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# Volunteers Needed!



Wednesday, June 26th will be Muir Lake's 2024 Fun Day! Fun Day celebrations will be from 12:00 pm - 2:15 pm. The school will be providing a hotdog lunch. Please still pack your child a snack for the morning. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 will move independently from station to station. Students in kindergarten through grade 2 will be encouraged to buddy up with a friend to go to stations. All stations will be outside, please come dressed and ready for any weather! Please send hats if it is sunny. We recommend applying sunscreen and bug spray before coming to school. If you send any, it must be lotion and not aerosol.

Students will be rotating around stations that teachers and parents have prepared. Students will have punch cards to show they have gone to stations. When their cards are full, they can turn them in to get a prize. Prize options are a freezie, bag of popcorn or a bag of cotton candy, based on how many stations they get to in the afternoon they may get some or all of these prizes.

To make this event a success and fun for all, we need your expertise! If you want to bring in items for a station or are able to volunteer, please complete our Google form (scan QR code or go to https://forms.gle/ITGBAq2gomX1GvVg7) by Friday, June 14th.



Thank you in advance, without parent volunteers these fun school activities would not be possible! Thanks in advance! Muir Lake K-5 Staff

## **Class Placement for Next Year**

Student placement is a very complex process that we take very seriously. School staff and specialists (such as teachers, counselor, administration, etc.) review student placements several times up until the opening day of the 2024-2025 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.





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Starting this coming week!

As in previous years, Muir Lake School is once again partnering with Write-On Stationery to give parents the opportunity to order school supplies for your students as a Fundraiser. Write-On Stationery will package your child's supplies that you have ordered and deliver them directly to Muir Lake School in the last week of August. Simply pick up the box from the school when it comes in and your child will be ready to go. To order their grade supplies according to what your child will need in the fall, simply go to https://www.write-on.ca/shop and follow the instructions below. Be sure to place your order by August 1st in order to ave it delivered to the school for the start of school.

• Go to www.write-on.ca

• Click on "PARENTS — Order Here"

· School Name: Muir Lake School — STONY PLAIN

 $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Choose your grade and place your order.

- $\cdot$  Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation

to confirm your order has been received

 $\cdot$  We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.

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Important Dates – JUNE								
June 10-14 = Grade 4 Swim Lessons								
June 11 - Kinder T/T - Zoo								
June 14th - Grade 2P - Mural Walk and Spray Park								

June 17th - Kinder M/W and Nature K - Zoo

June 21st - Grade 1L / 1P -Botanical Gardens

June 12, 13, 19th - Grade 9 PATS

EXAM June 19 and 20th - Grade 6 and 9 PATS

June 21st - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 26th - Fun Day!





## **Other News**

## June Stronger Together Newsletter

Weaving Ways of Indigenous Knowledge June Newsletter

### Muir Lake Out of School Care

Muir Lake OSC

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

Please call (825)977-6607 for more information or to book your tour today. Email: <u>muirlakeosc@gmail.com</u>



# Summer fun is about to begin in Spruce Grove!

From Art Explorer and Adventure Camp, to Teen Retreat, Leaders in Training, and Pop-Up Playground, there's something for everyone ages 6–18



For complete program information:





# 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, 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. He 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.

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