



Thickwood Heights

NEWSLETTER

Fort McMurray
Public Schools

March 2025

It is Time for Nemo Jr!

Our Thunderbirds have been working hard preparing for our annual Musical Production held at Keyano Theatre and Arts Centre. This year, Nemo Jr. will take the stage led by Ms. Gondek and Ms. Fenton. Students in Kindergarten to Grade Six will attend a matinee showing the morning of Tuesday, March 25th and the show will open to the public Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm. Tickets available soon through the [Keyano Box Office!](#)

CUPE Local 2545 Job Action

CUPE Local 2545 continues with their full strike at this time. Please visit the [FMPSD Labour Action Webpage](#) for updated information. Schools will operate without support staff until the strike is resolved and ECDP Early Learning Classes are cancelled until supports resume. On February 27th the Office of the Superintendent sent an update on recent revisions to the Ministerial Order on in-person learning. Any programming adjustments will be communicated to families through FMPSD via email.

ECDP and Kindergarten Open Houses have been postponed due to the strike, moved from March to April 24th and 25th (ECDP) and May 8th and 9th (Kindergarten).

Important Dates in March

- March 6 - Thickwood PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- March 13 - March Assembly 9:00 am
- March 15 - PLF - No Classes
- March 17 - Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 - Hot Dog Day through PAC
- March 21 - Full Nemo Cast Rehearsal in Gym
- March 25 - Thickwood Students at Keyano
- March 26 - Opening Night for Nemo Jr

Save the Date:

Parent Teacher Interviews April 2nd & 3rd



Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Virtual Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 pm.
A Google Meet link will be sent to all parents.

Easter Fundraising forms were sent home February 21st with an email and a copy of the ordering form. All orders are due Monday, March 10th.

PAC will also be holding a special **Hot Dog Hot Lunch** to raise money for school programs on Wednesday, March 19th

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our second set of Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd and Thursday April 3rd, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the school. Bookings will open one week before on our [school webpage](#).

Leader in Me

Each month we will feature one of the Seven Habits in our Assemblies. More information on the Leader in Me can be found through this [link](#). Our March Habit is Seek to Understand, then to be Understood.

Seven Sacred Teachings

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



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.

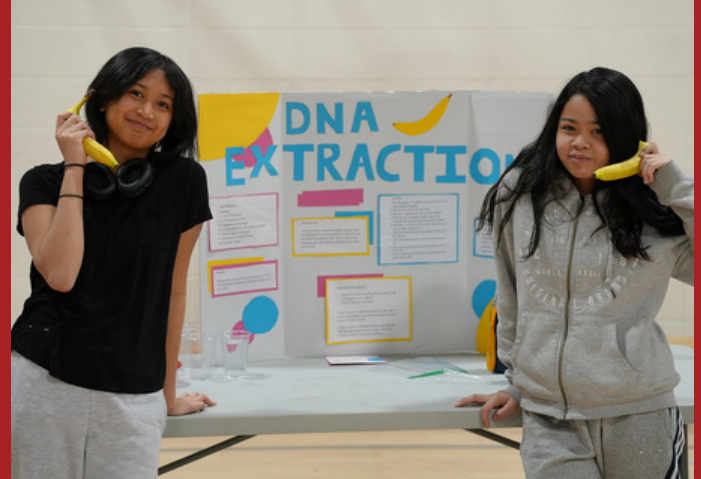
Science Fair

Thank you to Ms. Spencer for organizing a wonderful Science Fair in February! Also a special thank you to our parent attendees who viewed the projects and all the students who explored the world of Science. Congratulations to our four projects that will be moving forward to the city-wide competition:

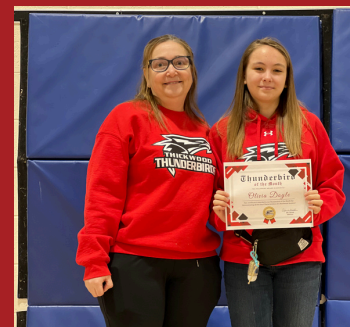
1. Potato Energy - Raine & Lexie
2. Density Tower - Jerald & Carter
3. DNA Extraction - Kylee & Krista
4. Sunspots vs Northern Lights - Lillian & anisha

PAC Hot Lunch Program

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. Please direct any questions about hot lunch to thickwoodheightspac@gmail.com



December and January Thunderbirds of the Month!



Congratulations December Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Zoey
 Kindergarten - Lulu
 Grade One - Rae
 Grade Two - Leah
 Grade Two/Three - Kylie
 Grade Three - Shawn
 Grade Four/Five - Arash
 Grade Five - Tineesha
 Grade Six - Olivia

Congratulations January Thunderbirds!

Kindergarten - Lucy W.
 Grade One - Zac
 Grade Two - Willow
 Grade Two/Three - Morgan
 Grade Three - Maddox
 Grade Four/Five - Cash
 Grade Five - Alex
 Grade Six - Leighton

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.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH
**THICKWOOD THEATRIKS
PRESENTS**

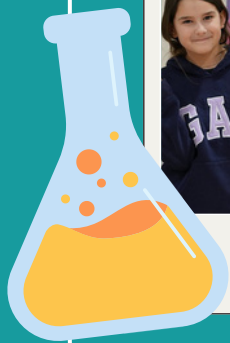
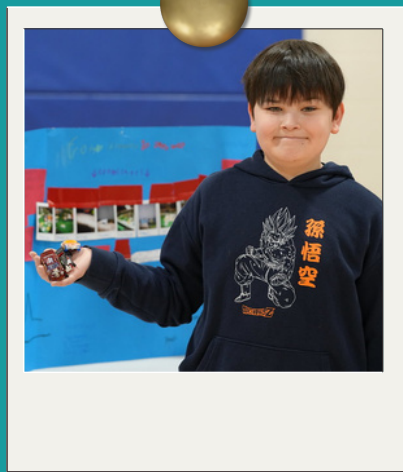
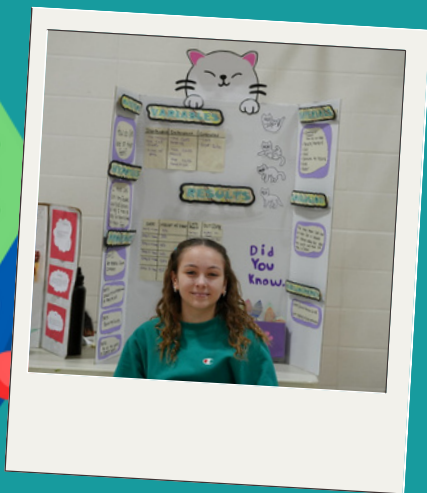
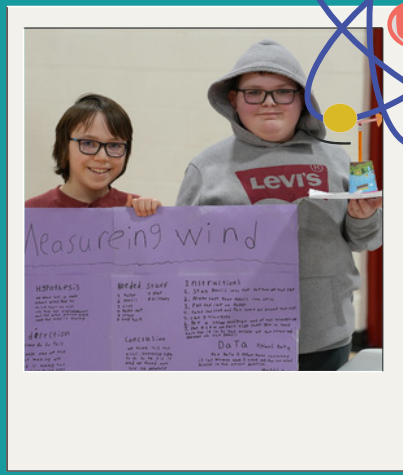
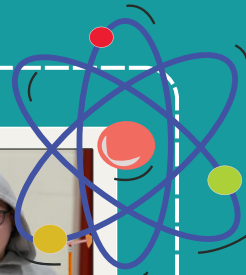


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**FINDING
NEMO**
JR.



PERFORMANCE AT THE KEYANO THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE
TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON THROUGH THE KEYANO BOX OFFICE
SHOWTIME 7:00 PM

CONTACT VALERIE.GONDEK@FMPSD.AB.CA OR ANGELA.FENTON@FMPSD.AB.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS!



2025-2026 ECDP OPEN HOUSE DATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

CHILDREN MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024 TO ENTER THE PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2025

APRIL 24, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

APRIL 25, 2025
9:00 - 12:00 PM

PARENTS CAN CHOOSE ANY FORT MCMURRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERING ECDP

- Beacon Hill Public School
- Christina Gordon Public School (R)
- Dave McNeilly Public School
- Dr. Clark Public School
- École Dickinsfield Public School (FI)
- Greely Road Public School
- Thickwood Heights School
- Timberlea Public School
- Walter & Gladys Hill Public School (R)
- Westview Public School
- Fort McMurray Christian School



LANGUAGE ENRICHED PLAY
A SAFE & CARING ENVIRONMENT
MEANINGFUL EXPERINCES
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
IMPROVED LITERACY SKILLS
HEALTHY LIVING
FUN!



REGISTER TODAY!

(780) 799 7900 Online or at any of our schools: www.fmpsdschools.ca



2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE DATES

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

CHILDREN BORN IN 2020 ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE PROGRAM IN
SEPTEMBER 2025

MAY 8, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

MAY 9, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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