

THE BEACON

December 2019



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students and Guardians...

November was a super busy month and there is lots happening in December as well...

- Parent Teacher Interviews were very busy and thanks to all of the parents who came out.
- Report Cards went home Monday, November 25th.
- Floor Hockey has been very competitive with games against Greely Road School and all the students have been competing hard! More games to come!
- Volleyball season was fun and the students enjoyed competing in two tournaments. Well done coaches and students on an excellent season!
- Winter is here and please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather.
- We continue with our Literacy and Numeracy initiatives as one of our major school related goals.
- We now have accumulated **140 Roaries** to date and our students continue to exhibit responsible and respectful behavior.
- Basketball season begins in January after the Christmas Break.
- Ultimate Frisbee is Thursdays!
- Technology Club starts this month with Multimedia activities - digital photography and movie making).
- Family Movie Night is Thursday December 12th. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, and the movie will begin at 6:30 PM.
- Turkey Day is Monday, December 16th and the Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 17th.
- The last week of school before the holidays will be a theme week: December 16th is Christmas Sweater Day; December 17th Red and Green Day; December 18th is Santa Hat Day; and December 19th is PJ Day.
- Thursday, December 12th is our Grade 6 trip movie night fundraiser.
- Please contact our school if you have any questions or suggestions.
- Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff!

Graham Abbott
Principal

Helpful Hints for Parents

1. Encourage your child to develop a positive outlook toward school.
2. Stay in contact with your child's teachers.
3. Attend parent-teacher meetings, school plays, monthly assemblies, and concerts, social and sport events.
4. Avoid if possible taking holidays during school time.
5. Inform the school in advance of your child's absence from school.
6. Meet or contact school staff when an incident arises in school involving your child.
7. Cooperate with the school when solving problems or issues involving your child.
8. Watch for changes in your child's mood or behavior that might suggest problems at school.
9. Inform teachers of issues that might affect your child's progress or behavior.
10. Review on a regular basis your child's homework and assignments, and sign agendas.
11. Provide access to reading resources at home.
12. Read all communications from the school (includes social media sites).
13. Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities (inside and outside school). It builds good character.
14. Spend time with your child when they come home and ask how they day at school went. **Help out with school work if possible.**

Please Remember

1. We welcome parents to be in the school and encourage you to participate in and attend school functions and events.
2. Polite cooperation with all school personnel is essential.
3. All visitors must sign in and out at the main office.
4. All students have the right to attend school without being afraid or intimidated.
5. Harassment of any type (sexual, verbal or physical) and bullying (physical, verbal or via social media) will not be tolerated and dealt with accordingly.
6. Clothing, book bags, etc. that display inappropriate language, slogans, pictures or symbols, or anything that might be considered offensive will not be permitted.
7. Cell Phones are not to be used in the school and must be kept in backpacks.
8. Bikes and scooters must be locked in the bike racks.
9. Please remember to drive slowly in the school zone.
10. Please remember to not drop off students in staff parking .
11. Staff supervision of students at school starts at **7:55am** and ends at **3:05pm**.

School Schedule

Monday—Friday:
8:10: First Bell
8:15: Attendance
8:20: Announcements and First Class begins
10:15 to 10:30: Morning Recess
11:41—12:01: Lunch Break
12:01-12:25: Afternoon Recess
2:50 Dismissal

Parent and Visitors to the School

We are pleased to have you participate in school activities and we offer thanks to all those who volunteer time assisting our students.
Please remember to **Sign in** and **out** at the office on **each** visit.

LEADER IN ME

This is our second year as a Leader In Me school and we have set our school wide focus on developing a student advisory lighthouse teams involving our students in more leadership activities and decision making.

Habit #1 **Highly Effective Practices**

Be Proactive: You are in charge: Pause and respond based on principles and desired results; use proactive language; focus on your Circle of Influence; become a Transition Person.



Extra Curricular Activities

Volleyball

Grade 5/6 Volleyball season was a lot of fun and the students finished their season competing at a tournament at Elsie Yanick. Thank you to Lisa MacKinnon and Kassandra Legge for coaching.

Floor Hockey

Grade 3/4/5/6 Floor Hockey is Tuesdays after school. We have played a bunch of games against other schools and have been very competitive. Go Bears!

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate is every Thursday after school and the students have been having a ton of fun!

Ukulele Club

Ms Legge looks after the Ukulele Club which practices Mondays after school. We can't wait to hear them perform their first number!

Musical Bears

Mrs. Parr runs the lunchtime school music club every Tuesday and Wednesday during lunch and lunch recess. They are called the "Musical Bears". They sing a variety of songs from pop to classical. They are currently preparing for the Christmas Concert on December 17th!

Beacon Hill School Council

Beacon Hill School Council has engaged in some great discussions so far this year – at our most recent meeting, we reviewed the results from the accountability survey from the 2018/2019 school year. This survey shows results in areas such as academics and safe and caring schools, with data being compiled through student scores on PAT's and annual surveys to teachers, parents and students- Beacon Hill School showed a great deal of improvement in most areas this past year over the previous year(s) which was wonderful to see!

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend the School Council meetings – we value everyone's opinion and input on the happenings of our school community. Our next meeting will be held on January 14 at 6:30pm in the Community/Art Room.

Beacon Hill Parents Plus December Report

Hi everybody! I hope you all had a great November! It was a busy month for Parents Plus, and the school as a whole. We had the Growing Smiles fundraiser, the Dielman's orders arrived, we were coordinating the casino night volunteering, had a cookie exchange along with our November meeting, the students had their holiday gift shop on November 29th, and we had our annual Christmas market on November 30th. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with set up and decorating, assisted the kids with their shopping, ran the hot chocolate bar at the market, and the clean up afterwards. Events like this cannot run without parent support, and you are all much appreciated! A special shout-out to Wendy MacMillan for organizing the gift shop and market, and to Libby and Eric Marietta for taking care of the Santa photos :)

Our casino nights are coming up next week, on the 9th and 10th. A huge thank you to those of you who signed up to work the casino. All spots have been filled (YAY! I), but if you'd like to sign up as an alternate, please let us know by emailing beaconhillfundraising@gmail.com

Turkey Day, a much-loved Christmas tradition at Beacon Hill School, will be taking place on Monday, December 16th. Because our school population has increased so much, we will be doing Turkey Day a little differently this year. Stay tuned for a sign-up genius coming soon!

This month, Parents Plus was able to sponsor our volleyball teams to attend a tournament. We are also purchasing art supplies to replenish our Art Room stock, and will be sponsoring a future visit from Telus World of Science. We are also helping fund Movie Day coming up in December. None of this would be possible without the help and support of you, our school families with fundraisers held throughout the year. All of our fundraisers are 100% voluntary, and we appreciate the support from you all throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Zsuzsa Gerendi for all her help and commitment to Parents Plus the last few years. She stepped down as one of our hot lunch coordinators at our last meeting.

Important Dates:

December 5 - Growing Smiles orders arrive and Paint Night Fundraiser
December 9 & 10 - Casino
December 16 - Turkey Day
December 17 - Christmas Concert
December 18 - Movie Day

We don't have a monthly meeting in December due to the busy-ness of the season, so we'll see you in January! We hope you will all have a safe and happy holiday season!

Merry Christmas and we'll see you in the New Year!

Shauna,

Parents Plus Chair

Beacon Hill Family Movie Night

The grade six class at Beacon Hill invites you to join us for our annual Family Movie Night on Thursday, December 12th in our gymnasium. We are asking for a donation to our Edmonton trip fund upon arrival. Please come join us to watch The Grinch and get into the holiday spirit. You are welcome to bring along pillows, sleeping bags and chairs to get cozy for the movie. We will also be selling popcorn and beverages. Can't wait to see you there! Doors will open at 6:00pm.



Christmas Concert - Dec 17th

We are excited to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert to be held on Tuesday, December 17th.

Our show starts at 6:30pm, so supervision will begin in their respective classrooms at 6pm. Please drop your child off at their classroom and proceed to the gym to enjoy a wonderful evening.

Please note:

All of our students have worked very hard to put on a fantastic show for you. Please refrain from leaving the gymnasium until the concert is complete. Multiple entrances and exits are distracting to the performers and audience. Be assured your child will be supervised at all times, in their classroom, when not on stage. Furthermore, there is a finale that will involve all performers.

At the end of the finale, please allow all students to exit the gym first. **Please remain seated until all students have exited the gymnasium and then head to their classrooms to collect them.** This is done for the safety of all performers, so teachers can ensure they have left with a parents/guardian.

We thank you in advance for helping us keep your children safe.

Entrance to the concert is FREE but we do ask that you bring a donation to the Wood Buffalo Food Bank.

Lastly, a raffle will take place for a chance to sit in VIP seating throughout the concert and tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Proceeds will be donated to the Wood Buffalo Food Bank.

Thank you and we look forward to entertaining you as our kids help everyone celebrate this wonderful time of year!



Movie Time at Landmark Cinema

Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will be off to Landmark Cinema on Thursday, December 19th. Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be watching Frozen. Grades 4-6 will be watching Jumanji. **Movies are subject to change but hopefully not** Busses will leave at 8:30 am and students will return to the school by 11:30AM. **Half day Kindergarten students WILL require a pick up from school as they will not be back in time to catch the bus.** We thank Parents' Plus for contributing to the movie day!



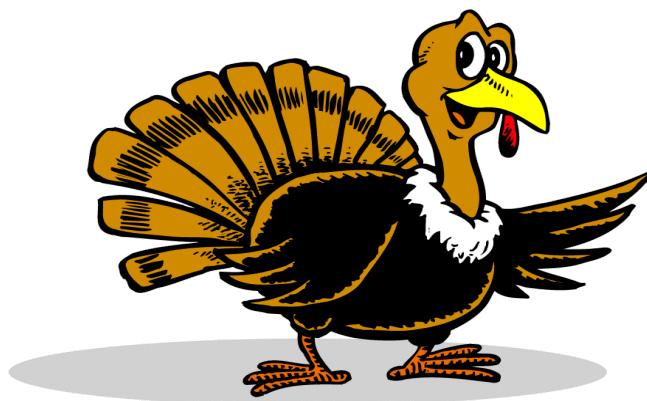
Turkey Day- December 16th

The 12th Annual Turkey Day, a Beacon Hill Public school tradition, will again be celebrated this year on Monday, December 16th. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be participating in cooking, decorating, setting-up and serving families. Seniors from the Golden Years Society will also be present to assist, as well as volunteers from District Office.

This will be the largest Turkey Day we have ever attempted, so we'll need some extra help. Please keep an eye out later this week for a Sign Up Genius, asking for a donation of vegetables, buns, butter, etc. The same sign up will have an option for parents to volunteer for the morning - the more volunteers the better.

Lastly, you will be receiving an RSVP form to let us know who in your family will be attending, so we have an idea of how much food to prepare. We need all this information by Thursday, December 12th, please!

We can't wait to continue this time honored Beacon Hill Tradition! If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Saunders at krista.saunders@fmpsd.ab.ca



Christmas Theme Days

The last week of school before the holidays will be a Holiday theme week.



BEACON HILL FESTIVE WEEK

Mon. Dec. 16 - Festive Sweater Day

Tues. Dec. 17 - Red and Green Day

Wed. Dec. 18 - Christmas Hat Day

Thurs. Dec. 19 - PJ Day

Hot Lunch Ordering

Hot lunch is available for full day students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. If your child(ren) is in ECDP or half day Kindergarten and is at Bethel Daycare for the second half of the day, we also allow these students to order from our hot lunch program.

As of January, ordering cut off dates will now be done twice throughout the month. We will open it up for orders for the first half, then the second half of the month. This is so if anyone misses the deadline for the first part, they still have the option to purchase for the second half.

Ordering is done online at beaconhillschool.hotlunches.net. The access code is **bears2019**. **Payments must be made online. You cannot pay cash in the office for this.** If you do have any questions or concerns regarding hot lunch orders please email our Hot Lunch Coordinator at beaconhillparentsplus@gmail.com.

****Please Note: Should you experience any issues with your PayPal account, you must contact PayPal directly to solve the issue.**



Menu for January 7th-16th 2020

Tuesday January 7th – Subway

Wednesday January 8th – Wok Box

Thursday January 9th – Panago

Tuesday January 14th – Mucho Burrito

Wednesday January 15th -Extreme Pita

Thursday January 16th – Boston Pizza

Ordering is open now and will end on December 19th

The schedule for January 21st-30th will be realeased once we are
back in January

APPLE SCHOOLS: Health and Wellness Guidelines

Students in APPLE Schools take ownership of their own health and demonstrate:

INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 1, 2, 3

- 35% increase in physical activity
- 2-3 times more steps taken per day
- Increases in physical activity during school hours, after school hours, and on weekends

IMPROVED DIETARY HABITS 3, 4

- Students eat 10% more fruits and vegetables and consume 237 fewer calories per day

DECREASED OBESITY 3, 4

- Students are nearly 40% less likely to be obese than in comparison schools

IMPROVEMENTS IN LEARNING OUTCOMES 5, 6

- Students show improved quality of life, leadership abilities, productivity and learning outcomes

IMPROVEMENTS IN HEALTH FOR ALL STUDENTS 1

- Increases in physical activity are seen across all students, regardless of whether they were active or not beforehand
- Children with the lowest starting levels of activity benefit the most

Calendar of Events

December 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Trustee visit 2:00-2:45pm Tech Club	3 Floor Hockey	4	5 Ultimate Frisbee	6	7
8	9 Casino PAC	10 Floor Hockey vs Greely Road/FMIS Casino PAC	11	12 Movie Night in Gym 6:30pm Ultimate Frisbee	13 PLF #5 District PD	14
15	16 Turkey Day Christmas Sweater Day	17 Christmas Concert Red-Green Day	18 Landmark Santa Hat Day	19 PJ Day	20 PLF #6	21
22	23 -----	24 -----	25 Christmas	26 Break	27 -----	28
29	30 -----	31 -----				

