



# DRAGONS' PRIDE

ELEANOR HALL SCHOOL

## Principal's Message

January 2023

### Happy New Year!

I hope that you found some time to relax and enjoy time with your family over the break.

### A Few Words of Appreciation

A BIG thank you to Mrs. McNelly for doing such a wonderful job on our Christmas Concert. It was so nice to be in person once again, and to be able to sing! Thanks also to the students who were in the concert, and to all of the staff who played a role in ensuring that the concert would be a success!

Thanks to the Village of Clyde who will be flooding and maintaining the rink for us!

Thanks to Jantea Van Der Velde and Jantene Ijtsma for shopping for the Christmas store items and for the staff and students' assistance with selling and wrapping the gifts. The children put a lot of thought into their choices and we're sure you enjoyed receiving such thoughtful gifts. Thanks to SWAT (Student Wellness Action Team) for organizing and running Reindeer Games for the K to 3 students. They did an amazing job! Thanks to Mrs. Savoie, for taking students to deliver the food that was donated to the Food Bank, to Mrs. Kochan for driving the bus, and to the families who donated.

### School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting is on January 26th at 7:00 PM and will be held online.

### Exemplary Teacher Award Winner

Congratulations to Mrs. Rauscher for receiving the Pembina Hills' Exemplary Teacher Award. Please take a minute to read some of the reasons she was nominated on page 3 of this newsletter.

I hope that 2023 brings good health and happiness to you and your family. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
Nadine Marchand

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# HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

## Theme Days

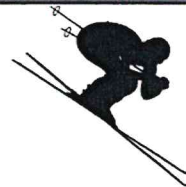
January 16 Spirit  
Wear Day

SPRITE  
WEAR



January 24th  
Beach Day

Skiing/Snowboarding for  
Gr. 4 to 9 Jan.20th, 2023  
at Tawatinaw Ski Valley.  
Be sure to fill out ALL forms  
sent home as well as online.  
Thank you!



SCHOOL  
COUNCIL

MEETING  
January 26th  
@7pm ONLINE



Just a reminder to parents  
that in winter we can  
have unpredictable  
weather. If your child  
rides the bus you can  
check the Pembina Hills  
and Eleanor Hall web-  
sites to see if your bus is  
running or running late. It is also on the Westlock radio  
station 97.9 as well as CFCW, CTV and Global news.



Thank you to all families  
that  
donated towards our Food Bank  
Drive. Our school collected over  
200 items! and around \$150 in  
cash & cheques.

Thank you to the students and  
Mrs. Savoie who volunteered to transport all the boxes  
and helped make the delivery to the  
Westlock & District Food Bank.  
Special thanks to Mrs. Kochan who drove and  
donated the use of her bus.  
**Way to go everyone!**

Pizza Day  
Thursday,  
January 19th 2023



**CALAHOO MEAT FUNDRAISER**  
Our Enhancement Society and Parent  
Council are holding a Calahoo Meat  
Fundraiser.

Watch for order forms being sent home  
with the youngest child in each family.  
Thank you for your support!



Santa stopped  
by for a visit  
with our CPrep  
to grade 3  
classes on Dec.  
20th. Kids  
received a  
candy cane  
from Santa!



Thank you to Westlock Motors for the donation  
of \$250.00 for our Breakfast Program.  
Accepting the cheque is Principal Nadine  
Marchand from Brady and Colby Ducharme





## *Jill Rauscher receives the Exemplary Teacher Award*



Jill is a Grade 2 teacher at Eleanor Hall School and has been with Pembina Hills for over 8 years.

Jill is described as having a steadfast desire in providing the best learning environment for students. Her extensive knowledge and background in Inclusive Education enable her to easily practice differentiated instruction and ensure her programming has a tight curricular fit. She greets students each day with the belief that they are capable learners. Her enthusiasm for teaching inspires both students and colleagues and is reflected in the joy that students show for learning. When conflict arises in the classroom, she uses those moments to teach responsibility, kindness and caring for others leaving students feeling empowered to resolve conflict on their own. Jill has high expectations of herself and her students, knowing how to give them just the right amount of challenge and when to provide supports to ensure their success.

She cares deeply about both students' educational and emotional well-being. The level of value she places on students' social-emotional development has produced personal bonds with her students, and their families, which has provided her with a deeper understanding and awareness of their needs. She is prompt in responding to parents, making herself available to answer questions and ensuring to keep an open line of communication between school and home.

Jill's knowledge, initiative, creative ability, enthusiasm, self-confidence, ability to organize and her respectful manner enable her to be a strong staff member and leader. She is committed to her profession and desire for continuous learning, always willing to learn new methods and put them into practice to enhance student learning and expand on best teaching practices. She works collaboratively with her colleagues, sharing resources and knowledge, and teachers look to her for her leadership.

Jill is a delight to work with because she exudes positivity, preparedness and brings joy to every classroom. Students are very lucky to have Jill as their teacher!

Congratulations!





Pictures of our students in the Christmas Concert!  
Santa visiting our Kindergarten to Gr. 3 students!  
And fun was had at the K-3 Christmas Reindeer Games!







# JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>		Students Back To School	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Kindergarten		Kindergarten	<b>NO SCHOOL ELEANOR HALL DAY</b>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Spirit Wear Day Jr. High Bball @ BCHS Gr. 2 Swim lessons	Kindergarten		Pizza Day	Skiing Gr. 4-9 Gr. 2 Swim lessons Kindergarten	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Jr. High Bball @Neerlandia Gr. 2 Swim lessons	Kindergarten	Gr. 2 Swim lessons	Kindergarten	Virtual School Council Meeting 7 pm Gr. 2 Swim lessons Kindergarten	<b>NO SCHOOL ELEANOR HALL DAY</b>
29	30	31				
	<b>PD DAY (All Staff)</b> No students	Gr. 2 Swim lessons Kindergarten				
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JOIN THE

**ROUNDTABLE**

**FOR PUBLIC**

**EDUCATION**

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Westlock Inn & Conference Centre

10411 100 St, Westlock, AB

Doors open: 6:30pm

Roundtable discussion: 7pm-8pm

**STAND  
FOR  
EDUCATION**



The Alberta  
Teachers' Association

There is  
limited space  
PLEASE  
REGISTER  
HERE

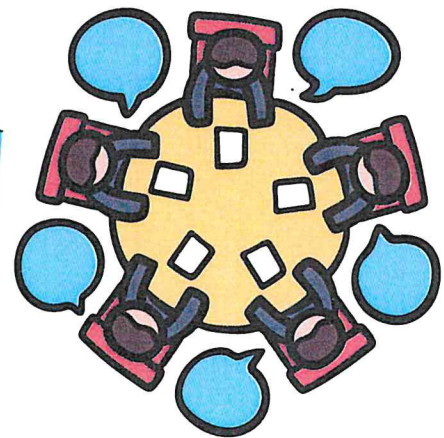


What are your hopes for Alberta's children and our public schools so they can thrive now and into the future?

We want to collect ideas and feedback on Albertans' visions for the future of public education.

Alberta students need you at the table.

Hosted by Pembina Hills Local 22, a local of the ATA



## **Annual Satisfaction Surveys**

In February, parents will be invited to participate in the Annual Satisfaction Survey. The link will be provided to take you directly to the survey.

### ***How long will it take?***

- We know it takes time to participate in surveys, and time is precious.
- The questions are brief and use rating scales to make them quicker to answer.
- We estimate that it will take 5 to 10 minutes.

### ***Will I be able to comment?***

- There are opportunities for you to provide written feedback at the end of the survey.

### ***How do I participate?***

- Click or tap the link in the message you receive. It will take you directly to the survey.
- You can respond to the survey using a desktop computer, laptop or mobile device.

### ***Are my responses anonymous?***

- Your email address will be collected and connected to your responses.
- Collecting the address eliminates the chance of duplicate responses and enables us to trace issues that might arise in the completion of the survey.
- Comments are reviewed by administration and considered during the planning process.
- No comments are reported publicly.

### ***I have more than one child in this school. Will I get an email like this for each one?***

If you have several children in a single school:

- You *should* just get one message.
  - We have tried to minimize duplicates but given the complexity of families, and because we rely on the information that schools have on file, you **might** get more than one message for this school.
  - IF that happens, you only need to respond one time. We apologize in advance for the extra messages.

### ***How do I respond if I have several children in a single school:***

- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the overall experiences of your children in that school.

### ***I have children in another school too. Will I get a survey for that school too?***

- If you have children in more than one school, you can respond to a survey for each school.

- Each message has a link to the survey connected to that specific school.
- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the children in that specific school.

***What if the survey doesn't have questions related to my concerns?***

- If you have comments or wish to discuss something that has not appeared in this survey, please contact your school principal directly.

***What if I haven't been contacted to do the survey?***

- If you haven't received a message by February 3, you can contact Debbie Westman at [debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca](mailto:debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca)

***What does Pembina Hills do with the surveys?***

- Regional office administrative staff, school administrators, teachers and trustees review the survey data.
  - Comments are read by administration only. No comments will be shared publicly.
- School data is reported in the school's education plan.
- The data from all of the schools is combined to create a division summary that will be reported at a public Board meeting. The compiled data is also recorded in the Division Education Plan.



# Barrhead Rotary Music Festival

MARCH 15-23, 2023

MISSION: TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND APPRECIATION OF  
MUSIC, DRAMA, SPEECH, ARTS, AND  
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

## Categories Include:

Band \* Chamber Ensemble  
Brass \* Woodwind \* Percussion  
Choirs \* Choral Speech \* Classroom Music  
Family and Community Groups  
Guitar \* Ukulele \* Handbells  
Music Composition \* Strings  
Piano \* Piano Duet  
Poetry Recitation \* Storytelling \* Drama Scenes  
Mime \* Public Speaking \* Sacred Reading  
Reader's Theatre \* Improvisation  
Voice - Classical and Pop  
Musical Theatre

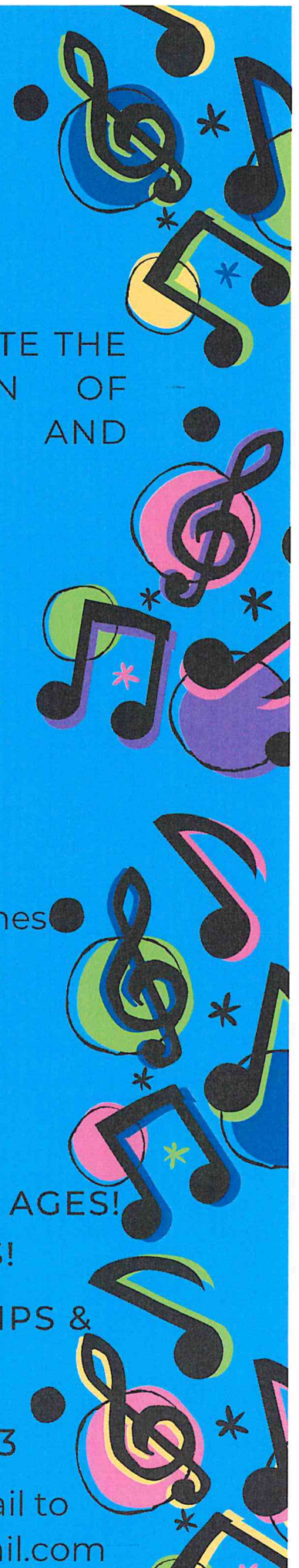
OPEN TO AMATEUR MUSICIANS OF ALL AGES!  
COME SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS!

OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN SCHOLARSHIPS &  
COMPETE AT PROVINCIALS

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023



For more information send an email to  
[barrheadrotarymusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:barrheadrotarymusicfestival@gmail.com)







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CALL/TEXT: 780.307.3412



## FREE DROP-IN / TRY-IT NIGHTS

**WHEN:** FRIDAY DEC 9, 16, JAN 20, 27, FEB 10, 24 & MAR 10, 17

**TIME:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** SPIRIT CENTRE FIELD HOUSE

**WHAT TO BRING:** HELMET, STICK, GLOVES AND RUNNING SHOES

\*Helmets and sticks will be provided at drop-in for those that do not have\*