



PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

On September 29th, Penhold Crossing will have its first ever school-wide land-based learning day. With the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 30 (there is no school that day), we will have this land-based learning day on Monday, September 29 as a unique opportunity to provide different land-based/indigenous learning activities for all of our students.

The activities planned to be offered on Monday September 29 are as follows (*subject to choices):

Mountain Hike - Departing early and returning late, the hike will include an alpine lake, larches and mountain views. Depending on student selection the hike will either be: **Boom Lake Trail**, an easy to moderate 10.5km hike or **Taylor Lake Trail**, a moderate to hard 13.2km hike.

Dry Island Buffalo Jump Provincial Park - Students will explore and learn about a significant landmark right here in central Alberta. The site offers unique trail walks through the badlands, and great views of the Red Deer River. Students will also be joined and led by one of our elders, Clare Butterfly.

Indigenous Learning - This activity will take place at the school and consist of activities such as indigenous arts, games and cooking.

This [Land-Based Learning Day Activity selection form \(click here for link\)](#) or scan the QR code) is due at the end of the day on Monday, September 15 so we can finalize numbers, book buses and get the appropriate permission forms sent to families. Thank you in advance for completing this form in a timely manner.

*There will be no bus or field trip costs for the Land Based Learning day as it is covered through a First Nations Metis Inuit grant we received for this year.



*September 30 is recognized as the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This day honors the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. It is a time for learning about the history and ongoing impacts of residential schools, and for reflecting on the importance of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Schools across the country observe this day through education, reflection, and opportunities to listen and learn, helping students understand the importance of truth, respect, and healing.*