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Introducing Gr. 2-4 Summer School: [Parkland School Division is excited to announce an all-new summer school opportunity for students registered in Grades 2, 3 or 4 for the 2023-2024 school year.](#)

Academic Mornings & Active Afternoons!

Grades 2-4 Summer School runs July 4-14, 2023, and offers academic mornings combined with active afternoons. Students choose one of three academic morning options (literacy, numeracy or French Immersion) and then all students enjoy afternoon programming that focuses on a variety of activities, provided through [CFL's My PATH program](#). Afternoon activities may include recreational sports, outdoor adventure activities, horsemanship and performing arts.

Registration and More Information

For program details, including registration information, fees and schedules, please visit [CFL's Grades 2-4 Summer School page](#).

Spots are still available for high school summer school too! For more information, visit [CFL's High School Summer School page](#). **Please note that summer school registration closes on June 23, 2023.**

Muir Lake School Newspaper: We are very excited to announce that the first ever edition of the Muir Lake School Newspaper is now ready and available for you to enjoy. The Newspaper was the idea of a Grade 4 student, Daniel, who is now our Editor. We really wanted to support Daniel's great idea and we were blown away by the enthusiasm of all of the students that signed up. Great job, everyone!

[NEWSPAPER LINK HERE](#)

MLCS Foundation: Our school Foundation will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on Monday June 5 at 6 pm in the school Library. Elections will take place at this time. Everyone is welcome. The school Foundation oversees the fundraising for the school and helps to decide which projects are next for the school. If you would like to be a part of this committee, then please attend the meeting.



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Breakfast Program: We have had quite a few of our grade 4 to 9 students express their interest in assisting with the breakfast program in the morning before school. If your child is in grade 4 to 9 and is able to be at school before 7:40am, then please fill out the permission form that is [LINKED HERE](#) and have them bring it in to their homeroom teacher.

Library Books: Just a quick reminder to parents to pay a little extra attention when returning books to the Stony Plain Library that they are not Muir Lake School books. We have been notified that some of our books are being dropped off at the public library. Thank you

Student Placement: Student placement is a very complex process that we take very seriously.

Teacher/Specialists: our school staff and specialists (such as teachers, counselor, administration, etc) review student placements several times up until the opening day of the 2022-2023 school year.

In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include:

Workable instructional groups considering:

- the child's academic needs and strengths
- teaching and learning styles
- the child's work habits

Positive social groups considering:

- placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class
- peer support or conflicts
- establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class
- ratio of grades in split classes

Balanced classes considering:

- gender (male/female)
- students with Special Needs
- students who are English Language Learners
- academic, social, and emotional needs and abilities
- leadership abilities

Other Information considered:

- the past history of students in combined or single grade classes
- school-based resource team recommendations

The class placement process ensures thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional, and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided by a team, which includes the child's current teacher, possible teachers for the coming year, the School Counselor, and the School Administration. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

A Note about Combined Classes

Combined class organizations result from imbalances in the number of students in particular grade levels. In today's reality that often means that the school organization needs to include some combined classes. For example, we might have 41 Grade One students, but the class size limit is 25; we would need to create a Grade One class and a Grade One/Two class with the remainder of the Grade One students and some Grade Two students. Depending on the number of students at each grade level, using all of the criteria above may well result in the creation of some combined classes. Many areas of the student's growth are considered in a student's placement such as: social skill development, physical size, independence in work habits, leadership potential, personal initiative, and organizational skills. Consideration is also given to previous placement in a combined class. Please rest assured that if your child is placed in a combined class, the grade appropriate curriculum that is prescribed by the Ministry of Education will be taught.

Order Your School Yearbook Now: Great news! After not producing a yearbook for a few years due to “covid gathering restrictions”, we are happy to announce that we will be producing one this year. Yearbooks will be produced over the summer and be distributed in the Fall when they arrive. The cost of the yearbook will be \$25 each and will be available to all K to 9 students. To order one simply go on to the “**Student Fees**” button/link on the left side of your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account, scroll to the bottom of the fees page, add a yearbook to your cart, pay for it online, and you are set.

PSD Stronger Together - Family Supports: Parkland School Division is proud to partner with the Alberta Parenting For The Future Association to present the upcoming FREE sessions for local families. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the sessions being offered as well as other resources that are available.

Comprehensive School Health: When children have a strong awareness of how they move, and how they feel in their bodies, that’s when they are starting to embody physical literacy. They’re feeling the mind-body connection. Learn more about mind-body connection here: [Link here.](#)

Food for Thought: We all know that children learn better on a full tummy. We have a fridge in our office - “The Nutrition Nook” - that is stocked with healthy snacks and food for the students. Kids can access it at any time during the day and out of consideration to everyone’s privacy, staff will not be monitoring who uses it.

Lunch Program: If your child will not be at school and you have ordered a hot lunch, please email info@bitetoeat.ca to cancel their lunch. Please be sure to include your child’s name and which school they attend. To receive a credit for the meal, **you must notify us by 12:00 noon the day before delivery.** We will accept late hot lunch cancellations, but no credit will be given. Please note that we cannot give away lunches to other students if you do not notify us that your child will be absent. If you have any questions with regard to any part of the lunch program, please contact the lunch program volunteers at muirlakelunches@gmail.com. **The next lunch order deadline is May 24th**, so please be sure to get your order in and paid ONLINE before this date.

School Council: All parents and guardians are invited to attend our next **IN PERSON** School Council meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm. Please click the [LINK HERE](#) to add your name to receive the School Council Google Meet Link. Meetings will be held on the third teaching Tuesday of the month except for December and June. We hope to see you there.

Dropping off or Picking Up your child at School? 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 or **NORTH** end of the parking lot so that they can use the designated crosswalks which is monitored by the staff. Please assist us in keeping your children safe ***by not*** dropping them off in the ***middle of the drop off lane.***

We also ask that for the safety of all staff and students, that you not drive through the staff parking lot, please use the drive-through lane and the crosswalk at the south end of the parking lot.

For the safety of everyone, we remind everyone that there is to be absolutely ***NO PARKING on the side of the highway.*** The parking can sometimes get VERY busy, so we appreciate your patience as our top priority is to keep all of our students and staff safe. We have asked the Bylaw officers for assistance with this and we would hate to see anyone be ticketed for parking on the highway or worse yet, for someone to be injured. We thank you for your cooperation with this very extremely important safety matter.

Busing: If you are picking up your child from school and they will NOT be taking their regular bus home, please notify the driver, teacher, or school office so that the driver is not looking for them at the end of the day and delaying the departures of the buses.

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.**

Attendance Calls: If your child(ren) is not in attendance, please be sure to either call (780) 963-3535 and press 1 to access the attendance mailbox OR email the office at MuirLake@psd.ca, stating when and why your child will be away. If the office does not know why students are away then the fan-out message will automatically go out as they will be marked as absent with an unknown reason.

If Your Child is Ill: We encourage anyone who is feeling ill to stay home from school. If you are exhibiting any of the key symptoms known for COVID-19, we encourage you to access one of the many test kits that are also available at the school. Meanwhile, PSD will continue the following:

- Hand sanitizer will still be readily available at all schools,
- Students will continue to be reminded of the importance of thorough hand-washing hygiene,
- School staff will ensure that appropriate cleaning of high touch areas will continue,
- The frequency at which air filters are changed in PSD has also been increased and air handling/ventilation equipment in all schools has been adjusted to maximize the number of air exchanges within the schools.
- All schools will operate filtration systems that meet or exceed the Minimum Efficiency Reporting Values (MERV) 13 air filtration rate, and
- Where practical, entrances and exits can be used to efficiently reduce crowding during high traffic times of the day.

Should you require test kits or masks, please contact the school office by email at MuirLake@psd.ca or by phone at 780-963-3535.

Thank you, take care
Muir Lake School Admin Team

2023 PARKLAND COUNTY SUMMER DAY CAMPS

In partnership with CHANGE Health



REGISTRATION FOR PARKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS OPENS APRIL 3, 2023.
Registration for non-residents opens April 10, 2023.

DATE	HALL	ADDRESS
July 3-7	Golden Spike Hall	51302 Rge Rd 275
	Duffield Hall	2 1 St, Duffield
July 10-14	Parkland Village Community Centre	60 Parkland Gate Rd
	Graminia Hall	51101 Rge Rd 270
July 17-21	Wabamun Jubilee Hall	5132 53 Ave, Wabamun
	Holborn Hall	51132 Rge Rd 13
July 24-28	Sandhills Hall	52032, Rge Rd 270
	Fallis Hall	53303 Rge Rd 52
July 31-August 3	Clymont Hall	51423 Hwy 60
July 31-August 4	Westland Park Hall	53304 Rge Rd 32
August 7-10	Muir Lake Hall	53424 Hwy 779
August 7-11	Tomahawk Agra Centre	51122 SH 759

Cost: \$100.00 | Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more info or to register, visit www.parklandcounty.com/SummerCamps

Special Performances

Mary Lambert Concert

Drop-In, All Ages

Tuesday 11 July

@ 4pm-5pm

Sing Out Summer Fun!

Join us at the library for a live family-friendly concert by Juno award nominee [Mary Lambert](#).



Indigo Circus

Drop-In, All Ages

Thursday 27 July

@ 4pm-4:30pm

Enjoy Safire of [Indigo Circus](#) as she displays the magic of bubbles, creates smiles, and invites her audience to join her in the magical and wonderful world of bubbles in this interactive comedy bubble show. This awe-inspiring act leaves both kids and adults amazed.



Program Registration: It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

Registration opens June 13 and ends August 12

1. In-person at the library (35 Fifth Avenue)
2. Online at [sgpl.ca](#)
3. Download your reading challenge logs or bingo sheets online or pick them up at the library when you register!

Library Hours of Operation

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00am - 8:00pm
 Friday-Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm
 Sunday: 12:00pm - 6:00pm
 Statutory Holidays: Closed



**All program information is subject to change. Please visit the library or [sgpl.ca](#) for more information.*

SGPL reserves the right to cancel registered programs due to low attendance. Registered participants will be notified of any cancellations.



Our SRC is accessible to everyone. Ask our staff for details about resources for those with print disabilities.

Although age recommendations are **sometimes noted**, SGPL welcomes all community members to participate in our programs.

Contact Us

Phone: 780-962-4423
 Email: library@sgpl.ca
 SRC Email: asgprogramming@yrl.ab.ca
 Visit: www.sgpl.ca

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Reminder: Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver while in the library.



Reading fun for kids, from Canada's public libraries [tdsummerreadingclub.ca](#)



Check This Out! 1 July - 12 August

TD Summer Reading Club

If you love to read, do fun activities, and enjoy winning prizes, the TD Summer Reading Club is for you! Come visit your local library and pick up everything you need to get started. Please see the front desk for all information and keep an eye on [sgpl.ca](#) for special events!

All programs for Summer Reading Club are **FREE!**

Weekly programs take place 4 July - 12 August