

## June School News

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### Thank You!

Wow, what an unpredictable and unusual end to our school year. We want to say a sincere "Thank you" to all of our students, parents and teachers for adjusting plans so quickly and rolling out an alternate educational program during this time of COVID school closure.

Parents, we know this adjustment has not always been easy and thank you for your support. Students, thank you for continuing to connect with us through google meets and for completing online assignments given. Thank you everyone for your flexibility. We absolutely can not wait to see our students again, when it is safe to do so. Students first day back is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd. Please watch our website and the Pembina Hills website and Facebook pages for updated information on return to school. An official announcement regarding return is scheduled to be made prior to August 1st. We anxiously await to hear what our government and Alberta Health will say regarding what our return looks like. We wish everyone a fantastic, restful and safe summer holiday and hope to see you in September.



Mr. Bujold, Mrs. Ferguson & Mr. Erickson

### Grade 6 Year End Awards

Each year, one grade six student from each grade 6 classroom is chosen to receive our school Principal's Award. We couldn't celebrate these students at our year end assembly, like we typically do. Therefore, we wanted to announce them in this newsletter. Congratulations to the following selected students: Hanna Dancause, Raci Messmer, Liam Rentz, Renko Wepener and Leo Schmaus. There is also one French Immersion Award given to a student in Grade 6 French Immersion class. This year's award winner is Jamie Kalmbach.

Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work and receiving these awards!

## School Staff 2020-2021

We do have some staff changes for our upcoming school year. Our teaching staff for next school year is:

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Alica Bentz, Mrs. Carissa Henkelman, Mrs/Mme. Gillian Bourgeois, Ms. Kayla Jacula, Mrs. Joan Gravel, Mrs. Karlee Visser, Mrs. Angela Blonjeaux

**Grade 1:** Mrs. Jody Hancock-Conner, Mrs. Coreen Harrison, Ms. Shelley Weaver, Mrs. Jo-Ann McGarva, Mrs. Charlene Protz, Ms. Tamara Hubscher, Mrs. Tanya Madlung, Ms. Kyla Breadon

**Grade 2:** Mrs. AnneMarie Tyrrell, Ms. Lauren Chapman, Mrs. Dana Schmidt, Mrs. Kelly Klein, Mrs. Candice Lucas, Mrs. Reem Assaf, Mrs. Tina Chase

**Grade 3:** Mrs. Amy Swan, Mrs. Arlene Bujold, Mrs. Joanne Starman, Ms. Christine Baker, Mrs. Shawna Parker, Ms. Sandra Bombay

**Grade 4:** Mrs. Chrissie Epp, Mrs. Caroline Roszko, Ms. Amy Hoeksema, Mrs. Wenda O'Malley, Mrs. Marlys Scheffler, Mrs. Judy Crozier

**Grade 5:** Mrs. Andrea Wierenga, Ms. Jennifer Palylyk, Mrs. Shirley Grant, Mrs. Judy Tomm, Mrs. Nadine Quedenbaum, Mrs. Angela Kerton, Mrs. Laura Mackenzie

**Grade 6:** Mrs. Martha Sommer (Ms. Friessen is getting married...congratulations!), Ms. Taryn Sekulich, Ms. Jensen Biberdorf, Mrs. Charity Erickson, Mrs. Kristy Darrigan, Mrs. Alana Steinbring, Mrs. Vicky Lytle, Mrs. Jocelyn Connochie

**Music Teacher:** Mr. Keith Schantz  
**Counsellor and Phys Ed Specialist:** Mrs. Ria Young

### **Inclusive Education:**

**Coordinator:** Ms. Karin Hitchcock  
**Lead Teacher Support:** Ms. Taryn Sekulich

**Office Staff:** Ms. Leah Jackson, Ms. Stephanie Cerny

**Administration:** Mr. Dale Bujold (Principal), Mr. Dale Erickson (Associate Principal)

## Welcome New Staff!

You will notice some new names on our staff list. Ms. Jensen Biberdorf is joining our grade 6 team. She taught Grade 1 at Eleanor Hall School in Clyde and Grade 4 at Westlock Elementary. We are thrilled that she is joining us in Barrhead next year!

Ms. Karin Hitchcock is joining us as our Inclusive Education Coordinator. Ms. Hitchcock joined Pembina Hills as part of their Specialized Student Services team. She most recently was the school counsellor at Westlock Elementary.

### **Thank You to those staff members leaving**

Unfortunately, we will not have the following staff members with us next year. Ms. Toni Liber, Ms. Kass Haut, Ms. Amy Kraft, Ms. Nicole Dezaeyer, Mr. Gerald Jenkins, Mrs. Tannis Tippin, Mrs. Bernadette VanLoenen. We wish all of these BES staff team members best of luck and thank each of them for their contributions to student learning here at BES.

Mrs. Dellainie Waters and Mrs. Jaylene Blum are both on maternity leave next year. Congratulations to both of you!

Mrs. Kelly Ferguson is leaving us next year as well. However, sad news for us is great news for other team members of Pembina Hills. Mrs. Ferguson is moving to become the Principal of Early Learning next year. We are very excited for her and this new opportunity. Mrs. Ferguson has been a great support to our team at BES and will be sincerely missed.

The time has come for us also to say thank you to Mrs. Karin Miller as she enters retirement. Mrs. Miller has been the voice on many of the phone calls to BES. She has been instrumental in supporting all staff members over her time here. We are very sad to see her leave and may feel a little lost next year but are very excited she will be able to retire this year. We wish you the best retirement, Mrs. Miller!