



Muir Lake School

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To: Muir Lake Parents/Guardians
Fr: Murray Marran and Heather Brownlee
Re: Friday Memo for May 14th, 2021

Good Afternoon, Mustang Families:

Happy Friday everyone, and kudos for students, families and teachers for completing the first of returning to online learning. From my perspective, it was as smooth of a transition as possible. I know that parental inquiries or requests for help have been minimal but we have had requests for teachers to record live Google Meets. With the complexities of privacy laws and consent we are strongly discouraging this practice at this time; however, teachers may have pre-recorded lessons available in their Google Classrooms, which have no student privacy concerns and the broadcast can be monitored. I believe the pace and rhythm of online learning has been established and that students are engaged in their online learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Muir Lake parents and Muir Lake teachers for their sustained efforts in making the best of a not-so-ideal circumstance.

On a different note, I would like to remind families that next week (May 17 - 20th) is a short week and there is no school on Friday as it is a PD Day for the School Division. Also, there will not be a memo next week so Mrs. Brownlee and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a great Victoria Day long weekend! We hope whatever you do involves the outdoors and hopefully enjoying some good weather and maybe even a little yard work!

In other school related news, we are starting to build class lists for next year and it is our hope to send home to you, the end of June, where your child's placement will be for the upcoming school year. I find it is always a relief when families (and students) know where they will be placed next year. It alleviates the wondering and uncertainty over the summer. Stayed tuned for further information.

1. Spring Concerts: *New Information*****

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Gottenbos for organizing and creating our virtual spring concerts! Mrs. Gottenbos has diligently worked with students on their performances and they were videoed and are available on Mrs. Gottenbos' You-tube channel. Please see the following links for accessing each of the concerts: [Grade 1-3 Link](#) and [Grade 4-6 Link](#) I suggest some family time this weekend and sit around your laptop and watch the concerts with your children. I know they were excited about the ability to perform. I like to congratulate all of our performers on their excellent performance.

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

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. Stony Plain Library: *New Information*****

Please see the below message for our families from the Stony Plain Library. Click [THIS LINK](#) for more information from the library regarding their summer programs.

The time has come again to offer another fun summer reading adventure and this time we are getting ready to offer our community more reading challenges and fun than ever! Together we have overcome what seemed like insurmountable

obstacles in the face of this looming pandemic, but we have pushed forward with optimism, and we are eager now to offer some incredible activities that the whole family can enjoy this summer as we encourage our children to keep reading. Be sure to watch the Stony Plain library's website at www.mysppl.ca and read our Library's newsletter for more information in June. Registration for the program will start June 13th, register in person, by phone, or online.

5. Construction at Muir Lake School: *Update Information*****

If you have not had the opportunity to check the new exterior of the school, I encourage you to take a look as you drive by. The work is starting to come together and I must say, the results are impressive to say the least. Muir Lake School is getting a much-needed facelift and the new exterior is both stylish and modern. The results speak for themselves. Take a look when able!

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