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To: Muir Lake Parents/Guardians  
Fr: Murray Marran and Heather Brownlee  
Re: Friday Memo for May 07th, 2021

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Good Afternoon, Mustang Families:

Welcome to the first day of online learning! Once again we find ourselves in the unfortunate situation where we have to move to online learning for all students due to increasing numbers of COVID cases provincially.

As we know, this situation is far from ideal, however I would like to assure you that our teachers have transitioned quickly and are ready to make the most of this situation. By now, you should have received a letter outlining the general expectations of online learning along with the schedule for your child's teacher.

As this is the third time moving to online learning, we are anticipating a smooth transition. Naturally, if there is anything the school can do to support your child during this process, please reach out to the teacher or call the administration.

For matters of tech or tech support, please contact the office directly or Mrs. Schram at: [kschram@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:kschram@psd70.ab.ca)

I wish everyone the best over the next two weeks. I recognize that these next two weeks provide challenges and often, rearranging of routines and work schedules. Please know Muir Lake staff are cognizant of the sacrifices you are making and we appreciate your support in your child(ren)'s education. We look forward to seeing your children in person on the 25th of May.

Stay safe and stay well.

## **1. Classroom Teachers for 2021/22: \*\*\*Repeated Information\*\*\***

Here is a list of teachers and their teaching assignment for next year:

Teacher	Assignment
Ms. Le Dressay	Kindergarten
Mrs. Montgomery	Grade 1 - change from grade 3
Mrs. Priddle	Grade 1
Mrs. Douglas	Grade 2 - change from grade 1
Mr. Opatril	Grade 2
Miss. Saunders	Grade 2
Mrs. Arnold	Grade 3
Mr. Solomon	Grade 3
Ms. Maser	Grade 4
Mr. Sherington	Grade 4
Mrs. Rich	Grade 5 - change from junior high humanities
Mrs. Gadoury	Grade 5
Ms. Wayken	Grade 6
Ms. Garrison	Grade 7 - junior high humanities - change from grade 5
Ms. St. Amand	Grade 7 - junior high humanities and French
Mr. Brown	Grade 8 - junior high mathematics
Mr. Shaw	Grade 9 - junior high science
Mr. Laevens	Elementary and junior high P.E.
Mrs. Gottenbos	Elementary music and musical theatre

## **2. School Council: \*\*\*Repeated Information\*\*\***

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th , 2021 at 7:00 p.m. If you plan on attending the meeting please [RSVP](#) your attendance by filling out [THIS form](#).

At our next meeting, our School Council President, Mrs. Misty Flynn will be discussing her attendance and representation of Muir Lake School and Parkland School Division at the AGM (Annual General Meeting) for Alberta Schools Councils' Association (ASCA).

ASCA is a provincial advocacy group that lobbies the government on matters such as funding, transportation, etc. and is comprised of members of all school councils across the province. Mrs. Flynn volunteered her time to attend and help address issues that all parents in Parkland School Division parents are facing such as Inclusive Education, transportation and provincial funding shortfalls.

Mrs. Flynn will summarize the ASCA AGM and specifically talk about some of the resolutions that were passed or tabled at the weekend meeting. Please join at this Council meeting to learn more about this exciting process and what the outcomes were. For more information, please contact Misty at [MuirLakeSCChair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:MuirLakeSCChair@psd70.ab.ca)

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Flynn very much for her time and efforts in attending ASCA AGM. It was a long weekend of debates, resolutions and of course, representing the Parkland School Division. Her commitment to our school, community and school division are appreciated by all. Thank you, Mrs. Flynn.

### **3. School Foundation: \*\*\*Updated Information\*\*\***

Everyone is invited to attend Foundation meetings, the fundraising society that works to support many worthwhile causes at Muir Lake. We strongly encourage parents to be part of Foundation as one can make meaningful and long lasting contributions to the school. If you plan on attending the next meeting please [RSVP](#) your attendance by filling out [THIS form](#).

Our next meeting, which is also our AGM, will be held Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this virtual meeting. Also, during the AGM, next year's Foundation Executive will be nominated and elected. If you are interested in contributing or serving on Foundation, please confirm your attendance above and know that you are making a meaningful and lasting impact on Muir Lake School and future endeavours and projects.

Further, I would like to thank Mrs. Anais Lindgren and the Foundation Executive for their tireless efforts and continual support of making Muir Lake School a better place. As a school and as a community, we all benefit from their combined efforts.

### **4. PAT (Provincial Achievement Tests): \*\*\*Repeated Information\*\*\***

Parkland School Division with the permission of the Government of Alberta, has made the decision not to administer the Provincial Achievement Tests in grades six and nine this year. The rationale for this decision was due to the numerous disruptions of in-person learning since the start of the pandemic. For the official letter from Division Office, please see this [LINK](#). Summative exams and final exams (in house) will still be administered.

### **5. Construction at Muir Lake School: \*\*\*Repeated Information\*\*\***

We are excited to announce that the exterior renovations of Muir Lake School have started!. In [previous Friday memos](#), I had given the architect's renderings of what the exterior renos will look like. We look forward to a remodelled and rejuvenated school building! On personal note, I must say I quite like the siding. I believe the design complements our surroundings and blends well with our naturalistic setting.

## **6. Stronger Families and Mental Health: \*\*\*Repeated Information\*\*\***

Parkland School Division is proud to partner with Alberta Parenting For The Future to present another FREE information session for local families. In [Parkland School Division's upcoming Strong Families session](#), pediatric occupational therapist Tracey Urquhart will offer families valuable information about the eating habits of children, and ways to tell if their food fussiness is a normal response, or a sign of something more serious, such as an eating disorder. Please see this [LINK](#) for more information or visit the [Parkland School Division website](#).

Thank you for taking the time to read our Friday memo! We hope this weekly communication keeps you informed of necessary informational items at Muir Lake School. Mrs. Brownlee and I would like to take this time to wish you a great weekend. We also like to thank all of you for all your efforts in the next two weeks.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND