Day and learning about Phyllis Webstad, and a variety of classroom activities organized by teachers. Our front entry has art displays on gratitude and "Nibi" (water in Ojibwe), based on the book by Joanne Robertson.

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!](#)

School Safety Patrols

Interested Grade Five students will be participating in School Safety Patrol training through AMA and will work as crossing guards, helping our Thunderbirds cross the road before and after school starting in October.

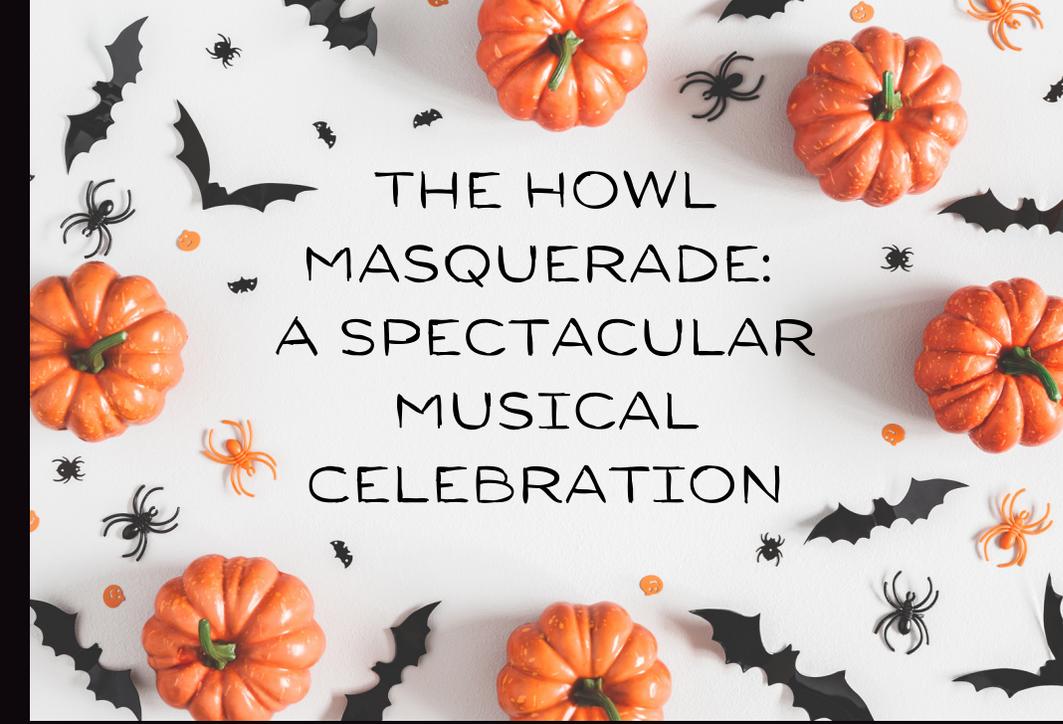
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Wednesday, November 29th and Thursday, November 30th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.



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TRACK YOUR READING AT HOME AND
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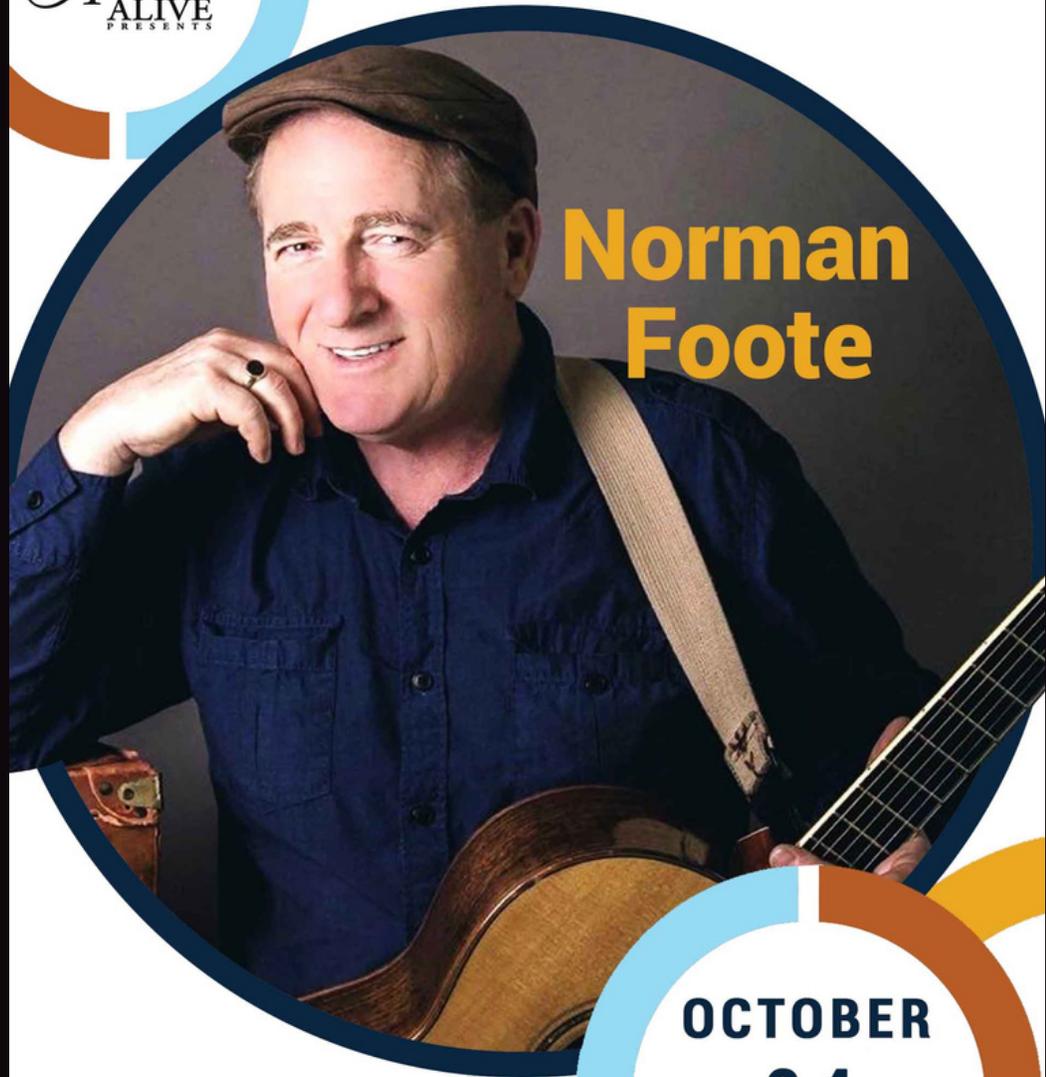
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PERMISSION
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TUESDAY,
OCTOBER THIRD
FOR STUDENT TO
PARTICIPATE IN
THIS AMAZING
OPPORTUNITY TO
PERFORM WITH
NORMAN FOOTE
ON THE KEYANO
STAGE!

PREPARE TO BE SPELLBOUND BY THE ENCHANTING FUSION OF MUSIC AND HALLOWEEN MAGIC IN THE HOWL MASQUERADE CONCERT. THIS FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT PROMISES AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER, CREATIVITY, AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. JOIN US TO CELEBRATE MUSIC AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS THAT WILL INSPIRE AND UPLIFT YOU. EXPERIENCE THE BRILLIANCE OF NORMAN FOOTE, A CELEBRATED VANCOUVER, BC PERFORMER WHO HAS CARVED OUT A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE MUSIC WORLD WITH HIS DISTINCTIVE STYLE.

SPECIAL GUEST:
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THUNDERBIRD CHOIR

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