

## Thickwood Heights School

# NEWSLETTER

May 2024

### Welcome to Musical May!

April flew by and May at Thickwood is filled with fun for our Thunderbirds! May 13th to 16th our school will be welcoming Juno-Award winning artist, **Garth Prince**. Garth will be hosting workshops during the school day, in addition to an afterschool showcase concert for families. He is a vocalist, recording artist, drummer and educator. Students will learn about traditional African music through cross-curricular connection, movement, community and harmony. Thank you to our PAC for supporting this initiative!

### Multicultural Week: Celebrating Diversity

May 6-10 our Student Council has organized a Multicultural Week to celebrate diversity and learn about cultures of the world. **Monday, May 6th** classes will explore a world map and identify places where families have lived. **Tuesday, May 7th** students will explore how to say "hi" in different languages and create displays by their class doors. **Wednesday, May 8th** we are hosting a "sampler" multicultural potluck and looking for donations of dishes from around the world to share. Students can also bring in items from their culture to share with classmates. **Thursday, May 9th** students are encouraged to wear traditional cultural dress and **Friday, May 10th** families can showcase cultural dances or traditions by contacting the main office to organize.

### Important Dates in May:

- May 2 - May Assembly
- May 3 - PLF - No Classes
- May 6 - 10 - Multicultural Week
- May 9th - Growing Smiles Orders Due
- May 10 - Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Visit
- May 13 - 16 - Garth Prince Residency
- May 13 - 16 - Spring Theme Week
- May 15 - PAC AGM - 7:00 pm
- May 17 - No Classes - Time-in-Lieu PTIs
- May 20 - No Classes - Victoria Day
- May 23 - Family Literacy Night

Save the Date! Alien in Line June 10th - 14th



## Earth Day!

# Thickwood News and Updates

## Parent Council

Our last Parent Council of 2023-2024 will be held on **May 15th at 7:00 pm** and it will be our **AGM**. 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.



**Badminton Consolation Winners**



## 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 One/Two Assembly Leaders**



**RCMP VS Thickwood Basketball**



# Thickwood News and Updates

## Spring Theme Week! May 13-16

Mon, May 13th- Crazy Hair or Hat Day  
Tues, May 14th- Spring Dress-Up Day  
Wed, May 15th- Anything but a Backpack  
Thurs, May 16th - Spring Sports Day

## School Fees & Registration

A reminder that all school fees for 2023-2024 are due at the office. and that registrations are needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Please call the school with any questions.



## 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](#).

## 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 May habit is: **Use Your Voice to Inspire Others**

## Seven Sacred Teachings

The Seven Sacred Teachings are a form of Character Education through our health programming.



## ***Congratulations March Thunderbirds!***

ECDP - Paislee  
Kindergarten - Brixton  
Grade One - Kaige  
Grade One/Two - Edie  
Grade Two - Callen

Grade Two/Three - Emma  
Grade Four - Jerald  
Grade Five - Casey  
Grade Six - Josh

# 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.



***Dene Hand Games***

## Thickwood Run Club

Thickwood run club will start this May at lunch recess open to all students who bring outdoor runners (no crocs or sandals) in grades 1-6. Students will be challenged to increase their speed and endurance around the field at Thickwood. Track and Field for our Grade 5 and 6 students will be held June 4th and more information will be sent home with interested students the second week of May.



***Congratulations to our students in grades 4-6 who participated in STEMQuest this past month! Thank you to our Westwood Mentors.***



***Dene Hand Games Competition in April***

