

Thickwood Heights

NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Happy Holidays!

December has arrived at Thickwood Heights and it is going to be a busy few weeks! Students have been working hard preparing for the Holiday Concert and Student Council has been planning fun activities for the last week of school. The annual Christmas Bazaar, organized by PAC is also on the last week of school for students to shop for gifts for their families. The holiday break runs from Dec 20 to Jan 6th.

Christmas Bazaar

On December 16th and 17th Thickwood Students can shop for gifts for their families at our school "store." Gifts are wrapped by parent volunteers, and students are encouraged to bring in reusable grocery bags to transport the gifts home.

Forms will be sent home to collect information on number of gifts needed and who they are for, with a cost of \$1 a gift. These forms need to be returned to the classroom teacher by December 13th.

All proceeds from this event go to charity and participation is voluntary. The "store" consists of donated items from families and donations are needed to make this event happen! Please drop off any gently used items that could be gifted to the front office.

Important Dates in December:

- Dec 2,3,4 - Nemo Play Auditions
- Dec 6 - PLF - No Classes for PLF
- Dec 9 -13 - Student Council Holiday Theme Week
- Dec 12 & 13 - Lunch Recess Holiday Sock-Hops
- Dec 13 - December Assembly
- Dec 16 -17 - Christmas Bazaar
- December 18 - Holiday Concert
- Dec 19 - Last Day of Classes
- Jan 6 - First Day Back to School

Jan 17 4-6 Ski Day



Thank you to the RCMP for coming in to teach our Thunderbids to use their WITS when dealing with conflict

Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

There is no Parent Council meeting in December, but we are looking for volunteers to help with the Holiday **Bazaar** on December 16th & 17th Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are able to help out.

Save your bottles for PAC to support our students! From January 13th - 17th PAC will be holding a **Bottle Drive** to collect funds for school activities. PAC will also be holding a special **Hot Dog Hot Lunch** to raise money for school programs on January 10th.

Save Your Milk Jugs!

Our Early Year Classes are building a classroom Igloo and need your help! Please save your cleaned 4L Milk Jugs and bring them to the school this month so Ms. Barr can begin construction.

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 December habit is: Put First Things First

Seven Sacred Teachings

The Seven Sacred Teachings are a form of Character Education through our health programming. The teaching for December is Sabe and Honesty.



Frisbee Rob taught our Thunderbirds about Disc Sports at the start of November

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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.

Find Nemo Play Auditions

Auditions for our March production of Aladdin are on December 2,3,4 after school. Please contact Ms. Gondek: valerie.gondek@fmprsd.ab.ca or Ms. Fenton, angela.fenton@fmprsd.ab.ca, with questions.

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.

Student Council Theme Week

Mon, Dec 9

- Crazy or Holiday Socks

Tues, Dec 10

- Festive Day- Dress Red and Green

Wed, Dec 11

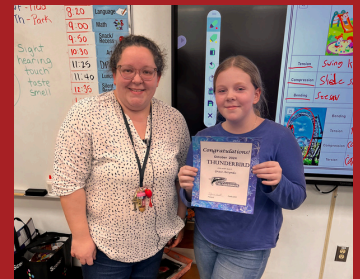
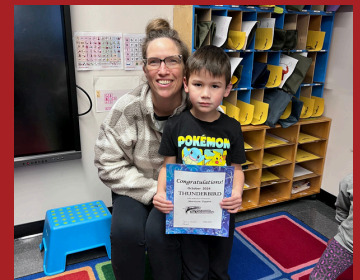
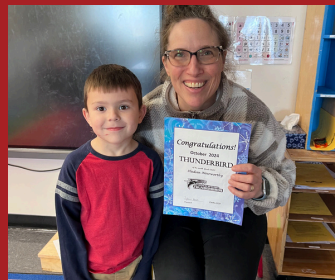
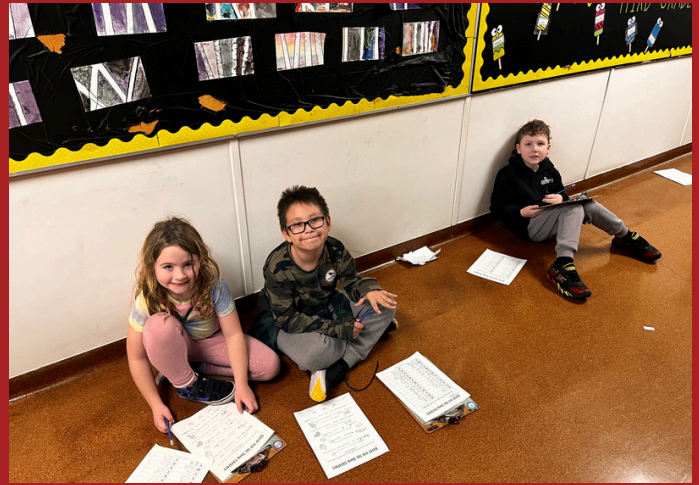
- Christmas Character Day

Thurs, Dec 12

- Crazy or Festive Hat Day

Friday, Dec 13

- Holiday or Ugly Sweater Day



Congratulations November Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Hudson

Kindergarten - Morrison

Grade One - Sadaf

Grade Two - Colton

Grade Two/Three - Charlie

Grade Three - Rylee

Grade Four - Weston

Grade Five - Madelyn

Grade Six - Grade

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.

Salvation Army Angel Tree

There are still tags available in the front lobby for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Gift request can be filled and donations can be dropped off until December 4th for families who need support this holiday season.

