



## Fall has Arrived!

The leaves are changing and fall has officially arrived at Thickwood School. Last month was busy with our Garth Prince Workshop, Family Showcase and Meet the Teacher, as students settled into the new school year. Our October Assembly is on Thursday the 3rd and all families are welcome. Our special hosts are Ms. McDonald's 2/3 Class. This month Thickwood will host our Terry Fox Run, Family Halloween Dance, Theme Week and Halloween Parade. Student Council and 5/6 Volleyball also start and our school photo day will be held on Monday, October 21st.

## Literacy Night and Downie Wenjack

**Thursday, October 17th** marks the return of our Family Literacy Night with stations for families to explore to build literacy skills for our Thunderbirds. Our Literacy Night Themes will be based around Truth and Reconciliation this year, with a focus on the Secret Path story and Indigenous Culture. This evening event will run 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm with snacks and refreshments for all participants.

Teachers will guide students and families through stations held around the school exploring different areas of literacy, including physical, digital and art forms. Our Division Literacy Coordinator, Catherine Asen will also have a booth set up to share Fort McMurray Public School Division Resources.

## Important Dates in October:

- Oct 2 - Wacky Socks for Terry Fox
- Oct 2 - PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 3 - Monthly Assembly 9:00 am
- Oct 4 - Terry Fox Assembly and Run 1:30 pm
- Oct 11 - No Classes - PLF
- Oct 14 - No School - Thanksgiving
- Oct 17-22 - Downie Wenjack Week
- Oct 17 - Literacy Night and Secret Path Event
- Oct 20 - PLF - No School
- Oct 21 - Picture Day
- Oct 24 - Family Halloween Dance
- Oct 25 - No - Classes PLF
- Oct 28 - 31 - Theme Week
- Oct 31 - Halloween Parade



**Meet the Teacher Night and BBQ**  
**Thank you to our Volunteers!**

# Thickwood News and Updates

## Parent Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd at Thickwood Heights School at 7:00 pm. 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](mailto: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 Culture, participating in Orange Shirt Day and learning about Phyllis Webstad, and a variety of classroom activities organized by teachers and Ms. Reid. Check out the orange paper displays the next time you are in the school that have message of why "Every Child Matters" and shows how we are all important and connected.

# 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!](#)

## Walkn' Read

Everyday at 11:30 am our Thunderbirds work on their physical literacy by moving their bodies for ten minutes before lunch. Did you know Terry Fox traveled 5373 kilometers across Canada to raise money for Cancer Research? We are seeing how far we can walk in September and October!

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held November 19th and 21st. Check PowerSchool Monthly for updates on student progress!



### THICKWOOD LEADERSHIP

THIS FALL STUDENTS IN GRADES FOUR TO SIX HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A VARIETY OF LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE SCHOOL INCLUDING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS, LUNCH LEADERS AND ANNOUNCEMENT LEADERS. STUDENT COUNCIL STARTS IN OCTOBER BASED ON TEACHER NOMINATION AND WILL PLAN OUR FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR. ALL GRADES WILL BE LEADING AN ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR- ASK YOUR THUNDERBIRD WHICH MONTH THEIR CLASS IS HOSTING!

# WACKY SOCKS FOR TERRY FOX

WEDNESDAY, OCT 2ND



Wear your bright and fun socks and bring a donation to raise money for Terry Fox!



# THICKWOOD HEIGHTS PICTURE DAY


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Monday, October 21st, 2024

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"Where the Arts Come Alive"



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
*Corbin in Grade 2*



**Winning Entry for our  
Thunderbird Mascot Drawing Contest!**