



## Mustangs Memo



March 4, 2022

**NEW! COVID Case Count at MLS:** Muir Lake School remains committed to keeping our parents/guardians informed as best we can by reporting the latest self-reported absences due to COVID-19. For the latest information please visit our school website at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/home/news/post/covid-19-notifications-reported-case-count>

**Repeat! Parent Teacher Interviews: VIRTUAL** Parent/Teacher Interviews for **kindergarten to grade 9** students are set for Tuesday March 15th from 4 pm - 7 pm and Wednesday March 16th from 3 pm to 6 pm. **Appointments can be booked online at <http://muirlake.schoolappointments.com> until March 13th at 3pm, at which time the booking system will be closed.** This allows time for the teachers to send the meeting links out to parents.

Virtual meetings will last no longer than 10 minutes and the link to the virtual appointment will be shared with you by the teacher that you have booked with. Please note that even though you may have had an account with School Appointments last year, you will need to re-create your account. Information is cleared each year as the students and teachers change from year to year.

**Repeat! At-Home Test Kits and Masks:** Our second shipment of masks and test kits have arrived and we are ready to distribute them to students and staff. In order to distribute test kits and medical grade masks we are asking that you take a moment to complete the form [LINKED HERE](#) once for **each student** who attends Muir Lake School.

There are instructions about how to administer the test included with the test kit. Additionally, a how-to video and a rapid test program fact sheet translated into multiple languages offers tips on how to use the rapid test kits. Both are available online at <https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-learning-during-covid-19.aspx>.

In the event that a student tests positive for COVID-19 please follow the directions on the PSD Stay at Home Guide found [here](#), and let the school know. If you have any questions please contact the school office. Thank you for your support

**Repeat! Spirit Wear Store is OPEN:** MLCS Foundation has opened the Online Store for Spirit Wear orders once again and it will remain open until March 7th. Please see the poster [LINKED HERE](#) for more details. You can also find it further down in the newsletter. [Click THIS LINK to get to the Online Store.](#)

**Repeat! What's new with MLCL?:** Muir Lake Community League wants to keep kids playing sports in our community, but we need your help! We are looking for volunteers for a Kids' Soccer Coordinator, and a Kids' Ball Coordinator to ensure these programs can run this spring. These coordinator positions include a free family membership, and registration for up to 3 kids (immediate family or grandkids)! Detailed job descriptions are available on our website [www.muirlakehall.ca](http://www.muirlakehall.ca). If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us via our Facebook page, or by emailing [info@muirlakehall.ca](mailto:info@muirlakehall.ca). These positions need to be filled by the end of the month or Kids' Soccer and Ball won't run this year!

**Repeat! From our School Council Chair:** Should you wish to contact our School Council Chair, Amber Dory, please use our NEW School Council Chair email that has been set up; it is [MuirLake.SCChair@partner.psd.ca](mailto:MuirLake.SCChair@partner.psd.ca). School Council meetings are virtual and are set for the third teaching Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is set for Tuesday March 15, 2022, 7pm. [Please visit the LINK here to request a Google Meet link.](#) The meeting link will be shared with those interested in attending the day of the meeting.

**Repeat! 2022-2023 School Registration:** Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process opened on Monday February 14th. We respectfully request that ALL parents have this process completed BEFORE March 18th in order to insure that your child(ren) has transportation in place for the 2022-2023 school year.

All Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online for the 2022-2023 school year. For returning students, parents can find the RSVP link (Registration) in their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). For more information, please visit our Division website at <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/online-registration-for-2022-2023>.

Students that will be registering for kindergarten for the 2022 - 2023 school year will need to be 5 years of age by December 31, 2022. We invite those students that are registered with a Parkland School Division Kindergarten program to also check out our [Nature Kindergarten program](#) which will run on the opposite days of their regular kindergarten days. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.psd.ca/programs/programs-of-choice/nature-based-kindergarten>. This is a great alternative to daycare. Virtual Open House date for our Nature Kindergarten program is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 4pm - Nature Kindergarten. Check our website calendar at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/about/calendar> for the link to the Open House.

**Repeat! PowerSchool Parent Portal:** We respectfully request that parents go online to their [PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#) and ensure that their contact information is updated and correct and that there is AT LEAST one other person listed as an emergency contact that can be reached in case their child must be picked up.

**Repeat! School Fees:** Updated Statements of outstanding fees for the 2021-2022 school year fees went out via email. Upon receipt, fees can be paid online by debit or credit card through our PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division (PSD).

**Repeat! Lunch Program:** We are pleased to share that the Fundraiser Lunch program has returned and is available for **grades 1 - 9** on Mondays. Our next **ordering deadline for the April menus is Monday March 14th**. Please see the information [LINKED HERE](#), register for your account, and complete your orders as soon as possible.

In addition to lunch ordering, we have added some of our in stock Spirit Wear items. Water bottles, buffs, and stickers are available for purchase on our Hot Lunches.net site. We will be packing these orders when we close each month's lunch ordering. Any purchased items will be packaged and sent home with your child. An email will be sent to you to confirm the order has been provided to your student. Should you have any questions, please contact the Muir Lake Foundation Team at [muirlakelunches@gmail.com](mailto:muirlakelunches@gmail.com).

**Repeat! Health Champion:** Are you teaching your child(ren) to skate this winter? Skating is a lot of fun for kids—once they get the hang of it. For first-timers, however, it often feels like you spend more time falling than gliding. Keep the focus on fun while kids gain the balance, coordination, and technique they need to stay upright on the ice by introducing simple games that help reinforce basic skating skills. Everything is more fun with friends, so why not plan a group meetup and try out some of the suggestions in this [link](#)?

**Repeat! Student Drop Off and Pick Up:** For the safety of our students and staff;

- **For everyone's safety we ask that EVERYONE please walk or stand INSIDE the blue fence when picking up their child(ren) from school.**
- Please park in the Muir Lake Community Hall parking lot and for your child in the parent muster area which is located inside the blue fence in between the Community Hall and the school.
- If driving your child(ren) to school, please drive through the drop off lane and drop them off at the crosswalk at the **south** end of the school **OR** drop them off at the Community Hall and have them walk inside the blue fence to and from the school
- Please do not cut through the staff parking lot to jump the line of cars waiting to drop off children in the drop off lane
- If you are late and dropping your child(ren) off (after 8:00am), please have them come in the main doors and report in to the office and get a late slip.

**Repeat! Parkland School Division Family Supports:** Please [CLICK THIS LINK](#) for your latest [Stronger Together newsletter](#). There are a lot of great articles and tips about emotional regulation included as well as some great upcoming sessions that are open for registration.

**Repeat! Free Family Counseling:** If you are looking to support your children there is a youth & family solution focused wellness counseling program available through Alberta Health Services Primary Care Network. For more information please click [here](#).

**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.

Thank you,  
Muir Lake School Admin Team



# **MUIR LAKE SPIRIT WEAR FUNDRAISER**

The Foundation Team has relaunched our school spirit wear fundraiser!!

Our due date is Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, get your orders in today. Delivery is expected at the beginning of April and orders will be distributed amongst students. If alternate arrangements need to be made, please contact [muirlakelunches@gmail.com](mailto:muirlakelunches@gmail.com).

There will be a *Show Your School Spirit Day* coming in May/June 2022 so get your gear now.

Check out our online store with a variety of items here

<https://muirlakespiritwear2022.itemorder.com/>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [muirlakelunches@gmail.com](mailto:muirlakelunches@gmail.com).



- All the proceeds raised will go to support school wide initiatives -