



Penson School Newsletter



September 2011

Important Dates:

Sept 10-Golf Tournament

Sept 15-Meet the Teacher

Sept 15-Parents Healthy Interactions Workshop

Sept 21-PSC Meeting

Sept 22-Terry Fox Run

Sept 30-Student School Photos

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Penson Website:
<http://www.pwsd76.ab.ca/school/penson/Pages/default.aspx>

or

www.pwsd76.ab.ca
Click on Schools
Click on Penson

Look at the website for updates, forms, and Miss McKenzie has class assignment due dates and exams.

Messages from the School:

Principal's Message

September, 2011.

Dear Families,

I officially welcome all of you to the 2011-2012 School Year! Summer has come and gone and now it is time to continue our tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, arts, and character. Over the summer break the school has been cleaned, internal systems have been replaced, and three new flagpoles have been established. Standing tall, these flags represent the pride we take in providing an exceptional education to our students, and I am honored to begin this, my first administrative year at Penson School.

I began my educational experience... here... literally! Yes, I was a student at Penson School in my early years, and I have always been a Peace Wapiti student. After graduating university with a distinguished Bachelor of Education, I came home to teach, and I've been dedicated to life-long learning and the students of Penson School ever since. For the past two years, I have taken on a dual role, serving as Literacy Curriculum Coordinator for the *Alberta Initiative for School Improvement*. This position gave me much experience in instructional leadership, short and long term planning, and strategic problem solving. I look forward to building lasting relationships with each and every member of the community. If we haven't met before, please introduce yourself in the days and weeks ahead.

I feel incredibly PROUD of Penson School. It is well-known for fostering exceptional athletic talent, our academic achievement is presently surpassing provincial averages, and, ABOVE ALL, the kids from Penson show outstanding character. I am also very proud of the staff here at Penson. On a daily basis, they work to provide a safe and caring environment for their students, an environment that makes learning magical and achievement possible. Mr. Kaleb Penner is the newest member of our learning team; he brings a wealth of experience in athletics, music, and outdoor education. We have an ideal balance of veteran and new staff who are committed to students and on-going professional development.

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We strongly encourage all of our families to join our Parent School Council (PSC). The first organizational meeting is on September 21st at 7:00 pm. Our "Meet the Teacher" night is on September 15th at 5:30 pm. Come join us for a burger, socializing, and a chance to win free school fees for the year! At 6:30 pm, we are offering a *Healthy Interactions: Building School and Community Relationships* session presented by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). The session will focus on pursuing the channels of communication most beneficial to student learning. Please attend as many questions regarding proper channels to explore when issues arise will be answered. We feel that it is extremely important to keep lines of communication open and transparent, and attending this session will definitely be a wonderful start.

This is going to be an excellent school year! The hallways are already showing signs of blossoming learning, there is an anticipatory hum in the air, and the hallways already smell like... lunch! Our school is alive and well, just the way a thriving community school should be.

As always, your questions, concerns, and comments are welcome. My office door is open. I am proud to declare this academic year begun.

Yours in learning,

Mrs. J. McAusland

HP Inkjet Printer Cartridges

I am collecting any used small HP inkjet printer cartridges for recycling until the end of the school year. Please drop off any HP cartridges at the Penson School office.

Thanks, Sherry



Reminder

Mrs. Huber is collecting Campbell Soup labels. Check out the following website for product eligibility and program information.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/>

PENSON SCHOOL
YEARBOOK OF 2010/2011
FOR SALE!!!!

YOU CAN PRE-ORDER YOUR 2010/2011 PENSON
SCHOOL YEARBOOK AT THE OFFICE IN THE
SCHOOL AND THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
SEPTEMBER OF 2011!!

THE COST IS \$20.00

36 PAGES OF FULL COLOR THAT YOU MUST HAVE!
YOU CAN CONTACT BROOKE MCKENZIE OR THE
YEARBOOK STAFF

YEARBOOK NUMBER: _____

COST:\$_____

NAME:_____ GRADE:_____

Picture Day is Coming!

Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on
Friday, September 30, 2011

Picture Day order forms will be sent home with all students.

To order pictures, please return your order form and payment to the school with your child on Picture Day.

All students will be photographed for school service products.

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit lifetouch.ca

Questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca



Parent School Council Electoral Meeting

Parent School Council would like to let everyone know we will be holding a meeting to establish a new executive for the 2011-2012 year. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held on September 21st at 7:00 in the library. If you have any questions regarding PSC, please email/call Mrs. Trina Wright (vice chair) (tistrina@gmail.com / 780-933-8863) or Mrs. Jenny McAusland (school principal) (jennymcausland@pwsd76.ab.ca / 780-532-6390). Babysitting will be provided. Hope to see you there!

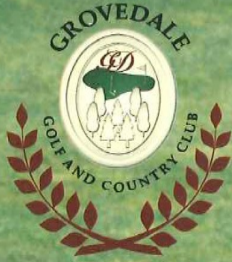
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MOVIE NIGHT!

Parent School Council (PSC) is hosting a fundraising movie night on September 22nd from 7-9 in the gym! Come enjoy the show and have some popcorn! Next week, students get to vote on their movie of choice! Will it be Rango, Hoodwinked Too, Marmaduke, or Rio? When the votes are in, we'll let you know. More information to follow.

Penson School Playground

Open Golf Tournament



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*net proceeds from registration costs go towards the Penson School Playground fund

Your Golf Game Can Make a Difference!



Saturday September 10, 2011

Tournament Format: Best Ball

Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Tee-Off: 11:00 a.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Silent Auction & Prize Ceremony to Follow

Includes: 18 Holes of Golf

Power Cart

Cheeseburgers for Lunch

Gourmet Steak Supper

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Registration deadline:

Wed., September 7, 2011

**\$10,000
hole-in-one
cash prize**

Call 780.539.9898 to Register!

We would like to extend a huge thank you
to the Grovedale Golf and Country Club
for supporting this project.

How can you use online resources to help your children?

There are many excellent online resources that can be accessed directly by you or your children for tutorial purposes, to enhance learning or to investigate areas of interest.

1) PWSD has its own E-Community website with courses matching classroom curriculum in most subject areas. 2) Learn Alberta is a provincial site offering access to the full range of course and curriculum supports. Please hang onto this District password as we are not allowed to publish it on the website. 3) We encourage you to take a look at TeacherTube and YouTube, as well, for information on most subjects. KhanAcademy is an excellent resource with instructive videos on a vast range of education based topics. <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

1) E-Community (<http://ecomunity.pwsd76.ab.ca/>)

The screenshot shows the PWSD eCommunity website. A callout box on the left points to the login fields with the text: "Login: PWSD Student login". Another callout box points to the "Online Courses: PAVE Master Courses" link in the main content area. A third callout box points to the "PWSD Schools" section with the text: "Schools: Teacher created pages for students".

2) Learn Alberta (<http://www.learnalberta.ca/>)

The screenshot shows the Learn Alberta website. A callout box points to the login fields with the text: "Username: LA410 Password: 6943". Another callout box points to the "T4T Courses" section with the text: "T4T Courses: Complete courses, searchable by grade & subject". A third callout box points to the "Find Resources" search area with the text: "Find Resources: Curriculum tied video, interactives, games & text documents".

Thinking outside the (lunch)box ...

It's a new school year, how about unveiling a new lunch menu?

New school year, new lunch menu! It's time to shake things up and try something new!

- **Involve your kids.** Letting your child choose the foods they like will increase the chance of them eating the foods you send.
- **Switch up bread options.** Try using whole grain wraps, pitas, small bagels, English muffins, buns or a different type of bread.
- **Add excitement to vegetables and fruit.** Send fruit such as bananas, pineapple or apples with a yogurt dip or vegetables like carrots, cucumbers or celery with hummus dip. One thing to keep in mind: Kids are more likely to eat vegetables and fruits that are already cut up!

- **Offer a variety of meat and alternatives.** Use leftover meat from supper or make a homemade egg salad mixture for sandwiches.
- **Include milk and milk alternatives.** Have a carton or container of milk with lunch. Add cheese to your child's sandwich or some yogurt to round out the meal.
- **Don't forget the four food groups.** Aiming to include a choice from each of the groups (Vegetables and Fruit, Grain Products, Milk and Alternatives and Meat and Alternatives) makes for a balanced and healthy meal.

For more information and lunch ideas, please visit the Alberta Health Services website at www.albertahealthservices.ca.



Behold the simple lunchbox—an outlet for creativity on its outside ... and inside.

Important vaccinations for Grade 5 students

All Grade 5 students are being offered the Hepatitis B vaccine, which is a series of three shots over the school year.

Hepatitis B is a very serious infection which can cause permanent liver damage and liver cancer. A presentation will be given to the Grade 5 students and they will be given an information package including a consent form.

Please read the information carefully and return the signed consent to the school as soon as possible. If your child has already received this vaccine at anytime in their life they should

not have the vaccine again. Please write on the consent the dates your child has received the vaccine so we can update our records of immunization.

All Grade 5 girls only will be offered the Gardasil vaccine to prevent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which causes most cases of cancer of the cervix and genital warts in women. This vaccine is also given as a series of three shots over the school year. Please return the consent form to the school as soon as possible.

If your daughter is not able to get this vaccine at school, please phone

and book an appointment at your nearest Public Health Centre.

Immunization is a very important decision and plays a significant role in reducing childhood illnesses and deaths.

Make sure all your child's immunization is up to date and that your local Public Health Centre has all of your child's current immunization information.

Parents or guardians with questions or concerns about these or any other types of immunization can call their child's school nurse at 1-800-732-8981.

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Penson School Year Calendar

A complete version of 2011-2012 Calendar can be found on the Peace Wapiti Website: www.pwsd76.ab.ca

MONTH							HOLIDAYS, INSERVICE, CONVENTIONS, ETC.	
August 2011							August 29 August 30 August 31	District PDDay Organizational Day Students First Day
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September 2011							Sept 5 Sept 12 Sept 16 Sept 23	Labour Day Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW CSW
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October 2011							Oct 3 Oct 7 Oct 10 Oct 21 Oct 28	Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW Thanksgiving Day CSW District PD Day
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November 2011							Nov 4 Nov 7 Nov 11 Nov 25	CSW Early Monday 3:15 pm Remembrance Day Day Off in lieu of PTI
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December 2011							Dec 2 Dec 5 Dec 9 Dec 19-30	CSW Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW Christmas Break
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January 2012							January 2 January 3 January 9 January 13 January 27	Christmas Break Back to School Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW CSW
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February 2012							Feb 6 Feb 10 Feb 17 Feb 20	Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW District PD Day Family Day
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March 2012							Mar 5 Mar 8-9 Mar 23	Early Monday 3:15 pm Teachers Convention Day in lieu PTI
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April 2012							Apr 2 Apr 6 Apr 9 Apr 10-13 Apr 27	Early Monday 3:15 pm Good Friday Easter Monday Spring Break CSW
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May 2012							May 7 May 11 May 18 May 21	Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW CSW Victoria Day
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June 2012							June 1 June 4 June 8 June 28 June 29	CSW Early Monday 3:15 pm CSW Last Day for Students Last Day for Staff
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September 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Welcome Back Students	1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day No School	6 Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	7 Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	8 Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 Kick Off Thursday	9 Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	10 Golf Tournament Penson Playground Project
11	12 Early Monday 3:15 pm	13 Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	14 Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	15 Meet the Teacher Night Girls' Volleyball Practice Lunch Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	16 CSW	17
18	19 Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	20 Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	21 PSC Meeting Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	22 Terry Fox Run	23 I.V. Macklin Tournament CSW	24 Volleyball
25	26 Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	27 Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	28 Boys Volleyball Practice 4-5:30	29	30 Individual Student Photo Day	

- Sept 6 Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 7 Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 8 Kick Off Thursday at 2 pm
- Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 9 Grades 4-9 afternoon field trip to Gr. Pr. Public Library
- Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 10 Penson Playground Project Golf Tournament
- Sept 12 Early Monday 3:15pm dismissal
- Sept 13 Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 14 Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 15 Girls' Volleyball Practice at lunch
- Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Meet the Teacher Night BBQ from 4:30 - 6 pm
- Healthy Interactions Parent Workshop at 6:30 pm
- Sept 16 CSW-No School
- Sept 19 Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 20 Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 21 Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Parent-School Council Meeting at 7 pm in Penson Library
- Sept 22 Terry Fox Run at 2 pm
- Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Movie Night 7-9 pm Playground Project fundraiser
- Sept 23 CSW-No School
- Sept 23-24 I.V. Macklin Volleyball Tournament
- Sept 26 Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 27 Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 28 Boys' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 pm
- Sept 30 Individual Student Photos start at 9 pm
- Sept 30 Elementary SPCA Be a Tree and Bite Free Programs 10:30 am
- Oct 7 & 8 Little Red Volleyball Tournament



Welcome Back