

Fort Assiniboine School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Fort Family,

March has arrived and that means spring is just around the corner. Thank you to everyone who has made a point of coming into the school to join us for our anti-bullying presentation, recognition assemblies, and celebration of learning evenings. We have much to celebrate here in our wonderful school.

The hardworking individuals who work with your children each and everyday show commitment above and beyond expectation. Did you know that Ms. Chapman is running an early math intervention program in the elementary? Each week she works with small groups of students who are struggling with math concepts. Did you know that Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Fleming work together each week to update our new sign? They usually take time out of their lunch break to do so. Did you know that Mr. Wyman and Mrs. Kremp volunteer to coach basketball during their lunch and afterschool? Did you know that Mrs. O'Brien takes her own time to shop, stock and organize the canteen all year long? Did you know that Ms. Gunderson and Ms. Wegner are employed as program assistants but often take on extra by subbing for us as teachers so we don't have to bring in unfamiliar faces into our building? Did you know Mrs. Kiselyk has made a connection between the Kindergarten class and our community seniors? Word has it they have shared lunch together more than once! Did you know that Mrs. Tansowny tutors students after school? Did you know that Miss Hoeksema arrives early in the morning to prep for her day and then spends most of her recess and lunch breaks supporting students who just need someone to talk to? Did you know that Mrs. Wieland takes her breaks to work on buddy lunch and student's union activities? Did you know that Mrs. Breitzkreitz often bakes the monthly birthday cakes each month? Did you know that Lorraine Lovelock shops on her own time for breakfast club?

Commitment is our trait of the month and I am very thankful for the commitment shown towards our students by staff each day, and the reciprocal commitment shown by students towards their learning; as well as parents who support our staff and students. Happy March Everyone!

Yours in Education,
Charlene Assenheimer



March's Character Trait Focus is: **Commitment**

- Making a **commitment** involves dedicating yourself to something, like a person or a cause. Before you make a *commitment*, think carefully. A *commitment* obligates you to do something.

March 2016 School Calendar and Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	1 School Assembly at 3:00 p.m.	2 Dr. Seuss Day Celebration of Learning	3 Celebration of Learning	4 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	8	9 Storybook Theatre Presentation in Dunstable	10 100 th Day of School 	11	12
13 	14 Grade 8 COOL Camp	15 Grade 8 COOL Camp Music Festival	16 Music Festival Early Dismissal 2:47 pm	17  St Patrick Buddy Luncheon	18 BEAR DAY NO SCHOOL	19
20 	21	22 Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	23	24 SU Hot Lunch	25 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	26 
27 EASTER Sunday	28	29	30	31	April 1	2
3 	4 Classes Resume					

Other Important Dates Coming Up:

- April 4- Classes Resume
- April 5 (4:15p.m.) –April 7 (10:30 p.m.) – Jr. High Ski Trip to Jasper
- April 8 – Bear Day – No School
- April 14 – Spring Concert
- April 15 – PD Day No School
- April 22 and 29 – Bear Day – No School

Valentines/St. Patrick's Friendship Luncheon

Thursday, March 17 will be part 2 of our buddy luncheon - please watch for letters to come home with your child.

On Thursday, February 11th, Kindergarten's through grade nine shared a special Valentine's Friendship Luncheon. Each student will be randomly partnered with another student. One student will be designated to provide a special lunch for themselves and their partner. The students will then reciprocate this act of friendship by providing a special lunch for their partner on St. Patrick's Day. Each student will receive a note informing them if they are providing the lunch for Valentine's Day or if they are receiving the lunch that day. Another memo will go home for St. Patrick's Day informing students if they are providing or receiving a lunch that day.

If you have any questions with regards to this luncheon, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.



**Students Union Hot Lunch
Thursday March 24
"Pizza, Milk and Fruit Salad"
Pre Order Forms
will be sent home**

Basketball season has begun at Fort Assiniboine School! Go Bears!

Basketball

Our Basketball Program has wrapped up for this season. What a great season it was! Our bears played two games against Dunstable one at their school and other one here. Lots of new skills were learned this year, the fundamentals of the game and how to show good sportsmanship. The final game of season for the team was against the staff on March 3. Thanks to our coaches Mr. Dallas Wyman and Ms. Justine Kremp for your time and dedication to the Basketball Program this year.

Go Bears Go!



Thanks to everyone who wore their PINK shirt in support of Anti Bullying Day



Freson Bros.

Smart Shopper Cards and Stamps.

Filled out cards or stamps can be dropped at the office during regular school hours.

Filled cards will be used to purchase supplies needed for Breakfast for Learners



Board Highlights – March 2, 2016

No change to bussing for students going to out-of-attendance-area schools

The school board will not cut bus service for students who choose to attend out-of-attendance-area-schools. Trustees voted against the change, saying: stopping the service would disrupt family and children’s routines and the move wouldn’t make community schools more viable because overall the division is losing students. The board made the decision after gathering feedback at two community engagement evenings and through an online survey.

Key dates in next year’s school calendar

The school board approved the 2016-2017 school year calendar. It will be posted on the PHS website shortly; in the meantime, here are some key dates:

- o First day of school: Aug 31, 2016
- o Christmas Break: Dec 23, 2016 - Jan 6, 2017
- o Spring Break: March 27-31, 2017
- o Last day of school: June 29, 2017

Attendance

Please inform the office if your child is going to be away from school or is sick.

You can call at any time and Leave a message.
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School Council Meeting

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Parent Council Meeting

March 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jamie Baker - Chairperson

Adventures with Anna

(March 3 Post) This week, I asked one of the schools following the journey to make a vote on which famous landmark I hunted down while in Freiburg. The Fort Assiniboine Bears in Alberta, Canada, chose between:

- A) The Gothic Minster
- B) Medieval Martin's gate
- C) The historical Kaufhaus

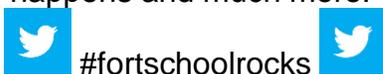
And the winner was... Martin's Gate!!! Nailed a selfie in front of a stunning find this morning. Although I'm not sure how Martin would feel about having a McDonald's under his left arm(pit)? One can only assume this isn't an original feature from it's construction in 1202.

GO BEARS!!!

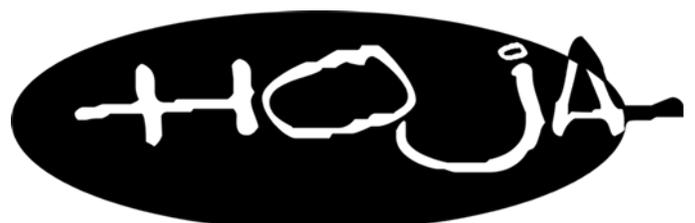
Anna McNuff @AnnaMcNuff - 8h I asked @FortSchool & @MrsKiselykClass to vote on which landmark to find in Freiburg. They chose Martin's Gate!



Check out our website at <http://www.fortschool.ca/> for the latest school news and twitter feed – updated live news from the classroom as it happens and much more.



We are excited to be able to bring back, by popular demand, the entertaining acappella group



On Tuesday April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Great Family Entertainment