



Mustangs Memo



August 19, 2022

Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 School Year! We are excited to welcome you and your family to a new school year. Our PSD Team has been working hard at getting everything ready for the start up, and as a result you will see a few new changes. You can read what we have planned for for the first month of school on our school website at <https://muirlake.psd.ca>. One change that you will notice is with our front foyer. We are having security doors installed which will allow us to leave our front door unlocked. Unfortunately, these renovations will not be completed until the beginning of September, so the doors will remain locked until such time. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Write-On Stationery School Supplies Fundraiser: Supplies are expected to be ready for pick up on Wednesday, August 24th, the afternoon of Thursday August 25th, and Friday August 26th. Our office will be closed the morning of August 25th for a Division-wide PD session.

First Day of School: The first day of school this year is **TUESDAY, AUGUST 30th**. Staff will be outside to greet your child as they get off the bus and direct them to where their teacher will be outside. Lists will be posted and staff will also have copies. Classes will then go in as a group to their classrooms.

If you are driving your child to school, then we respectfully ask that you drop them off in either the **Muir Lake Hall** parking lot **or** use the drop off lane and let them out at the **SOUTH** end of the parking lot so that they can use the crosswalk which is monitored by the staff. Please be aware that the parking lots tend to be **VERY** busy on the first couple of days of school, so we appreciate your patience as our top priority is to keep all of our students safe.

Kindergarten: If your child is registered in our kindergarten program, you should have received an email from their teacher, Ms. Kate LeDressay, We will **NOT** be doing staggered entry this year as we had previously communicated and we apologize for any inconvenience or confusion. The first day of school for all the students in our Tuesday/Thursday group will be Tuesday, August 30th and all of the Monday/Wednesday students will attend on Wednesday, August 31st. A copy of the year calendar showing which group will attend school on Fridays can be found on the Division website and is available for download [HERE](#).

NEW & Returning Staff: We have some new faces joining us this year, so we would like to officially welcome them onto our team.

Principal	Fune	Andy	7G	Garrison	Amy
Asst Principal	Gilmour	Tracey	8H	Hong	Cindy
Head Secretary	Garley	Janine	8/9B	Brown	Cory
Secretary	Marcinew	Jodi	9S	Shaw	Doug
Kindergarten	LeDressay	Kate	Music	Theberge	Lee
Nat K Teacher	Cattroll	Chelsea	Phys Ed	Laevens	Cam
1D	Douglas	Wendy	Counsellor	Shabnam	Sharmin
1L	Lee	Melanie	Library Tech	Schram	Kerri
1P	Priddle	Amanda	EA	Bakelaar	Kari
2P	Pugh	Caristy	EA	Bingham	Jayla
2S	Saunders	Selena	EA	Chiles	Melanie
3K	Knowles	Meaghan	EA	Clemens	Annina
3O	Opatril	Todd	EA	Ellert	Christine
3S	Solomon	Brendan	EA	Fisher	Karen
4M	Maser	Darci	Nat K EA	Lindemulder	Joanna
4S	Sherington	Dale	EA	Masson	Holly
4/5H	Hudson	Todd	EA	Thomsen	Tyla
5G	Gadoury	Shelley	Head Custodian	Willson	Alma
5R	Rich	Erin	Custodian	Rodriguez	Arnold
6A	Arnold	Kelly			
6W	Wayken	Debbie			

Mustang Kick-Off: Now that we can gather once again, we are super excited to bring back our Mustang Kick-Off. Families are invited to join us for a hot dog on Wednesday, September 7 from 4:30-6:30pm. Staff will be outside to welcome everyone and then families will be invited into the school at 6:00 to meet the teacher in the classroom.

Nature Kindergarten Spots still available! 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.

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, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 780-963-3535 or via email at MuirLake@psd.ca.

Muir Lake School Admin Team