



November 2023

Fort McMurray Public Schools

A Time to Remember

November is a time for reflection, honouring Remembrance Day and checking in on how the first Term of the School year is going. Thickwood will hold а Remembrance Day Assembly open to families on Thursday, November 9th at 10:30 am. Parent Teacher Interviews take place at the end of this month and all families are encouraged to sign up to connect with teachers through the bookings link on our webpage.

Dress for the Weather!

As the seasons change and temperature dip below zero, please ensure your Thunderbird is dressed for the weather. Warm outdoor boots, layers of clothing including snow jackets and pants, mittens, toques and neck warmers are all recommended. Students have outdoor recess unless the temperature is below -24 with the windchill. The school opens at 8:00 am for students to come in through the assigned doors.

To prevent lost items please ensure all clothing is labeled and stop by the main office to check out the lost of found where items left outside are brought daily.

Important Dates in November:

- Nov 2 WITS Presentations in Classes by RCMP
- Nov 3 No Classes PLF
- Nov 4 PAC Christmas Market
- Nov 4/5 Final 5/6 Volleyball Tournament
- Nov 9 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 10 No Classes (Day for Remembrance)
- Nov 14 November Assembly
- Nov 22 PAC November Meeting
- Nov 27 30 Book Fair
- Nov 29 Parent Teacher Interviews
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- Nov 30 Report Cards Available on PowerSchool



Thank you to the RCMP for coming in to talk about Halloween Safety

Thickwood News and Updates

Parent Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 22nd</u> at Thickwood Heights School at 8:15 am. There will be a virtual option to join sent out to all parents the day before the meeting. Come to the school on Saturday, November 4th to enjoy the PAC Christmas Market from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Home Reading Program

Please make sure all reading minutes are in for October so totals can be calculated for classes and students. Prizes will be awarded at our monthly assembly on November 14th. Monthly sheets can be handed in at the Library or home reading minutes can be included in the shared <u>Google Form</u>.

Hot Lunches

Orders can be placed by creating an account at the PAC Website: <u>Thickwood</u> <u>Hot Lunches</u> (password TWHL). These lunches would not be possible without our amazing PAC volunteers.

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 <u>link</u>. Our second habit is: Begin with the End in Mind!

Seven Sacred Teachings

<u>The Seven Sacred Teachings</u> are a form of Character Education through our health programming. The teaching for November is the Bear and Courage.





Halloween Fun!

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Thickwood Thursdays

Don't forget to wear Red on Thursday to show your school spirit!

School Clothing

School clothing orders are open through our Entripy Site: <u>https://thickwoodheightsschool.ent</u> <u>ripyshops.com/</u>

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.

PTIs - November 29th & 30th

The Link for parent teacher interviews will open Wednesday, November 22nd for booking. Interviews will run from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm both nights and the book fair will be open in the Learning Commons.

Donations

Our students are always in need of mittens/gloves when the weather gets gold. If you have new or gently used items to donate, please bring them to Ms. Moore in the front office.



















Congratulations September Thunderbirds!

ECDP - Elliot Kindergarten - Ava Grade One - Anjy Grade One/Two - Charlie Grade Two - Jericho Grade Two/Three - Audrina Grade Four - Lillian Grade Five - Raine Grade Six - Thomas





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 <u>here</u>!

Construction & parking Update

We are very excited to have Silin Forest Road back open for pick-up and drop off. **Please remember that the Bus Lane in front of the school is for buses only.** Bylaw will be monitoring the bus loop, in addition to the area by the Gazebo on Thicket Drive. The green space by the Gazebo is a no parking area. Any question or concerns about traffic can be directed to the Pulse Line through this <u>LINK</u>.



Students in our Kindergarten and Grade Two and Three Classes joined up for an Fall Walk and art lesson that was incorporated into our Secret Path Display.



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