

Administrators' Report to School Council

October 12, 2023

Thank you:

- All who are present tonight
- Everyone who helped with hot lunches and the new fundraisers.

Portable Classrooms Update:

De construction has begun. Will be moved by end of December.

Playground Update:

Grant writing will begin when we have \$70,000 in our account. We will begin our formal fundraising in November.

Indigenous Education

We had a great week of learning for National Truth and Reconciliation Week the last week of September. Our grade 5 and 6 classes will be going to the Red Deer Powwow tomorrow.

Parent Teacher Interviews October 17th and 18th

We have a sign up for Parent Teacher Interviews on our CP Blakely website which will be open until Oct. 16. Interviews will be in person. If it is not possible for you to attend your Parent Teacher Interview, please make arrangements with your child's teacher for a phone call or google meet interview before Oct. 17 to schedule that meeting. All meetings will be in person unless a google meeting or phone visit is set up with the teacher prior to Oct. 17.

Kindergarten will be hosting interviews during the DAYTIME as well as the evening on Oct. 17 and 18th. NO school for Kindergarten Oct. 17 & 18

Book Fair October 16-18

Information went home today regarding our school book fair next week. Students will have the opportunity to browse and shop during library periods and families can come and shop during our parent teacher interview evenings **Oct 17 & 18**

Teacher Professional Learning Day on October 20th- no school for students

Staff will be involved in sessions with the Child Advocacy Center, sessions regarding intervention strategies for learning and sessions for planning with the new curriculum. Staff sessions will be at Beacon Hill School and Poplar Ridge School as well as at our school.

New Curriculum and Assessments

Teachers have been working hard to complete the Fall assessments (HLAT, literacy screens and Elk Island MIPI) that are due at the end of September . Student progress will be discussed at Parent Teacher Interviews

Preventative Programming for Student Mental Health and Wellness

- * YES Program supporting student mental health and wellness on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- * Student Mentorship from FCSS once a week as well as AHS Community Helpers Program grade 5.
- * Grade 5 and 6 Mental Health for Suicide Awareness month: topics included managing stress, who to call for help and positive self care.
- * Our Family School Wellness Worker Lexi Thorvaldson ran a morning program called Coffee Connect for interested parents.

Since we met in last year:

- YES programming has started
- Swimming for grade 2, 3 and 4 is completed
- Hot lunch has started
- Toast program started
- School photos were this week. Thank you Santi Nobel
- September Assembly went well
- We have completed our first Lock down drill and our fire drills
- Thanksgiving break came up fast

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Teacher interviews and Book Fair in October 17-18
- Halloween Dance October 26
- Halloween parade at 1:00 October 31
- Remembrance Day Assembly November 8
- Fall Break November 9 and 10
- Grade 6 curling has been moved to January

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023 at 6 pm