

Thickwood Heights



Bring on Summer!

The weather is warming up and our Thunderbirds are loving the sunshine and outdoor recess time. April was a busy month with Spring Break, our ECDP Open House, Junior High Tours for our Grade Six students and Earth Day.

On May 15th, Thickwood is hosting a Spring Fling Semi-Formal Dance for students in all grades to celebrate the changing of the seasons and enjoy time with family and friends. Our Parent Association will be serving pizza and snacks, and it is sure to be a great time!

Alien Inline May 26th - 30th

The last week of May is going to be exciting at Thickwood, when Alien Inline takes over the gym to teach our Thunderbirds how to inline skate. No experience is necessary and skates, wrist, elbow and knee protection is provided.

Please make sure your child is wearing socks, clothing comfortable to move in, and brings their own helmet (if possible). There will be a limited number of helmets available.

Learn more about Alien Inline through this [LINK](#). A Special thank you to our Parent Council for paying for this special event for our Thunderbirds. Without their fundraising efforts, this opportunity would not be possible.

Important Dates in May

- May 2nd & 3rd - 5/6 Ball Hockey Tournament
- May 5th to 9th - Student Council Multicultural Week
- May 8th - May Assembly 9:00 am
- May 8th and 9th - Kindergarten Open House
- May 15th - Spring Dance 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- May 16th - No Classes (Day In-Lieu of PTIs)
- May 19th - No Classes (Victoria Day)
- May 22nd - PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- May 26th to 30th - Alien Inline
- May 29th - Grades 5/6 Track and Field Meet

**CONGRATULATIONS RUSHI AND MEDAL!
CITY WIDE GOLD MEDALISTS IN BADMINTON!**



Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm.
A Google Meet link will be sent to all parents.

Student Council Multicultural Week Week May 5th to 9th

Monday - Welcome from Around the World

Tuesday - Map Quest: School Challenge

Wednesday - Cultural Clothing

Thursday - Multicultural Potluck

Friday - Multicultural Showcase

Thunderbird Writing Contest

What is a Thunderbird? What characteristics do we celebrate at Thickwood and recognize each month? All students have been provided time to participate in our May writing contest to identify the ideal characteristics of a Thickwood Student. Winning entries will be acknowledged at the May Assembly.

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 Sharpen the Saw.

Seven Sacred Teachings

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



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Thickwood Thursdays

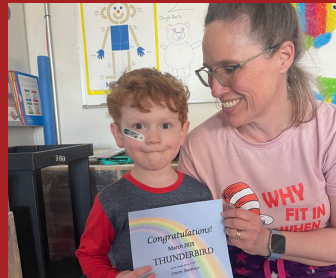
Don't forget to wear Red on Thursday to show your school spirit! All participating students are entered into a draw for free Thickwood Clothing.

Ball Hockey

Our Grade 5/6 Ball Hockey will be competing in the city tournament at St. Martha's on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd. Thank you to Mr. Sullivan for volunteering to coach!

Track and Field & Run Club

Track and Field starts the first week of May after school for interested students in grades five and six. All students in grades one to six interested in lunch recess run club with Ms. Book can meet at the field at noon to participate in our daily lap challenge.



Congratulations March Thunderbirds!

ECDP -Owen

Kindergarten - Lulu

Grade One - Aurora

Grade Two - Elliot

Grade Two/Three -Jayla

Grade Three - Callen

Grade Four/Five - Henry

Grade Five -Carson

Grade Six - Makenna

Parent & Student Opportunities

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is organized by our Parent Council on Tuesdays and Thursdays of every month.

Orders can be placed at <https://thickwoodheights.hotlunches.net>
The school access code is **TWHL**.

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 proper footwear and layers. Please label all clothing!





THICKWOOD THUNDERBIRD WRITING COMPETITION

THE THUNDERBIRD IS A LEGENDARY CREATURE IN CERTAIN NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HISTORY AND CULTURE. IT IS CONSIDERED A BEING OF POWER AND STRENGTH.

THE THUNDERBIRD IS OUR MASCOT AT THICKWOOD HEIGHTS AND REPRESENTS THE CHARACTERISTICS OUR SCHOOL CELEBRATES AND ENCOURAGES.

WHAT TYPE OF QUALITIES SHOULD WE CELEBRATE ? FOR EXAMPLE, DO WE VALUE KINDNESS, POSITIVE ATTITUDE, WORTH ETHIC, AND FRIENDSHIP?

WE WOULD LIKE EXAMPLES FROM THICKWOOD STUDENTS!

IN ONE PAGE OR LESS, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE IDEAL THUNDERBIRD.

THICKWOOD SHIRTS WILL BE AWARDED AT EACH GRADE LEVEL AT OUR MAY ASSEMBLY FOR THE WINNING WRITING PIECES.





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

PARENTS CAN CHOOSE ANY FORT MCMURRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL


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




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Thickwood Student
Council Presents



MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Celebrating our Diversity!
May 5th to 9th, 2025



Monday

Welcome!

Classes will research ways to say Welcome in different languages and create a graphic to greet Thickwood Visitors at the front door!

Tuesday

MapQuest

How well do you know your world geography? Can you guess the geographical routes of our Thickwood Staff?

Wednesday

Cultural Dress Day

Student can showcase cultural dress or traditional clothing by wearing it to school

Thursday

Multicultural Potluck and Table Culture Share

Come by the main office at lunch to sample some different foods from around the world and learn about traditions from different cultures

Friday

Cultural Showcase

Students and families are invited to share their culture with their classes in displays or presentations

Interested in
contributing?

Call the main office at
780-743-8417





Spring Fling

SEMI FORMAL FAMILY DANCE

THICKWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL

DJ & FOOD PROVIDED BY OUR
THICKWOOD PAC - THANK YOU!

MAY 15TH | 5:00 PM TO
7:00 PM

PIZZA AND JUICE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



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