Thickwood Heights

Fort McMurray Public Schools

N E W S L E T T E R

January 2025

Happy New Year

School has returned with 2025 and we are almost at the midpoint of the year. Report cards will be shared through Powerschool at the end of the month. Please visit this underline website with videos and instructions on how to access PowerSchool and set up (or reset) accounts.

CUPE Local 2545 Strike

Starting Tuesday, January 7th, CUPE Local 2545 moved from rolling strikes to a full strike. All FMPSD families received an email from the Office of the Superintendent with more details. FMPSD schools will operate without support staff until the strike is resolved and ECDP Early Learning Classes are cancelled until supports resume.

At Thickwood, this means that our Educational Assistants, Front Office Staff, Librarian and Custodial will not return until the strike is over. This group represents two thirds of our staff. Ms. Reid and myself will be covering the front office while Ms. Moore is away. Please be patient with messages and emails while we navigate until our full team is back together.

Important Dates in January

Jan 6 - First Day Back to School

Jan 16 - January Assembly

Jan 17 - Grades 4-6 Ski Day

Jan 23 - PAC Meeting - Virtual at 7:00 pm

Jan 24 - No Classes - PLF Friday

Jan 30 - Report Cards Live on PowerSchool

Jan 31 - No Classes - PD Day for Staff

Save the Date:

Thickwood Science Fair - Feb. 19th

Happy Holidays from our Educational Assistant Team and Ms. Reid!

Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Virtual Parent Council Meeting Thursday, January 23rd 7:00 pm. A Google Meet link will be sent to all parents.

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. Bottles can be dropped off at MacKenzi's Nails and Esthetics - 225 Woodland Drive.

PAC will also be holding a special **Hot Dog Hot Lunch** to raise money for school programs on January 10th.

Thickwood Holiday Concert

We hope everyone enjoyed our evening Holiday Concert on December 18th. The full show can be viewed through this LINK. The show starts at the 56 minute mark on the recording.

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 January Habit is Think Win-Win!

Seven Sacred Teachings

The Seven Sacred Teachings are a form of Character Education through our health programming. The teaching for January is Truth.

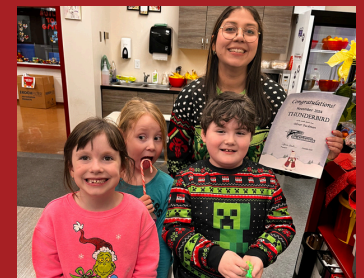# Thickwood News and Updates

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.

Science Fair

Communication is going home this week regarding our Thickwood Science Fair which will be held on Wednesday, February 19th. Interested students in grades 4, 5, and 6 can attend lunch time help sessions in the green room every Thursday, starting January 16th.

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.

Congratulations December Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Felix
Kindergarten - Livy
Grade One - Golda
Grade Two - Oliver
Grade Two/Three - Sullivan

Grade Three - Allie
Grade Four/Five - Isla
Grade Five - Princess
Grade Six - Rushi

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.

Dress for the Weather!

FMPSD schools hold outdoor recess at temperatures warmer than -24 Degrees Celsius. Please make sure students are dressed for outdoor play, including layers, mittens, hats, coats, snowpants and boots.