



# Mustang Memo



February 23, 2024

## Today's Top Stories

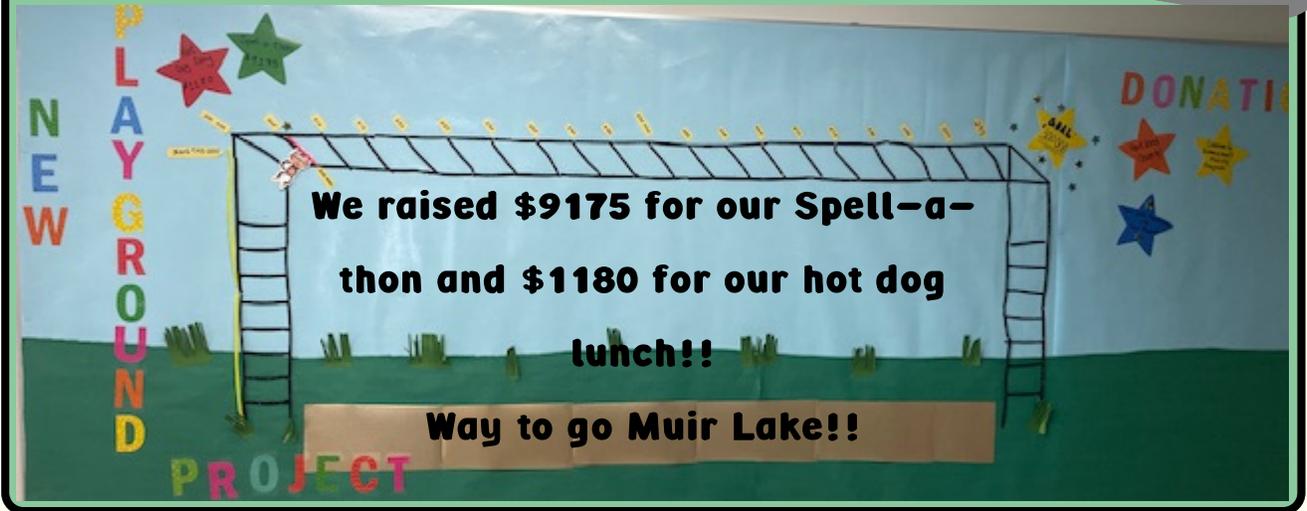


**Absence?**

Call 780-963-3535

Press #1

Please provide your child's full name, grade and the reason for the absence so that we can enter the absence accurately!



**Winter is here!** With the cold temperatures finally here please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and please label all belongings! The lost and found is layed out on tables outside the office. Please





When dropping children off at the school we kindly ask you to be **considerate** of everyone's safety. For safety concerns we ask that when dropping your children off at school, parents either park at the hall for drop off, or use the drop off lane. We realize that it is a busy place in the morning and we ask for your patience. The staff parking lot is not supervised for drop off and the parking spaces are limited.. The staff parking lot is not supervised for drop off and the parking spaces are limited. Please do not use this area.

GET READY FOR THE  
**ELECTRONICS  
RECYCLING ROUNDUP**  
HELP US RAISE FUNDS WHILE DECLUTTERING YOUR LIFE

Bring your unwanted electronics to the location below and keep the environment healthy while helping to raise funds. We will be accepting the following:

- Computers/Servers
- Laptops
- Notebooks
- Tablets
- TVs
- Monitors
- Printers
- Copiers & Scanners
- Fax Machines
- Small Appliances
- Audio Visual
- Telecom Devices
- Power and Air Tools
- Games, Toys, and Music
- Lawn & Garden

**Coming Soon! Save your items and  
help us fundraise for our new  
playground.**

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Learn more about recycling  
electronics and other materials  
at [albertarecycling.ca](http://albertarecycling.ca)

# REGISTRATION

If you haven't already done so, it's time to register for the next school year! That includes busing if you need it. Registering **before the Friday March 22nd** deadline will help us immensely in planning for next year both at our school and at the PSD Transportation department. Work is currently underway building bus routes for next year already.

Any applications received after the application deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school. If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2024–2025 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

How do I get started?

Visit <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/> and log into your parent account. Once inside the Parent Portal:

Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.

Select the RSVP icon on the left side of the screen.

Begin reviewing all of your current Student Information we have on file, and follow the instructions on the screen to navigate through the various tabs in the form (Student Info, Address, Contacts, Medical, etc.).

I can't remember my login for the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you aren't able to retrieve your login credentials using the "Forgot Username or Password?" link on the sign-in page, please contact the school directly for assistance logging in to the Parent Portal.

# FEBRUARY

# 2024

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## Important dates

**School Council –**

Feb 28th

**Pink Shirt Day –**

★ Feb 28th

MUIR LAKE  
**MUSTANGS**  
ATHLETICS

**THANK  
YOU!**

**Muir Lake Alumni, Cody Mathieson, gives back to our local community by turning a student created logo into a digital vector for our Badminton Athletes to enjoy!**



friendship



# Pink Shirt Day is on February 28

Be kind to each other and  
speak out when you see  
bullying happening.



Wear a pink shirt to promote  
healthy relationships and  
prevent bullying at home,  
school, in communities, on-  
line and the workplace.

#PinkShirtDay

Bullying Helpline: 310-1818

Alberta.ca/BullyingChat

Follow us @ABSUPPORTS

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YOU  
GOT  
THIS!

Kindness  
MATTERS!

Be  
Kind

Pink Shirt Day



## **Division News**

### **Registration for 2024–2025 opens February 12**

Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process opens Monday, February 12, 2024. All Pre–Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online for the 2024–2025 school year. Click the link above for more information

### **March – Stronger Together Newsletter**



# SCHOOL NEWSPAPER



We now have our very own student Newspaper *The Mustang News*. Click the link below!!

[The Mustang News](#)



## PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

In PSD, we help support families who need help getting their child(ren) to school. We know there are many factors that affect attendance:

- Parents' work schedule
- Transportation
- Family events
- Appointments

Often families don't realize how much school their child is missing and the impact that has on everyone. They are more behind than you think.

**1 DAY MISSED = 2 DAYS BEHIND**



### 19 or more days

Missing just **TWO** days every month can add up to **19** days in a school year. This is the equivalent of missing an **ENTIRE MONTH** of instructional days.



### 10 to 18 days

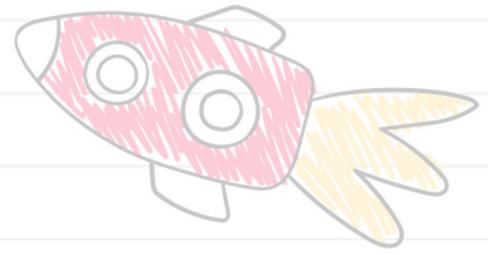
Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss **1 YEAR'S WORTH** of school by their graduating year.



### 9 or fewer absences

Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.





**We are excited to announce Muir Lake – Before and After  
School Care is OPEN.**

**6:30AM–8:00AM**

**2:35PM–6:00PM**

**Kindergarten non–school days NOT included.**

**\$550/Month includes PD Days, Spring Break, Fall Break**

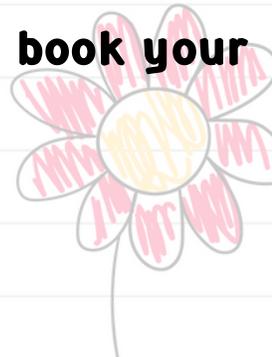
**\$425/3 day Kindergarten**

**CLOSED for the Summer**

**\*\*\*OPEN HOUSE Thursday, February 15th from 6:00PM –  
7:00PM\*\*\***

**Please call (825)977–6607 for more information or to book your  
tour today.**

**Email: [muirlakeosc@gmail.com](mailto:muirlakeosc@gmail.com)**



## **New Playground!!**



### **Hello families and friends of Muir Lake School!**

We are excited to announce that we have received our grant funding request and are the recipients of \$125,000 from the Community Enhancement Facility Project to support our playground rebuild.

In order to maximize the grant contribution, we will be raising funds to match and exceed our \$125,000 obligation. Our intention is to secure all funding by spring and spend this summer rebuilding the main playground at the school.

We are seeking support from corporate sponsors, community groups, families and friends of our school to help us meet our target. Through donations and fundraisers, we are confident we will be able to see this amazing project completed prior to the 2024– 2025 school year start.

We encourage you to participate in our fundraisers coming up over the next few months. These include adding items to an on-site electronics recycling bin, making donations to support students participating in a school wide spell-a-thon, and purchasing tickets in our 50/50 cash raffle to be drawn prior to spring break. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

If you have a business or work for an organization who may be interested in a larger donation to our project please send an email to [mlsplaygroundproject@gmail.com](mailto:mlsplaygroundproject@gmail.com). All donations over \$25 are eligible for a tax receipt. Families are welcome to send personal donation cheques to the school made out to Muir Lake School Foundation.

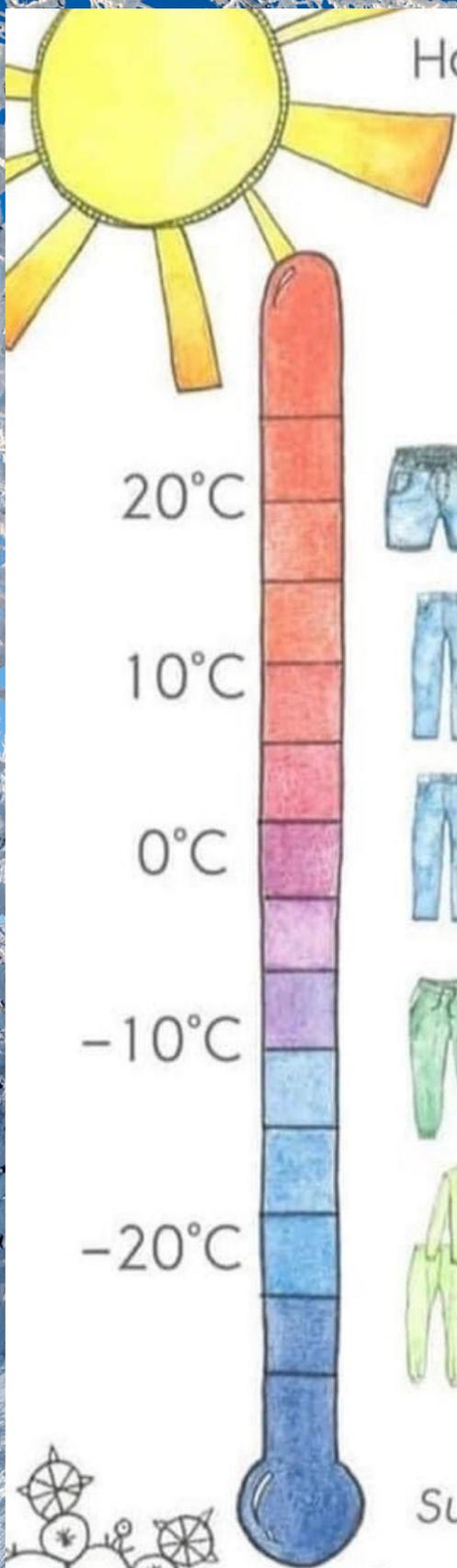
Working together we will see this terrific project become a beautiful new space this summer!



**For additional information or questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact us at [mlsplaygroundproject@gmail.com](mailto:mlsplaygroundproject@gmail.com) or directly to Darcy at 780–953–3783. Thank you, Muir Lake School Foundation**

# How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!



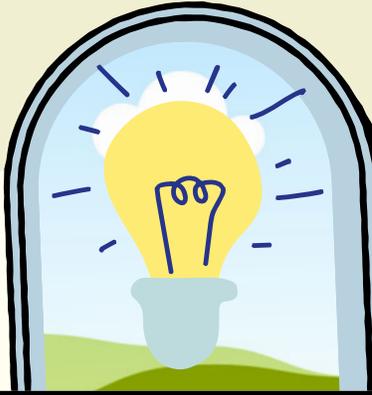
Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



[www.getoutsideandplay.ca](http://www.getoutsideandplay.ca)



[www.befitforlife.ca](http://www.befitforlife.ca)



## General Information



**Parking at School Safely:** 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 NORTH and SOUTH end of the parking lot so that they can use the crosswalk which is monitored by the staff. For the safety of everyone, we remind everyone that there is to be absolutely NO PARKING on the side of the highway. Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop off, the parking lot can get VERY busy, so we appreciate your patience as our top priority is to keep all of our students and staff safe.

**Visiting the School:** Last year we had new security doors installed in the front entrance. This allows us to leave our front door unlocked. If you are at the school for any reason, please check in at the office. Morning Supervision: Staff will begin supervision at 7:45am so we respectfully request that you do not drop your children off until after this time. Students will remain outside until the bell rings at 8:00am, then at this time they will make their way to the classroom through their designated doors. If they arrive ANY time after 8:10am they are required to go to the office through the front door to obtain a late slip.

**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](mailto: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.

**School Fees:** Statements for the 2023 2024 school year fees will be going out via email soon, if you do not receive it then check your junk mail or let the office know. Upon receipt, fees can be paid online by debit or credit card through our PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division (PSD). If for some reason you are unable to pay the fees right away arrangements may be made by calling Andy Fuñe at 780- 963-3535.

**Fair Notice** – Violent Threat Risk Assessment: The goal of Violence/Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) process is that every incident of youth violence in our communities be addressed. VTRA is early intervention – which is quite possibly prevention. The process is initiated and managed by school administrators who have received VTRA training from the Center for Trauma Informed Practices. For more information, please visit our PSD website and read the news article LINKED HERE.



# Food Programs

**Food for Thought:** We all know that children learn better on a full tummy. We have a cooler inside our office that will be stocked with healthy snacks and food for the students. They will be able to access it at any time during the day and out of consideration to everyone's privacy, staff will not be monitoring who uses it.

**\*\*In keeping with Parkland School Division's commitment to student success and well-being, we are once again working to promote healthy eating and create a positive food environment for all students.**

**We would like to acknowledge the President's Choice Children's Charity Power Full Kids program in providing support for food security at Muir Lake for the 2023 – 2024 school year.\*\***

**Breakfast Club – We have started our Breakfast Club for the year and it is busy! Breakfast club is for everyone! We know that mornings can be busy. Every morning starting at 7:45 till 8:10 our kitchen is serving up toast and other healthy options. We are always looking for more volunteers to help the program run smoothly. Reach out if you are available during these times to help out at [christine.ellert@psd.ca](mailto:christine.ellert@psd.ca).**

**Lunch Program is Back!! Bite to Eat is excited to begin another year of hot lunch service to Muir Lake students. Deliveries will again be on Mondays & Thursdays.**

## HOT LUNCH MONTH

### PAYMENT DUE DATE

December 2023 – November 24, 2023

January 2024 – January 4, 2024

February 2024 – January 24, 2024

March 2023 – February 23, 2024

April 2024 – March 27, 2024

May 2024 – April 24, 2024

June 2024 – May 29, 2024