



SWAN HILLS SCHOOL

Grizzly Pride

May 2021

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

RESPECT



HIGHLIGHTS & KEY DATES

May 14	Alternate Day- No School
May 21	Alternate Day No School
May 19	School Council Meeting
May 24	Victoria Day – No School

See all events
on our website [Calendar](#)

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As we move into the last few months of the school year, students and staff continue with the regular programs and will soon move into review and final exams. Students who would like to write Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams may request to do so, but they are not required this year.

Alberta Education released its draft of the Kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum last month, with the intent that it be piloted in the fall of the 2021-2022 school year and then implemented in all schools the year after. Parents should review the proposed curriculum draft and provide feedback to Alberta Education so they have input on their children's education. Alberta Education has launched a survey tool, available at the government of Alberta website along with the curriculum.

There are some important upcoming elections to consider. May 19th is the next Swan Hills School Council meeting, the last of this school year. Parents can again attend via Google Meet, an option we will continue to provide even after face-to-face operations are resumed in the future. It is during the May School Council meeting that nominations are made and elections of school council positions are held, so ensure you attend if interested in running for a position in the coming year.

Another important upcoming election is coming, this one for Pembina Hills School Division's board of trustees. If you recall, the PHSD board has been reduced from 7 trustees to 6. With the new district boundaries, Swan Hills and Fort Assiniboine will share a trustee. I urge interested community members to consider running in this fall's election - Nomination Day is September 20, 2021 - to help ensure representation of a trustee from the town. Packages can be obtained at <https://www.pembinahills.ca/school-board/election-2021/>

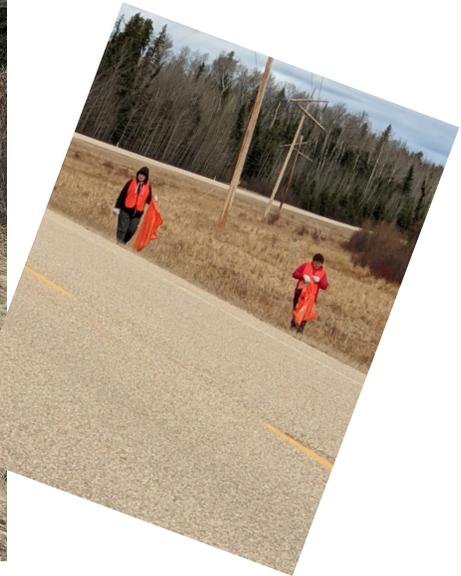
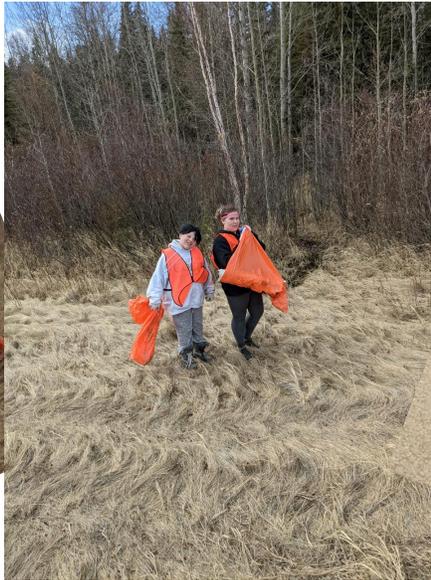
"Together We Can; Together We Will"

PEMBINA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Recent Events

FUNDRAISER

Several students in grades 4 through 12 participated in the Highway Clean-Up fundraiser event on May 1, 2021. They cleaned 34 km and raised \$3400 to go towards student activity fees



SAFETY PATROL

Safety Patrollers are recognized for their participation and dedication to this program through evaluation and monthly awards. At this week's division assembly, Patrollers were presented with **Patroller of the Month Awards**.

AMA and CAA will be hosting online virtual events to wind up the patroller program this year. This is exciting news as students from Swan Hills School in this program will be able to participate this year. More information will be forwarded to parents as it is released to Mrs. Kuyek.

Notice to Parents - Safety Patrol

At AMA, our commitment to community begins at the crosswalk. And AMA School Safety patrollers are a big part of that mission. We like to think of them as the superheroes of the crosswalk, donning their fluorescent vests every day to keep their classmates safe — rain, shine, sleet or snow.

We are asking parents for their help. Please encourage your child/children to use the crosswalk, especially the crosswalk where patrollers are stationed. As well, ensure that you use the drop off zone to drop off and pick up students. Most importantly, please do not drop off, pick up, or cross your child/children in the middle of the street or between parked vehicles.

The patrollers take great pride in their role and want to make sure that adults and students are safe at all times.

Upcoming Events

Swan Hills Online Talent Show

Can you sing?

Dance?

Have a cool trick you would love to share?

Tell jokes?

Read a favorite poem?

Act out a monologue?

Play an instrument?

Auditions: Lunch

Division 1 -May 19

Division 2 -May 20, 25

Division 3 -May 26

Division 4 -May 27th



Sign up outside the office according to your Division. Single acts or groups of 2 only.

If you have been chosen, we will contact you with your time for recording

Recording Days: June 2nd, 3rd, and 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kuyek or Mrs. Stenberg

HANDBELL NEWS



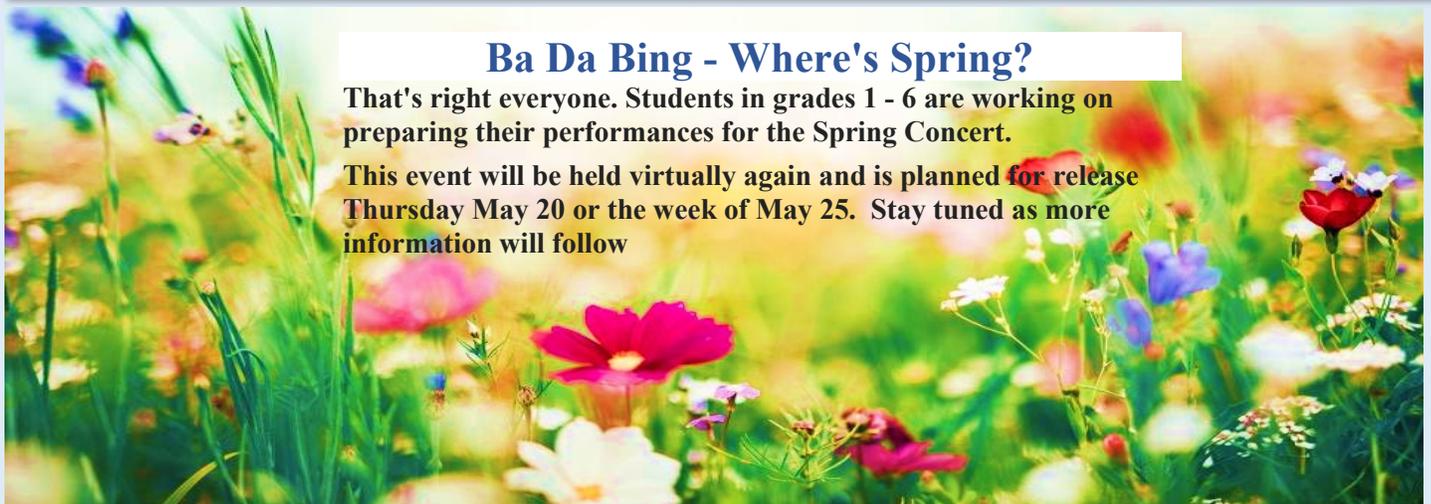
This spring, the Swan Hills School Handbell group participated in the Virtual Barrhead Music Festival. After many weeks of hard work, the performance was adjudicated just before spring break. Please congratulate the Handbells group for achieving a **Silver Award** for their performance in the Festival this year.

As well, the Handbell group also held a bottle drive fundraiser to help raise funds for hanchimes and other materials used in handbells and music. A huge shout out to all members who showed up for the bottle drive. And as always, a great big thank you to community members who donated. The Handbell group also participated in the Highway Cleanup this year. Funds raised will go towards the Student Bank Account for each student.

Ba Da Bing - Where's Spring?

That's right everyone. Students in grades 1 - 6 are working on preparing their performances for the Spring Concert.

This event will be held virtually again and is planned for release Thursday May 20 or the week of May 25. Stay tuned as more information will follow



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Students at Swan Hills School have had several opportunities to participate in various virtual field trips. On April 22, Earth Day, all students in grades 1 to 12 were able to participate in a virtual field trip with Jill Heinerth.



She is a Canadian cave diver, underwater explorer, writer, photographer, and filmmaker. She is a veteran of over thirty years of filming, photography, and exploration on projects in submerged caves around the world. She has made TV series for PBS, National Geographic Channel, and the BBC, and has consulted on movies for directors, including James Cameron. She is also a volunteer in the Residence for the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.



As there has not been an opportunity to travel to Drumheller for the past two years, Drumheller is coming to the students at Swan Hills School. Through virtual fieldtrips, students in Grades 2 to 8 will have an opportunity to take part in the following presentations.

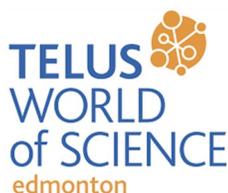
- Royal Tyrell Virtual Visit - Grade 4-6 - Wednesday June 2
- Planet Earth Virtual Field Trip - Grade 6-7-8 - Thursday June 3
- Secrets of the Lost Quarry - Grade 2 and Grade 6 - Thursday May 27.

Teacher's Pet

Support. Enrich. Inspire.

Various in-school Virtual Teacher's Pet field trips have already happened and more are planned for Division I & II in the upcoming months including:

- Communities in the World
- Lifecycles
- Light & Shadows



May 31st Grade ½ students will get to see an animal up close and have a live chat with an animal specialist. Students will learn about the animal adaptations, habitat, and what they eat.

Important Tidbits & Reminders

GRIZZLY CUBS NEWS

Find all your Grizzly Cubs Merchandise at Swan Hills Hardware

- Hoodies
- Sweatpants
- Masks
- T-shirts



FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE AND/OR LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW IF SOMEONE DIFFERENT WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL.



- ❖ **PLEASE** call the office when your child is absent from school - 780-333-4471 or email starr.timmons@pembinahills.ca
- ❖ Please be mindful of the school bus when you are out and about.
- ❖ Items on the bus **must fit in a backpack.**
- ❖ Please Do Not Enter the staff parking lot for the safety of the staff and students.
- ❖ **Please** do not leave your vehicle unattended in the **drop-off zone** in front of the school. You may be ticketed by the Bylaw Officer.
- ❖ **Please be sure the students do not arrive at school before there are staff supervisors outside (8:20 am)**



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- ❖ Did you know that you can subscribe on our website at <https://www.swanhillsschool.ca/>

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