

THE BEACON

March 2019

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Principal's Message

Because February was one of the coldest months we can remember, morning and lunch recesses were held inside. During lunch recesses, students had an opportunity to participate in many activities such as Lego Club, Games Club, Choir, Drama Club, and Yoga. We want to thank our parent volunteers for supporting our lunchtime activities. Thank you also to Parents' Plus for sponsoring our Yoga instructor.

Our Grade 4-6 parents are invited to complete Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar surveys. Access codes were mailed out to parents by Alberta Education. Please complete your survey by March 8th.

We look forward to our Parent-Student-Teacher conferences/interviews on March 25th and March 27th. These conferences provide an opportunity to celebrate progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year. You can book your interview times on our school website: www.beaconhill.fmpsdschools.ca Further steps can be found in this newsletter.

We wish to thank our Parents' Plus for supporting our students through the purchase of Scholastic reading resources and Jolly Phonics materials. We appreciate your support!

Nancy Ball
Principal



Leader in Me

The Importance of Goals By: Dr. John and Jane Covey

Research has shown that the simple act of writing a goal greatly increases the chances of accomplishing the goal. If the goal is broken down into action steps and the action steps are tracked, goals have an even greater percentage of success.

At school, your child may write his or her academic and personal goals in a Leadership Notebook. You will gain a lot of information on how your child is doing if you ask your child to tell you about his or her goals. The goals chosen are meaningful to your child so be sure to practice Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.

The Leadership Notebook idea can also be used in your home. Create goals such as reading together, eating dinner at the table, or doing an activity together. Involve everyone in the family in choosing a meaningful goal and action steps. Post the goal and the action steps in a visible place and be sure to track and celebrate progress!

School Board Trustee Visits

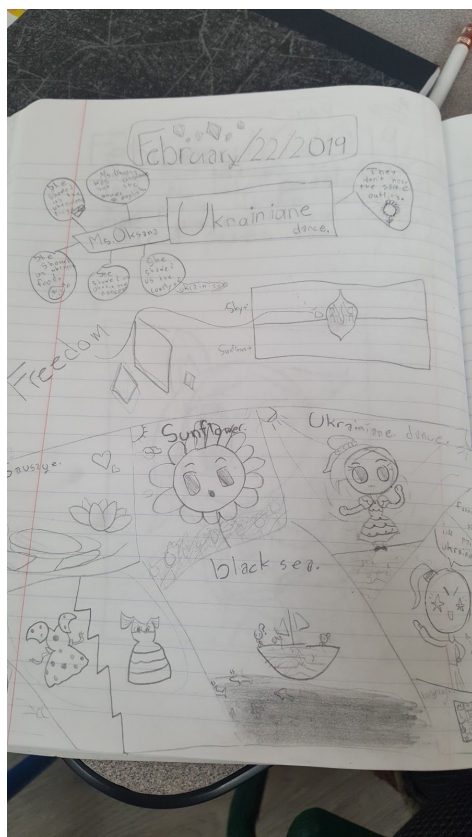
Trustees will be visiting Beacon Hill P.S. on March 11th 1:00 - 1:45

Grade 3 visits Open Minds at Heritage Village

Grade 3 students had an opportunity to visit Open Minds at Heritage Village. They were excited and eager to take their learning outside of the traditional classroom and onto a different site. We had 4 different presenters that allowed us to expand our knowledge base. Students delve right into Alberta's history by journaling twice a day. They were presented with thought-provoking prompts. We'd like to thank BH Parent Plus for supporting and funding our visit! The following are 2 journal entry excerpts from our Ukraine presenter, Ms. Oksana. These journal entries are from Grade 3 students - Isabella Knibb-Kyle and Samantha Norman.

Ukraine

Ms. Oksana taught us about Ukraine. The capital city of Ukraine is Kiev. The Ukrainians came to Canada. These are some Ukrainian foods: perogie's, sausage, borscht and cabbage rolls. Ukraine is in Europe. Ukraine has a dance and the dance is called shunka. The language is Ukraineian. Their → There New year's is called Malanka. P.S there dances look really hard.



Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences/Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for March 25th from 5pm - 8pm and March 27th from 4:30pm - 7:30pm. These interviews will be for parents/students of all grades, ECDP & Kindergarten, Gr 1-6. Please follow the steps outlined below to book your appointment. :

Go to: beaconhill.fmpsdschools.ca

Click on: Parents icon on top of page (in the yellow bar)

Click on: Parent Teacher Interviews

Sign In

After you sign in, you will be taken to your account page

Click on: Interviews

Proceed by clicking on the evening that you are interested in and choose a teacher and select your time. Interviews are 10 minutes long

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office.

Valentine's Day Family Dance pictures





Thank you to our Parents' Plus for sponsoring this dance!

Kindergarten/KEEP Registration Information

2019/2020 By: Mrs. Saxton

KEEP is an opportunity for Kindergarten children to expand their learning through an extended day at school. Half-day programming will remain the same as it currently is, following the provincial curriculum. The funded half-day will be supplemented with an optional unfunded half-day that allows the student to be at school for a full day. As half of the day is optional, the time can be used to extend their learning, as well as explore new learning.

The optional unfunded half-day provides the teacher the opportunity to work with the children to expand on the learning that has already occurred, and to extend learning through a variety of experiences. It is not viewed as childcare, but rather a chance to support and enrich learning through child-initiated free play, structured play, and inquiry-based learning.

Parents can register their children for kindergarten at the school or online:
www.fmpsdschools.ca.

In addition to the registration form, there is an application for KEEP program where you will identify your intent to have your child participate in the optional expanded education program. KEEP will have a maximum charge of \$200 per month (\$2000 for the school year). Please email Mrs. Saxton at: jennifer.saxton@fmpsd.ab.ca for more information or for the application forms.

School Growth Plan Committee 2018/2019

Each year the school administration team is tasked with presenting a school growth plan to the Board of Trustees and District office staff. Please email Mrs. Ball: nancy.ball@fmpsd.ab.ca if you are interested in helping with the school growth plan.

March Movie Night

Back by popular demand - Movie night will be held on Friday, March 29th. Doors open at 5:30. Movie begins at 6:00pm.



Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP)

Language Enriched Play
A Safe & Caring Environment
Meaningful Experiences
Physical Activity
Improved Literacy Skills
Healthy Living
FUN!



Open House

March 7, 2019 5:00-7:00 PM
March 8, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Parents can choose any Fort McMurray Public School offering ECDP.

*Children must be 3 years old on or before December 31, 2018 to enter the program in September.

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

FMPSD offers a variety of Early Learning programming including French Immersion, Christian, Islamic, and Reggio Inspired.

Register today!

Online or at any of our schools:
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Kindergarten

Learning through play
Building independence
Problem-solving
Creativity
Making friends



Open House

March 21, 2019 5:00-7:00 PM
March 22, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Parents can choose any Fort McMurray Public School offering Kindergarten.
Children must be 4 years old on or before March 1, 2019 to enter the program in September.

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Gordon Public School (R)
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Science Fair 2018/2019

This year science fair will be open to Grades 4-6 as it aligns well with their curriculum. The school fair will take place on March 28, 2019 at 9 am. All students in Grades 4-6 are encouraged to enter the fair. If you are able to assist with judging the science fair, please contact Ms. Jeelani. uzma.jeelani@fmpsd.ab.ca. Check out the website: <http://wbrsf.ca/> for more pertinent information about the fair.

Tubing Grades 2 & 3

Tubing will be held on March 28th, 2019 at Vista Ridge. Students will be bussed from Beacon Hill Public School to Vista Ridge. The cost is \$12 per student. Please remind your child(ren) to dress warm and with the appropriate winter gear.

Beacon Hill School Council

All Beacon Hill School parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly School Council meetings. The meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Community Room. This is a great way to find out what is happening at the school, letting your voice be heard, meeting other Beacon Hill School parents and supporting your child in their education.

Beacon Hill School Council supports the staff and students in the following areas at Beacon Hill School

- Clubs at lunch
- Leader in me
- After school programs
- Learning Bridge
- Students supporting each other
- Announcement leaders in the mornings

At our February meeting the school calendar was discussed and the question was asked how parents feel about the number of Professional Learning Fridays and if we like the 169 instructional days? The parents in attendance said yes they would like to see the 169 instructional days continue.

Parents discussed and voted on some of the advocacy resolutions for the Alberta School Council Association. The remaining resolutions will be voted on and submitted at the March meeting.

Please join us at the next School Council meeting on Tuesday March 12th at 6:30pm in the community room.

Parents Plus Advisory Association

Happy March everybody! February has been a busy month, and March is promising to be just as jam-packed and fun.

Thanks to fundraising efforts throughout the year, Parents Plus was able to:

- Sponsor 2 tournaments in February, and 2 upcoming tournaments in March for our girls' and boys' basketball teams. Go Bears!

- Host the Valentine's Family Dance. We had a great turnout, and a fun time was had by all.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with set up, clean up, baking cupcakes, & selling raffle tickets. You all helped make it such a success!

- Bring yoga into our school for lunch breaks and indoor recesses. Healthy minds, healthy bodies

- Sponsor Alien Inline! Everybody loves Alien Inline, & they'll be back in our school mid-March!

Important dates:

We have an upcoming Vesey's fundraiser, with catalogues/forms going home March 15th.

Orders will be due back March 30th.

April hot lunch orders are due March 22nd.

The first day of spring is March 20th!

Our next meeting date is March 21st, at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

Everyone is welcome. If you can't make the meeting, email me with your questions, comments, or concerns (shauleigh@yahoo.ca)

Shauna Clarke,
Chairperson, Parents Plus

Calendar of Events

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Teacher's Convention	2
3	4 Ukulele Robotics	5 Vista Ridge Make-up Skiing Gr 4-6	6 Pink Shirt Day	7 ECDP Open House 5pm - 7pm	8 ECDP Open House 9am-12pm Skating @ Frank Lacroix Arena	9
10	11 Alien Inline Ukulele Robotics	12 Alien Inline	13 Alien Inline/ Family Night 5:30 - 7:30	14 Alien Inline	15 PLF - No school	16
17	18 Spirit Week Ukulele Robotics "Skipping Guy" @ BH	19 Spirit Week	20 Spirit Week	21 Spirit Week K Open House 5pm-8pm	22 Spirit Week Report Cards go home K Open House 9am-12pm	23
24/31	25 PTI 5-8pm Ukulele Robotics	26	27 PTI 4:30 - 7:30	28 Tubing Gr.2-3 Science Fair (Gr 4-6)	29 PLF - No school Movie night!	30