

Thickwood Heights

NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Welcome 2024!

The cold weather has arrived and December passed in a flurry of activities to end the year. Thank you to everyone who attended our Holiday Concert, the students put on a wonderful show filled with Christmas Cheer. Our end of December Sock Hop Dance for Student Council raised over \$100 for the Center of Hope, and donations of food and warm winter clothes. Students had a great time participating in theme days and a surprise "hot chocolate day" organized by Ms. Moore and our Student Council Team.

January Updates

This month at Thickwood intramurals will continue and increase to include lunchtime recess activities for all grades. Our students in grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in becoming Program Activity Leaders (PALs) to lead games in younger classes.

January Home reading sheets have been distributed to track students reading at home. Don't forget to send in December forms for a chance to win prizes at the monthly assembly.

Our Parent Council is looking for volunteers for the February 8th and 9th Casino, which is a major fundraiser for the school. Money from this volunteer event helps support field trips, school plays, new equipment and resources for the school. Please sign up to volunteer through this [LINK](#).

Important Dates in January:

- Jan 8 - First Day Back to School
- Jan 16 - Monthly Assembly
- Jan 24 - Parent Council - 4:30 pm
- Jan 26 - No Classes for PLF

Important Dates in February:

- Feb 2 - No Classes for Professional Development
- Feb 6 - Monthly Assembly - All Families Welcome
- Feb 15 - Family Valentine's Dance with DJ Cupid
- Feb 16 - No Classes for PLF
- Feb 19 - Family Day Stat Holiday (No Classes)
- Feb 21 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 26-29 - Teacher Convention Break - No Classes



Our Grade Five Patrollers are helping Thunderbirds cross the road safely before and after school.

Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Parent Council will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 4:30. A Zoom link will be sent out the day before the meeting to join virtually. Our **School Fundraising Casino** takes place on Thursday, Feb 8th and Friday, Feb 9th and family volunteers are needed to help raise money for the school. Please sign up [HERE](#).

Parent Council is also hosting a **Valentine's Dance** on February 15th with DJ QPid and is looking for two **volunteers** to run the food table. Please contact the school or email thickwoodheightspac@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Egg Cartons Needed

Please drop off any empty egg cartons at the school in the front office for a special art project Ms. Barr is organizing.

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.

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 January habit is: **Think Win-Win**

Seven Sacred Teachings

The Seven Sacred Teachings are a form of Character Education through our health programming. The teaching for January is the **Turtle Teachings and Truth**.



Christmas Sweater Day

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Thickwood Thursdays

Don't forget to wear Red on Thursday to show your school spirit! All participating students are entered into a draw for free [Thickwood Clothing](#).

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.

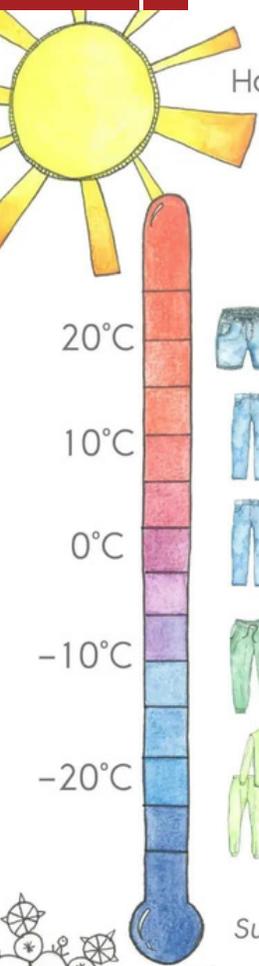
Home Reading Program

Don't forget to send in home readings sheets for a chance for students to win great prizes at the monthly assembly. or complete the [Google Form](#).



How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!



Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round

Congratulations November Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Drayton
 Kindergarten - Levii
 Grade One - Corby
 Grade One/Two - Morgan
 Grade Two - Dominic

Grade Two/Three - Nina
 Grade Four - Tanisha
 Grade Five - Hailee
 Grade Six - Ethan

Parent & Student Opportunities

APPLE Slice for Families

All Elementary schools at FMPSD are Apple Schools, which is a school-focus preventative health initiative. Parents can sign up to receive the newsletter [here!](#)

Community Resource

Some Other Solutions is a Fort McMurray Resources to support Mental Health and offers counselling and support programs for families.

FMPSD Resource

Catherine Aasen is our Literacy Coordinator for FMPSD and has many great resources to encourage literacy skills. Students can log into their school Reading Eggs Account [HERE.](#)



Above: Student Council Representatives and the Center of Hope Donation Collected in December

Beside: Grade 3/4 Art Club Representatives present for the Board of Trustees

