

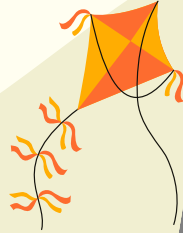


# Mustang Memo



May 10, 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!

**Registration for 2024-2025 year** – if you have not done so already please do so as soon as possible. Planning has begun for next year!

We are still having parents **parking** in the staff parking lot at the end of the day. Our custodians are returning for the evening at this time and they are having difficulty finding parking spots.



Good afternoon Muir Lake Families,

It is with mixed feelings that I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving Muir Lake School at the end of June.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving your wonderful community as both Teacher and Assistant Principal. It has been a true pleasure getting to know the students, staff, and families over the years. The students really are the best! Of course, I will especially miss my time with the Nature Kindergarten program.

I have accepted a position with Tomahawk School where I hope to share some of the many things that the Muir Lake community has taught me.

Thank you so much for all of your support during my time as Assistant Principal. I will certainly be back to visit as much as I am able to.

Kind regards,

Tracey Gilmour



## Playground Update

Thank you to **BA Property Services** for their donation to our playground. We are getting closer, and have the structure ordered but are still needing funds to complete the project. If you are able to help, please contact Darcy Lindberg @ 780-953-3783 or email at [mlsplaygroundproject@gmail.com](mailto:mlsplaygroundproject@gmail.com). We are able to provide tax receipts on all donations over \$25 :)

We will be hosting a run/jog/walk-a-thon for the kids after the long weekend, more details will launch next week as we will be doing digital!!! We have had sponsorship for prizes for the students from Stony Plain Dairy Queen and Spruce Grove Tim Hortons.

We also will have an evening to launch the new playground design at the hall, May 22!! Bring out the family to see what the new structure will look like and if you have any questions about the project.

Darcy Lindberg (780) 953-3783





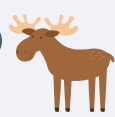
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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**



**No School**

**No School**

### Important Dates

- May 12th – Mothers Day
- May 13th and 15th– PATS
- May 16th – Gr.4–6
- May 17th – PD Day
- May 20th –Victoria Day
- May 13th and 15th– PATS
- May 16th – Moose Hide Campaign Day



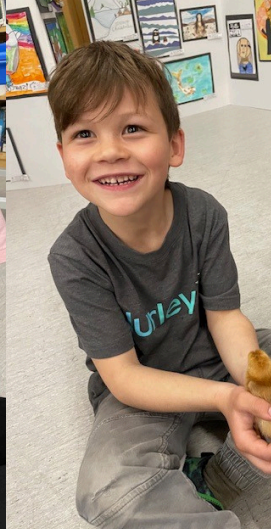


# What's New?





# LEARN and grow



# Other News

## May Stronger Together Newsletter

## Moosehidecampaign



**TRY-ME TRY-ATHLON**  
powered by | **PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION**

**FRIDAY  
June 7  
2024**

**REGISTRATION OPENS**      **FIND DETAILS AT**

**FRIDAY  
MAY 10**      [www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/try-me-try-athlon](http://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/try-me-try-athlon)

## Muir Lake Out of School Care

6:30AM–8:00A

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)



Staff parking lot and handicap parking ONLY. For safety concerns and our limited spaces do not drive through or park here.

# School Drop Off and

# Pick up



This is the drop off lane

2 lanes closest to the school are bus lanes



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.

## IN 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

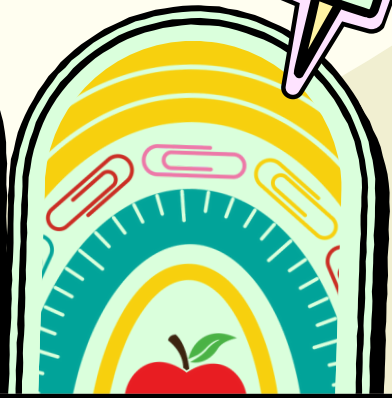
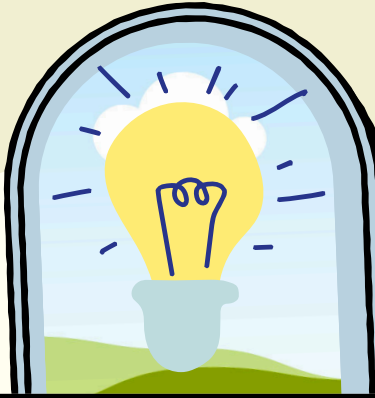
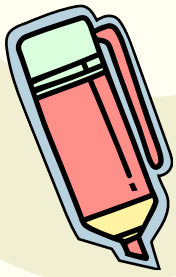
Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss **1 YEAR'S WORTH** of school by their graduating year.



### 9 or fewer absences

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





## 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**

**May 2024 – April 24, 2024**

**June 2024 – May 29, 2024**