



Mustangs Memo

September 24 , 2021

NEW! Masking Update in Response to Alberta's Medical Emergency: All students from grades 4-9 in our school are wearing masks following the announcement from the Alberta Government September 15th. Our students must be commended in their mask wearing as quickly shifted to the additional protocol. Students are not required to wear them outside or while eating and during physical education times in the gym. Students will also have the opportunity to take off their mask throughout class time when appropriate. The school division will contact families directly as well to clarify the changes in Covid related protocols. We will continue to limit visitors to school and thank you for your understanding and support.

NEW! Additional ECS Classroom: Due to the increased enrollment within our kindergarten program this year, we are thrilled to welcome back Holly Matheson; she is teaching a second Tuesday / Thursday class which significantly reduces our class size in the Kindergarten program. Mrs. Matheson brings a wealth of knowledge to the kindergarten program as she has worked in a variety of roles at Muir Lake School including Nature Kindergarten. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Matheson to the Muir Lake family!

Repeat: AHS & Grade 6 Immunization. An immunization consent package from Alberta Health Services will soon be sent home with your child. Please check your child's school bag for this package which contains information about the vaccines that your child is eligible for in the Grade 6 school-based immunization program, along with a consent form for each vaccine. In order for your child to be immunized, each consent form must be signed and returned to your child's school by the date indicated on the envelope.

Students in Grade 6 who are 12 years of age (or turning 12 years of age by December 31st of 2021) are eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations. Bookings for first and second doses are available province wide. Albertans can book appointments through AHS online at ahs.ca/covidvaccine, by calling 811 or through [participating pharmacies](#). First and second dose walk-in clinics are also available at multiple locations. Please refer to the following link for information on routine and seasonal immunization information: [Routine and seasonal immunization during COVID-19 frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) \(alberta.ca\)](#) For tips on preparing your child for immunizations, please refer to <https://www.immunize.ca/pain-management-children>

[COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions | Alberta Health Services](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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Repeat: [Parkland School Division Family Supports](#): Please see attached which contains information regarding the services available to families this school year.

Repeat: Extra Curricular Sports: [Cross Country running](#) has started and if a student is interested, please see the [information package linked HERE](#). Forms were also handed out to the students that attended the practice with Mr. Opatirl or Ms. Garrison. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the races.

Repeat: Lunch Programs: Foundation is currently in a wait and see pattern and investigating options for the lunch programs. As soon as we hear something then we will communicate this information with our families.

Repeat: PSD Domain and Email Addresses: You may have noticed that Parkland School Division has a new look; a new logo as well as a new domain name. You can now find Parkland School Division at <https://www.psd.ca> and Muir Lake School's new website URL is <https://muirlake.psd.ca>. With the domain name change came new email addresses. An easy way to find your child's teacher's email address is on our school website at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/about/staff-directory>, but our new address format is as follows: ***firstname.lastname@psd.ca***. Please adjust your email address books accordingly as eventually the mail-forward feature will end.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at MuirLake@psd.ca or by phone at 780-963-3535.

Thank you, have a great weekend!
Muir Lake School Admin Team