

Thickwood Heights School

NEWSLETTER

March 2024

End of Term Two - Only One Term Left!

Welcome to March at Thickwood - the end of Term Two and our second set of Parent Teacher Interviews for the school year. Our Scholastic Book Fair returns the week of March 25th to the 28th and families can schedule online to meet with teachers for student updates in-person on Tues, March 26th or Wed, March 27th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bookings will open on our [school website](#) Tues, March 19th.

Report Cards go live on Parent Portal in PowerSchool on Fri, March 22nd. Paper copies can be requested in the main office to get an update on student's academic progress.

Aladdin has Arrived

The time is finally here for Thickwood Theatriks Presentation for **Disney's Aladdin Junior** at Keyano Theatre. Our students and volunteer staff have been rehearsing for months to share this musical journey with the community.

Tickets will go on sale through the [Keyano Box Office](#) for the evening performance on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm**. All Thunderbirds in grades K-6 will be attending a morning performance with bussing paid for by Thickwood PAC on Tuesday, March 19th. Special thank you to Ms. Gondek, Ms. Fenton, and Ms. Donald for making the magic happen.

Important Dates in March:

- March 7/8 - ECDP Open Houses
- March 8 - Land Based Learning
- March 12 - Monthly Assembly
- March 15 - PLF - No Classes
- March 15/16 - 5/6 Basketball Tournament at St.Kateri
- March 19 - School attends Aladdin at Keyano
- March 20 - Aladdin Evening Performance - 7:00 pm
- March 20 - Speak Up Against Racism with MCAWB
- March 21/22 - Kindergarten Open Houses
- March 22 - Snowshoe Day
- March 22 - Report Cards open on PowerSchool
- March 26/27 - PTIs/Scholastic Book Fair Week
- March 27 - Vista Ridge Ski Day - 4/5/6
- March 28 - PJ Day
- March 29 - No School (Good Friday)
- April 1 - No School (Day In-Lieu of PTIs)



Our Grade 5/6 Basketball Team

Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council will be held on **April 3rd 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.

The PAC Easter Fundraiser is now live! Support our Thunderbirds by purchasing balloon Easter Cups by Monday, March 18th through the main office.

Vista Ridge Ski Day

Wednesday, March 27th will be a ski day at Vista Ridge for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Registration forms were sent home in February and must be submitted to the main office by March 13th. If you are interested in volunteered to help out please email elaine.moore@fmpsd.ab.ca or call the school.

Open Houses for ECDP and Kindergarten for 2024-2025

We are ready for our new Thunderbirds! Join Ms. Barr for our open houses for ECDP on March 7th (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) and 8th (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) and Kindergarten on March 21st (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) and 22nd. (9:00 am - 12:00 pm). Reminder that there are NO classes for current ECDP or Kindergarten students on the 8th and 22nd.

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.



Grade Five Pink Shirt Day



Grade Four SPCA Fundraiser



February Assembly Leaders



Grade 4-6 Science Fair



Dene Hand Game Practice

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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](#).

Speak Out Against Racism

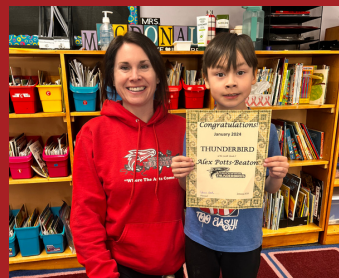
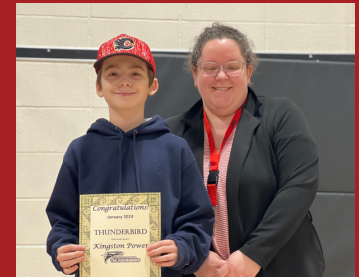
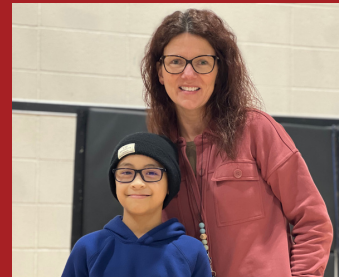
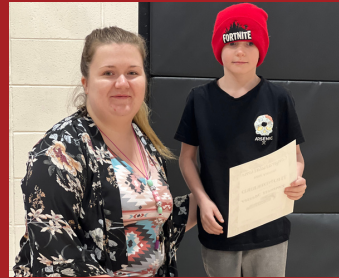
The [Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo](#) will be presenting to our students in grades 4-6 on Wednesday, March 20th for "SUAR" - [Speak Up Against Racism](#). The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on March 21st of every year as set by the United Nations.

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 March habit is: **Synergize**

Seven Sacred Teachings

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



Congratulations January Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Lucy
Kindergarten - Golda
Grade One - Alex
Grade One/Two - Emmett
Grade Two - Laila

Grade Two/Three - Eva
Grade Four - Peyton
Grade Five - Elijah
Grade Six - Kingston

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.



There was lots of hands on learning for Science, Pink Shirt Day and the 100th day of school in February!

Beside: Our Valentine's Dance was a success thanks to our PAC Volunteers and DJ QPid. Thank you to all families who came out and to our staff volunteers for helping with the event.

