

September School News

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Welcome Back!

BES would like to welcome back all of our students to school! We would like to extend a warm welcome to any new families who have moved into our community! We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and that you are ready for an exciting school year ahead of you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact administration:



From left to right

Mrs. Kelly Ferguson (Associate Principal)

Mr. Dale Bujold (Principal)

Miss Amber Monteath (Associate Principal)



As part of our **Safe School policy** parents and visitors are expected to sign in the office if coming to the school during the school day. Please wait for your child to meet you at the office if you are taking them out for the day. If you have a lunch or other items for your child, office staff will call the classroom and have the item picked up at the office. Unidentified adults in the hallways could potentially create an unsafe situation in the school. **We require all visitors to wear an ID tag. People without ID tag will be asked to register at the office.**



School Fees



Parents are no longer required to pay instructional materials fees. Schools will however continue to charge fees for *enhanced educational services* and *non-curricular*

activities; for example field trips, resale supplies, milk programs, hot lunch programs, sports teams, clubs, etc.

How do I pay my child's fees?

We strongly encourage parents to use [School Cash Online](#) to pay for their child's school fees. It's fast, simple and secure. It's a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks. It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified when your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. [Register today!](#)



Other forms of payment: Cash, Cheque, VISA, Money Order and Debit (at Regional Office & online via the school website). Invoices will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.



***In the morning we ask ALL students to make their way to the side playground. Supervisors will be outside at 8:30 am to help supervise.**

Please do not send your child inside. Teachers and program assistants are meeting from 8:30-8:40.

Who Can Ride the Bus?



The transportation department has informed schools that they can no longer transport children on buses who are NOT registered to ride that bus. This change means parents will need to arrange for alternate transportation for things like birthday parties, sleepovers, or visitations between students who aren't registered on the same bus. If you have questions, please call Shantelle @ 780-674-8510.

Please call us if...

Your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, (illness, medical appointment or family priority) please call the office 780-674-8518. The school office will call home if students are absent without a reason.



***Please have after school arrangements made prior to the school day. Please write a note in your child's agenda informing the teacher of any changes.**

Bell Schedule:

8:40	Bell rings to enter school
8:50 - 9:20	Period 1
9:20 - 9:50	Period 2
9:50 - 10:20	Period 3
10:20 - 10:50	Period 4
10:50 - 11:05	Lunch
11:05 - 11:35	Recess
11:35 - 12:05	Period 5
12:05 - 12:35	Period 6
12:35 - 1:05	Period 7
1:05 - 1:35	Recess
1:35 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45 - 2:15	Period 8
2:15 - 2:45	Period 9
2:45 - 3:17	Period 10
3:17	Dismissal

Pembina Hills has adjusted Grade Scale Terminology

During the previous school year, Pembina Hills principals and senior administration discussed the language used in report cards to describe student achievement. The topic came up because of misunderstanding around the word “Acceptable”. Some parents thought that “Acceptable” meant that everything is OK and there are no concerns. But by the definition used, “Acceptable” might also mean that things were NOT OK and there are concerns. This double meaning led to some challenges in communication about students’ needs.

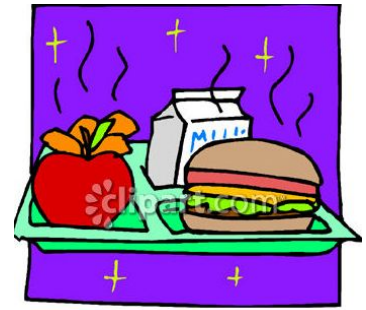
Levels of Achievement:

- **Above** enrolled grade level: Unless specific assessment activities have been performed by the students to assess skills or knowledge at a grade level above that which they are enrolled, teachers cannot accurately determine whether students are above enrolled grade level expectations.
- **Below** enrolled grade level: **Intervention is necessary** when achievement is **not** yet at an acceptable level and or when the student demonstrated **inadequate** achievement of Learner Outcomes.
- **At** enrolled grade level: The teachers’ professional judgements of student achievement are based on multiple observations and student assessment activities completed over a period of time.
 - o Note that the determination of a summary grade is not simply a cumulative or averaged mathematical calculation.
 - o Teacher’s professional judgment is critical in determining the grade and supersedes automated calculations.

Kindergarten	
Feedback summaries to parents are very specific to the experience and developmental progress, based on what the student can or cannot do.	
Grades 1-6	
Excellent	Achievement that is refined . The student consistently demonstrated an in-depth and broad achievement of Learner Outcomes.
Proficient	Achievement that is competent . The student usually demonstrated well-developed achievement of Learner Outcomes.
Satisfactory	Achievement that is adequate . The student demonstrated a basic but partial and/or inconsistent achievement of Learner Outcomes.
Marginal	At Risk . Achievement that is marginally adequate . The student demonstrated minimally acceptable achievement of Learner Outcomes.
Limited	Intervention is necessary . Achievement that is not yet at an acceptable level. The student demonstrated inadequate achievement of Learner Outcomes.
Incomplete	When the student has not submitted all Summative Assessments for evaluation, and therefore has not demonstrated their knowledge or skills, the student will be assigned an “I” for Incomplete. The school, student and the student’s parent/guardian will have a <u>specific plan</u> for completion.
Withdrawal	The student has, after consultation with school counseling staff and parents/guardians, chosen to withdraw from a course in which they were registered. A “W” will be recorded. A withdrawal is not an incomplete course and therefore does not require a plan for completion.

Hot Lunch Program

Sandy McCarthy is back again providing healthy items for our children to enjoy. Menus and registration forms will be sent home. The Lunch Program is available to all Gr 1 - 6 students of BES regardless of ability to pay but you must complete a Lunch Subsidy Application Registration prior to the deadline set at the end of each month to receive the hot lunch subsidy. Applications are available at the FCSS office. Unfortunately, late registrations cannot be accepted. Our website is www.fcssbarrhead.com Sample menus are on the website. Cost of the meals is \$3.00 per day. Please contact Sandy at 780-674-3341. FCSS accepts donations to help with this program. Lunch will start September 24.



Important Dates to Remember

Hot Lunch and Milk Sales Start: Sept.24

Early Dismissal Days: School is dismissed at 2:17 on Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 28, Feb 27, Mar 20, Apr 24

School Photo Days: October 3 & 4 *Your child's teacher will let you know the date assigned for them.*

Western Day: Sept. 13

Terry Fox Run: Sept. 14

Parent Council News

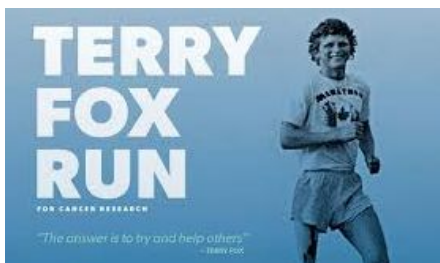
Hello Everyone!

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an amazing summer and is ready to get this 2018-19 school year going! Thank you to all those that stopped by and chatted with us at the Welcome Back BBQ! It was great to see everyone and watch the kids put stickers on their favorite playground! Speaking of the playground, I just have a quick update for you! We just applied for our second grant and the third one will be next week. We are still in need of support letters parents and students! These letters give those responsible for handing out grants a good look into our school /community needs. The more the better!

Our first meeting of the year is September 19th, at 7pm in the BES Staff Room! I hope to see you all there!

Canadian Parents For French

First meeting will be Wed. Sept. 19 at 8:00 pm at BES.



Our annual Terry Fox walk is Fri. Sept. 14 in the afternoon. Earlier in the week students and staff will be participating in activities to learn more about Terry Fox and why we do the walk.

If you would like to join us, Grade 2-6 will be heading over to Cecile Martin Park at 1:30. Once we arrive, classes will just start walking on the path. **In previous years, students have gathered in the grass for a message, this will not occur this year as students have been learning all week about Terry Fox.*

**Kindergarten and Grade One's will be walking on the track behind the high school.*