



Important Dates

- September 6th- Penhold Fall Festival Parade
- September 9th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm in conference room
- September 12th- PWMS Grand Opening- this is NOT open to public, just for students.
- September 15th- Steel Pony Vegetable Fundraiser goes out!
- September 18th- Terry Fox Run at 1:00PM- Volunteers are needed. Please email lbaird@cesd73.ca if you can help!
- September 19th- No School. Division Professional PD Day
- September 23rd- SCHOOL PHOTOS
- September 26th- Twin Day
- September 29th- Orange Shirt Day
- September 30th- National Truth and Reconciliation Day- No School

Staffing at PWMS:

Grade 4 Team: Ms. Eberts, Mrs. Bolen, Ms. Pennock and Ms. Fletcher
Grade 5 Team: Mrs. Hannett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Unterschultz, and Ms. Fletcher
Grade 6 Team: Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Deschambault, and Mr. Matthew
Grade 7 Team: Mrs. Holland, Ms. Schesnuk, and Ms. Rothenburg
Grade 8 Team: Mr. Massey, Mr. Holland and Mrs. MacEachern
Student Services Teachers: Mrs. Neilson and Ms. McDonald
Admin Team: Mrs. Baird (Principal) and Mrs. Meyer (Vice Principal)
Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Rose (Powerschool) and Mrs. Yargeau (Finance)
Learning Commons Technician: Mrs. Keeler
Custodians: Mr. Steve and Mrs. Nelson
Family School Wellness: Ms. Brooklynn
Nutrition: Ms. Boorman
Athletic Director/PE: Zack Skrepynk
YES Worker: Mr. Jeremy
Educational Assistants: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Peters, Ms. Blair, Mrs. Pustzai and Mrs. Sedova

School Fees

If you have not done so already, please login to [Student Quickpay](#) to pay your child’s school fees. CTF Option Fees and Agenda fees have been posted to your account already this school year.

Swimming fees will be added to student accounts before they start swimming. All swimming fees need to be paid in advance for students to swim.

Please connect with Mrs. Baird or Mrs. Meyer at the office if you need some support with school fees!

We now have a DEBIT Machine at the school office

From the Principal’s Desk

What an amazing start to the year it has been! Our first days in the brand-new Penhold Waskasoo Middle School have been filled with excitement, curiosity, and energy. With students from grades 4 through 8 learning together under one roof, the building is buzzing with new opportunities, friendships, and possibilities.

The new spaces have already made a big impact, students and staff are exploring classrooms, gathering areas, and the gym, designed to inspire learning, collaboration, and growth. The feedback from kids has been nothing short of enthusiastic, they are excited, engaged, and ready to take on this new adventure.

This year, we are truly ready to SOAR with our students as we create traditions, build a shared identity, and make Penhold Waskasoo feel like home for everyone.

Timetable:

We will be running on a 4 day schedule, Day 1-4. This is a rotation, and will be a change for students.

As you may have noticed, our day now starts at 8:30AM. Student doors will be open, and they will be coming right into the building. There will no longer be lining up outside of the school doors. **Please make sure that your child is not at school before 8:20am as there is no supervision.**

School Fees:

There are some separate fees to the school year, they are as follows:

- \$9 Agenda Fee
- \$12 Lock Fee
- Option Fees will be applied to accounts once started

Please make note- All fees need to be paid in full before students can attend field trips.

Cross County Running Club:

If students would like to join the cross country running club, forms were sent home this week to interested students. This is for Grade 4-8. If students have questions, they can connect with Mrs. Bolen.

Volleyball Grade 6-8:

Tryouts for the Grade 6-8 team took place this past week, and will continue on the 10th, 11th and 12th. If students are interested, please reach out to Mr. Unterschultz.

Option Classes:

Our option classes are on hold for the month of September. With changes coming from Alberta Education, we are awaiting the new program before we fully implement the courses for students. With the new grade configurations, we are planning behind the scenes what option classes will look like for Grades 4-8 students.

Hot Lunch:

Our hot lunch program has gone live, and can be ordered online through the [student quick pay portal](#). Lunches are on Tuesday and Thursdays, almost all Fridays and one Wednesday a month.

Terry Fox Run

Thursday, September 18th. We are trying to raise \$**1000** for cancer research to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Donations can be made online or cash brought to the teachers. Our run will start at 1:00PM and we will be going to Jessie Duncan and returning to PWMS.

Picture Day is coming...

SEPTEMBER 23rd is Picture Day with SMART Photography

Students will be sent home with a code for parents to access their child's photos.

Hot Lunch Orders

September Deadline is
September 11th by 8:00am

Please use the link below to access your child's orders!

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>

The **YES** (Youth Empowerment and Support) program is part of a province-wide initiative called Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools. It provides programs and activities to build resiliency skills in children and youth, and to support them to stay in school and succeed.

The program is provided by Alberta Health Services and Mental Health, in partnership with Alberta Education and numerous community agencies and partners.

Mr Jeremy offers universal classroom lessons on social emotional education and provides students with opportunities to join after school clubs!

Please reach out to Mr. Jeremy if your child is wanting to join! His contact is:
jwalters@cesd73.ca

Parent and School Council Update

PWMS Parent Society wants to extend a warm welcome to all the students and staff this school year. We hope you enjoy the new school and wish you all a year filled with learning, friendships and fun. Our AGM is Tuesday September 9th at 7:00pm at the school. We hope to see you there. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who were able to help out this summer. Reach out to pwmsparents@gmail.com or watch our Facebook page to help with any future events.

Volunteering:

If you would like to be a volunteer at PWMS, please connect with your child's teacher, and they will send home a set of forms for you to fill out. We welcome volunteers for many activities and field trips! We are currently looking for volunteers for the Terry Fox Run on September 18th at 1:00pm. If you can support, please email lbaird@cesd73.ca

Assessment and Reporting:

PWMS Teachers use PowerSchool Reporting, which is an online tool for teachers to record student progress both summative and formative. Parents have 24/7 access to this tool and are strongly encouraged to use it to view student progress. PWMS teachers will only provide a year end cumulative report card. Please be sure to be checking Power School frequently to see your child's learning progress. If your child is struggling in any areas, their teacher will be reaching out to you. Marks will be inputted regularly, and students will also be taught how to access their marks and grades. Parent/Teacher interview will be taking place 2 times this year: November 4th and 5th and March 18th and 19th. Should you have concerns about your child's academic performance, please contact your child's teacher.

Allergy Awareness:

Our school is not a nut-free building. Students are welcome to bring items that contain nuts or peanut butter in their lunches and snacks. However, our nutrition program will not be serving nuts or nut products directly. Please note that many of the items we provide may be labeled as "made in a facility that contains nuts" or "may contain traces of nuts."

Nutrition Program:

Ms. Boorman will be running the nutrition program again this year! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-8:40am daily. The breakfast served will follow Canada's Food Guide. Items served will vary each day! If your child has an allergy, please have them eat breakfast at home, or connect with Ms. Boorman about daily ingredients.

Communication:

Please be sure to follow our [Facebook Page](#) to see photos of all the fun and engagement taking place at PES! Our [website](#) is also a great resource for families.

Fundraisers:

We will be having a few school fundraisers this year starting with a collaboration with Steel Pony Farm for a Vegetable Sale before thanksgiving. Funds raised will go towards offsetting the costs of field trips for families, and towards our SOAR Character Program Initiative. In the spring, we will be offering Flower Sales from Blue Grass as well.

As we embark on the new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to each of you. We have an exciting year ahead with new programs, events, and opportunities for our students to thrive. Our dedicated team is committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment for your child's growth and success.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this year one of our best yet!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Lisa Baird
Principal of Penhold Waskasoo Middle School

SCHOOL ENGAGE/Demographic FORMS

Chinook's Edge has sent home your "Annual Re-Enrollment and Consents" for the 2025/2026 year. The form will need to be completed and submitted prior to the start of the school year.

The form will ensure your registration and certain consents for this school year. The form contains a Walking field trip, Technology, and FOIP consents that has to be completed every year before your child can participate in these activities.

We are asking parents and guardians to ensure that they can sign into their PowerSchool parent portal account ASAP. If you are having troubles with your username or password, please contact your school right away.

This is for all active Kindergarten to Grade 12 students.

Please try to sign into the link below to ensure your username and password are correct and work.
<https://powerschool.cesd73.ca/public/>

SOAR Characteristics



Student Recognition SOAR Awards

“SOAR” Student Recognition Character Based at SOAR Assemblies-

- aligned with our Motto and tied to the 7 Sacred Teachings
- Will take place every second month
- How many kids per grade should we recognize?

Show Character Award

- For students consistently demonstrating respect, kindness, integrity, etc.

Own Their Actions Award

- For leadership, responsibility, and accountability.

Aim High Award

- For goal-setting, striving for excellence, and challenging themselves.

Rise Above Award

- For overcoming personal or academic challenges and helping others.



Student Recognition Tickets

- Tickets will be given by any staff member at anytime for students who are caught following the “SOAR” values.
- Offers immediate recognition for kids
- Draws will be completed every Friday morning during announcements.
- Prizes will be given out to students on the days they are drawn.





Penhold Waskasoo Middle School



SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT SOCIETY AGMS

All positions are available for nomination

Please Join Us
September 9th 7:00pm

For information please contact us :

pwmsparents@gmail.com



PWMS PARENT SOCIETY

THANK YOU!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR
THANKS & APPRECIATION TO
THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED AT
THE CASINO THIS SUMMER. WE
COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITH
OUT YOU!



Meet the Waskasoo Red Wings Educational Team for the 2025/2026 School Year



Mrs. Baird
Principal



Mrs. Meyer
Vice Principal



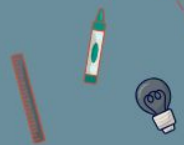
Mrs. Rose
Administrative Assistant



Mrs. Yargeau
Administrative Assistant



Mrs. Deschambault, Mr. Matthew,
Mrs. Davidson
Grade 6 Team



Miss Brooklynn
Family School Wellness

Mr. Jeremy
YES Coordinator



Mrs. Keeler
Learning Commons
Technician





Mrs.
Pusztai



Miss.
Blair

Mrs.
Peters



Educational Assistants

Mrs.
Sedova



Mrs.
Green



Ms. Boorman
Nutrition
Coordinator



Ms. Rothenburg
Music/Band



Mr. Skrepnyk

Phys. Ed Teacher
& Athletic Director



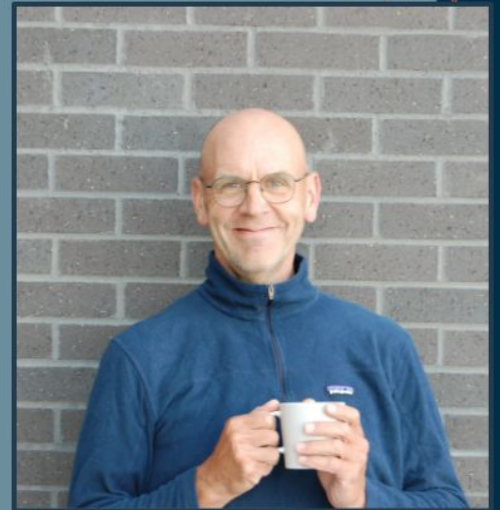
Mrs. Bolen, Miss Eberts,
Miss Pennock and Ms. Fletcher
Grade 4 Team



Mr. Unterschultz, Mrs. Johnson, and
Mrs. Hannett
Grade 5 Team



Mrs. Holland, Ms. Rothenburg,
Ms. Schesnuk
Grade 7 Team



Mr. Massey, Mrs. MacEachern,
Mr. Holland
Grade 8 Team



Mrs. Neilson

Miss. McDonald

Student Support Leads



We CANNOT wait to SOAR with our new students!



Mr. Steve



Mrs. Nelson



PWMS at night...
Photo credit: Mrs. Davidson