Phoenix Family Notes from the Office

Thursday, October 21, 2026

Instagram

Important Dates

Monday, October 26, Day 3

11:30 am Grade 4/5 Girl's Team Handball Practice

Last day to order hot lunch, Phoenix School Orders

Tuesday, October 27, Day 4

11:30 am Grade 4/5 Boy's Team Handball Practice

Picture Retakes

Wednesday, October 28, Day 5

Election Day, No School

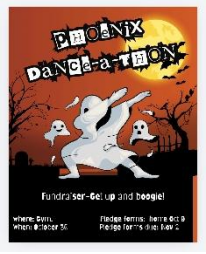
Thursday, October 29, Day 6

11:30 am Grade 4/5 Boy's Team Handball Practice

Friday, October 30, Day 1

11:30 am Grade 4/5 Girl's Team Handball Practice

Wear your costume in the afternoon for the Dance-a-thon



Phoenix School Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser!

Our staff and students are excited for our upcoming Dance-A-Thon! Students will enjoy dancing while raising funds for field trips, guest performances, and learning materials. Every student will receive one ballot for a chance to win a prize basket, plus one extra ballot for every $20 collected. The class that raises the most money will win a pizza party! Donation forms and envelopes were sent home with the oldest child in each family last Friday. Donations can be made by cash or cheque to Phoenix School. The fundraiser runs throughout October, with all money and forms due November 2, 2026. Please return all envelopes, even if no donations were collected. Thank you for supporting our school community. See you on the dance floor!



Once again this year, for our **Remembrance Day Assembly**, we would like to take time to reflect on the personal connections Phoenix School staff and students have to individuals who have served our country. If you have any close friends or family members who have served in the army (either in the past or presently) please send a digital copy of their photo, along with information that you would like to share about the person in the photo and the name of the student or family the person is connected to. It does not need to be an official army photo, as those can be tricky to come by. It can be whatever type of photo you feel comfortable sharing.
For example: Ernest Goltz, served in WWI, Great Grandfather of Mrs. Cassell
Please send photos to Mrs. Cassell **before Wednesday, November 4th**
carly.cassell@sjasd.ca



Phoenix Parent Advisory Council Receives Community Grant
We are excited to share that the Phoenix Parent Advisory Council (PAC) successfully applied for a grant through the Headingley Community Foundation and was awarded $6,396.78 to purchase new soccer goals for our school and community.
This generous donation will provide students, families, and community members with increased opportunities for physical activity, recreation, and teamwork. The new soccer goals will help create an inviting space where children can stay active, build friendships, develop sportsmanship, and enjoy healthy outdoor play. On behalf of the Phoenix school community, we extend our sincere gratitude to the Headingley Community Foundation for investing in our students and community. We are also thankful to our dedicated Phoenix PAC members for their initiative and commitment to enhancing opportunities for our children. Together, we are creating spaces that encourage movement, connection, and teamwork for years to come. Thank you for your generous support!



The Golden Popcorn Bucket!
We are excited to launch a new monthly school award: The Golden Popcorn Bucket! Each month, one classroom will be recognized as our Kind & Clean Classroom Champions. This award celebrates classes that consistently show kindness, teamwork, respect, responsibility, and pride in keeping their learning space clean and welcoming.

Smudging



Phoenix School offers **daily smudging in the Outdoor Classroom at 12:10 pm** and all students are welcome to participate. Smudging is an Indigenous tradition that involves burning sacred medicines such as sage, sweetgrass, cedar, or tobacco for reflection, mindfulness, and connection. Participation is always voluntary, and families may choose whether or not their child takes part.

Wellness Wednesday



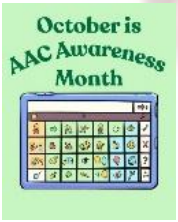
This past **Wellness Wednesday**, students focused on the **Yellow Zone**, when we may feel worried, frustrated, silly, excited, or nervous. These feelings let us know that our bodies and emotions are starting to become more active. By recognizing when we're in the Yellow Zone, we can use strategies to help us stay in control, make positive choices, and get ready to learn. Notice your feelings. Use your tools. Stay in control!

Socktober is here!



Did you know socks are one of the most requested items at homeless shelters, but one of the least donated? Help us make a difference! Donate **new socks** throughout October and support individuals and families in our community with a simple act of kindness. Drop off donations will be accepted at the **school office**. Every pair helps 💙

AAC Awareness



Did you know this month is AAC Awareness Month? AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication! AAC helps people communicate using tools like picture boards, communication books, signs, or speech-generating devices like an Ipad. Everyone communicates in different ways, and every way of communicating is important!

Tabs and Bottles



We are collecting pop tabs to support wheelchair initiatives and empty medication bottles for Agape Table. If you would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Munch a Lunch



Hot Lunches are back for Grades 1-5! Parent Council's biggest fundraiser supports student and teacher enrichment opportunities.

Hot Lunch Dates: Nov. 6 & 20, Dec. 4 & 18 Order online through **MunchaLunch**: Phoenix School Orders **Please note:** Orders close the Monday before each hot lunch and must be paid at the time of ordering. Thank you for supporting Parent Council!

Lost & Found Overflowing!

Our Lost & Found is overflowing with brand name winter jackets, hoodies, hats, mitts, boots, and many other items waiting to be claimed. Please take a moment to check our Instagram page to see photos of some of the unclaimed items. Insta link is at top of this page. If you recognize anything that belongs to your child, please call the school office and we will be happy to help get it back to them. We would love to reunite these items with their owners before the collection continues to grow! **Please contact the school office if you see something that belongs to your child.**

What's happening in the Community










YOUTH CURLING PROGRAM · AGES 5–10
LITTLE ROCKS
The perfect way to learn the game of curling, make new friends, and discover the joy of the sport — all in a welcoming, friendly environment.
WHERE
Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club
940 Vimy Rd
AGES
5 – 10 years old
WHEN
Saturdays, 11:00 – 12:00
Oct 17 – Mar 17, 2027
FEE
$208.47
Includes all fees, taxes and equipment
JOIN THE FUN ON THE ICE
Register Today!
Click Here to Register
Questions? Email youth@curlamcc.com
Presented by Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club — introducing the next generation to the sport we love.


YOUTH CURLING PROGRAM · AGES 9–15
BANTAMS
The perfect way to grow skills, make new friends, and discover the joy of the sport — all in a welcoming, team-focused environment. New curlers welcome!
WHERE
Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club
940 Vimy Rd
AGES
9 – 15 years old
WHEN
Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:15
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