



Mustangs Memo



May 6, 2022

NEW! Track & Field: We would like to take this opportunity to wish our students that will be representing Muir Lake School at this year's track meets GOOD LUCK! Students that qualified will be bussed ONE WAY to the location of the Track Meet. Parents will need to pick up or arrange rides for their children after their events are finished. **Students that are not competing will not be allowed on the grounds** and will be expected to be at school as usual. Parents are invited to go and watch their children compete. The dates for the track meets are as follows:

- Thursday, May 19 - Gr 7 to 9 Central Zone Track Meet
- Friday, May 27 - Gr 7 to 9 Division Track Meet
- Wednesday, June 1 - Gr 4 to 6 Elementary Track Meet

NEW! Annual Grade 1 Trees: The grade one students will have brought their little spruce saplings home, click [HERE](#) to see the [Planting Guide](#).

NEW! School Fees: New field trip fees have been pushed out to some of the classes, please take a look on your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account to see what is outstanding for the 2021 2022 school year and remit payment ASAP. Payment can be done online by Visa debit or credit card via your PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division (PSD).

Repeat! Guest Bus Riders: There are to be absolutely NO GUEST RIDERS on any of the school buses. This is a huge safety concern should that bus ever be involved in an accident. If your child is having a friend visit after school then a parent will have to pick them up at the end of the day. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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. School Council meetings are virtual and are set for the third teaching Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is set for Tuesday May 17, 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! Welcome Back School Volunteers: We are pleased to be welcoming our volunteers back into our school. YAY! Just a few quick reminders,

- If you are coming into the school, you **MUST** sign in at the office. This is a safety measure, should the unthinkable happen, so that we know who is in our building at all times
- Please ensure that you have filled out and returned the [Volunteer Form Package](#) which is [LINKED HERE](#) and also available from the office

Repeat! Nature Kindergarten: Parkland School Division's Nature Kindergarten program is based out of Muir Lake School, where children from all over Parkland School Division are offered a unique curriculum-based authentic learning experience primarily within a dedicated woodland classroom and the surrounding outdoor area. This optional kindergarten program-of-choice gets children active and in touch with nature, while essentially extending a child's kindergarten experience from half-time to full-time in the process.

In keeping with our Ultimate Goal of Student Success and Well-being, PSD's Nature Kindergarten program provides meaningful student engagement while addressing the kindergarten curriculum, as children spend the majority of their day outside connecting with local habitats as inspiration for their academic learning. Nature Kindergarten nurtures independent, confident and resilient learners with a zeal for problem solving, fostering children's physical literacy and lifelong health and well-being through outdoor adventures that contribute to the social and emotional assets of individual health.

Please note: Your child must first be registered for a recognized Alberta Kindergarten program (such as Parkland School Division's regular Kindergarten program) before they can be registered in the Nature-Based Kindergarten program. Complete information on the registration process can be found on our Registration page. While priority shall be given to Parkland School Division students, out-of-division applicants may be considered if space and resources are available.

To apply to the [2022-2023 Nature Kindergarten Program](#), please complete and submit all material in the [2022-2023 Nature Kindergarten Application Package](#). The [application form](#) in this package will begin accepting submissions when Parkland School Division 2022-2023 Registration opened on February 14, 2022.

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