

Thickwood Heights School

NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Have Your Voice Heard!

We want to hear from our families on what is going well at Thickwood and ideas for improvement. All grade four students will receive a code in the mail for the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. This survey is completed across Alberta by parents, students and teachers to assess schools. Students in grade 4-6 will complete the survey at school.

FMPSD has also sent out a link to a Thought Exchange Budget Survey to collect feedback for the 2024-2025 school budget. It can be filled out through this [LINK](#).

Every month, families are welcome to join us at our PAC meeting to ask questions and learn about upcoming events. This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 4:30 pm and child care will be provided. Guardians and parents can join in person or virtually.

Important Dates in February:

- Feb 2 - No Classes for Professional Development
- Feb 6 - Monthly Assembly - All Families Welcome
- Feb 14 - Have a Heart Day
- 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 22 - PAC Meeting - 4:30 pm
- Feb 26-29 - Teacher Convention Break - No Classes

Spreading Kindness

This month at Thickwood the Student Council is running events to spread kindness at our school and in the community. All month students can participate in "Sock-it-to-Me." We will be collecting new or gently used clean socks to donate to the Center of Hope. Donations can be brought in any time in February to the main office.

Prize draw forms were sent home in January for a fundraising raffle in our main entry until February 15th. THS families have donated items for a family in need at our school. Prizes can be viewed at the school and tickets can be purchased through the paper form, in person at the school, or at our Family Dance on February 15th. The draw will be held at the end of the dance.

February 20th to 23rd is Thickwood Kindness week and the 21st is Pink Shirt Day for FMPSD. Students and classes can complete "Kindness Bingos" to win Pink Shirts and are encouraged to wear pink on the 21st as a reminder to be kind. Homemade cards will also be provided at lunch for students to write kind notes to helpers, friends and family.



Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Parent Council will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 4:30 pm. Child care will be provided in the library if needed for caregivers to attend the meeting. A Zoom link will be sent out the day before the meeting to join virtually. Thank you to our Parent Council for paying to bus our students to Keyano for our production of Aladdin March 18th to 20th and the venue feeds. The show will be open the evening of March 20th for families.

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.

Family Dance

Families are welcome to join us on Thursday, February 15th for a Valentine's Dance from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the school.

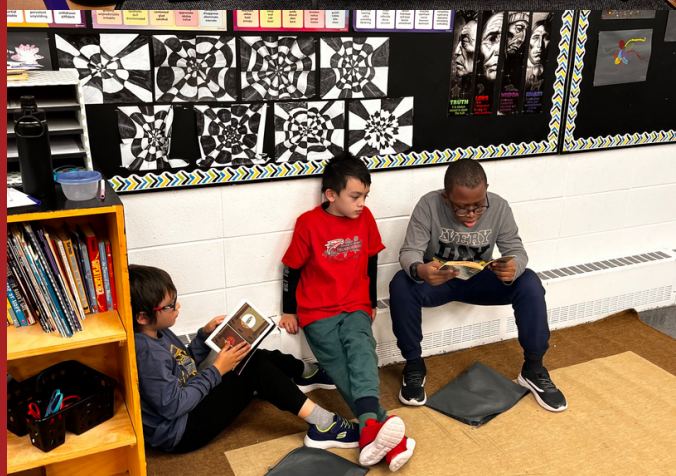
School Fees

Reminder that all school fees are due before March 1st, including busing and Early Learning.

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.

Please do not order Skip the Dishes or DoorDash to the School. We do not have the staff to accept orders and drivers do not know who the deliveries are for.



Morning Announcements & Jokes

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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.

Home Reading Program

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

Save the Dates

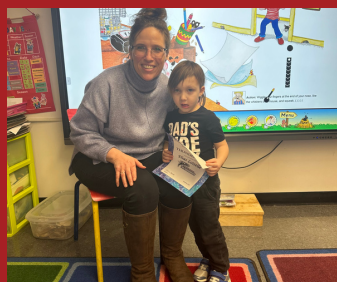
Thickwood Students will get to participate in two upcoming fun days for outdoor education. On **Friday, March 22nd**, students in grades 1-6 will have a chance to try snowshoeing with Mr. Shewchuk. On **Wednesday, March 27th** our students in grades 4-6 can take part in our annual ski day at Vista Ridge.

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 February habit is: **Seek First to Understand**

Seven Sacred Teachings

[The Seven Sacred Teachings](#) are a form of Character Education through our health programming. The teaching for February is the **Wolf Teachings and Humility**.



Congratulations December Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Elias
Kindergarten - Lily
Grade One - Willow
Grade One/Two - Heer
Grade Two - Klara

Grade Two/Three - Blaze
Grade Four - Jayce
Grade Five - Kalea
Grade Six - Trenton

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: Our Playground Activity Leaders received their PALs training from Keyano College

Beside: Beautiful sunrises with our morning patrols! Please remember not to park within ten meters of the crosswalk - [RMWB Bylaw No. 02/079](#)

