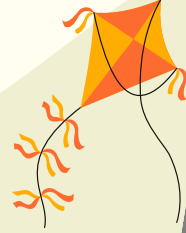




Mustang Memo



April 22 , 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.



Jibbitz Issue

Our team has been diligently working to address the problem of missing Jibbitz. Some items have been returned, and we have given them back to students today. If your child possesses Jibbitz that do not belong to them, kindly ask them to return them to the office.

We acknowledge the seriousness of this issue and recommend that students either leave their Jibbitz at home or keep them secured in their backpacks to prevent them from going missing.



Playground Update

We are well on way to having our new playground built and from the look of it, just in time! Slowly more and more pieces are breaking and we are unable to have these parts replaced or repaired. In May there will be a Run/Jog/Walk a thon and More information will come from Muir Lake Foundation. If you have any question please contact

muirlakefoundation@gmail.com

or Darcy at 780-953-3785



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Important Dates

May 12th – Mothers Day

May 13th – Bus Driver appreciation day

May 13th and 15th– PATS

May 16th – Gr.4-6

May 17th – PD Day

May 20th –Victoria Day



May 13th and 15th– PATS

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CONGRATS

I'M PROUD OF YOU!

Muir Lake had 18 students and 1 teacher run the 10km Sun Run in Vancouver last weekend.

All our runners completed the race in under an hour and a half, 5 completed the race in under an hour!

Throughout the weekend the group took in the sights on bikes, walked around downtown and saw the Steam Clock in action. They also went to Granville Island, some students taking part in a boat tour, and everyone saw all the aquatic life at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Huge thanks to our teacher volunteers for making this trip a reality. Without them we cannot partake in these events.

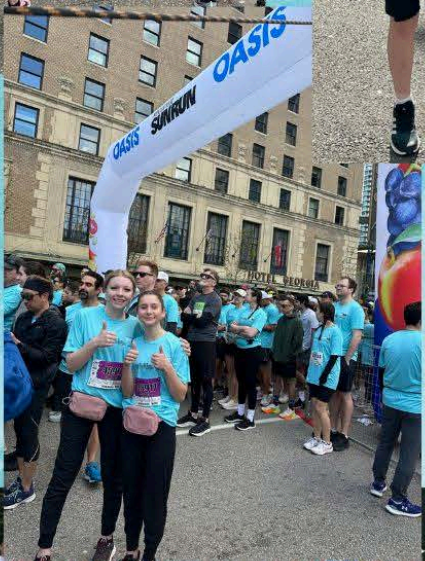
It was a great weekend, many students are already talking about the opportunity of attending the Sun Run in 2025!



Day 1 - Granville Island, Spokes Cycling and Dinner in Gastown!



Day 2 - SunRun Race and Aquarium





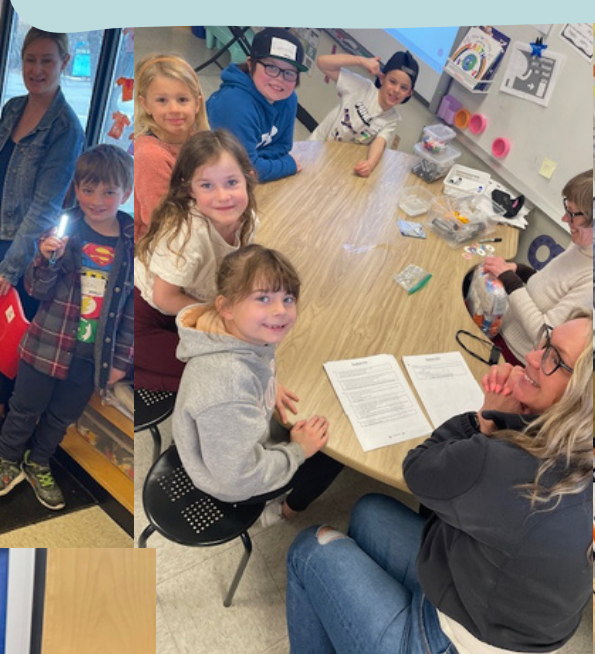
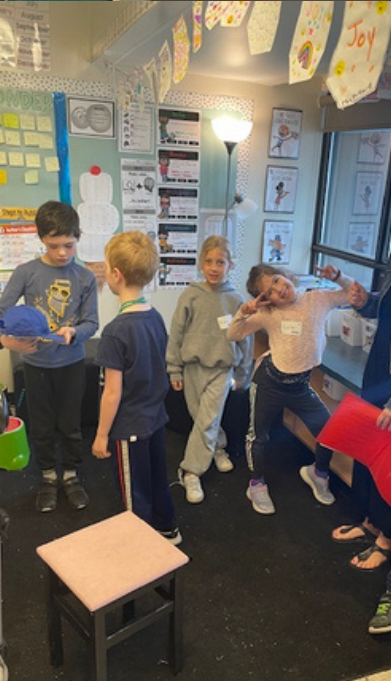
What's New?

Never STOP Learning!

FOOD



LEARN and grow



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

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.



April – Stronger Together Newsletter



**FRIDAY
June 7
2024**

MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL



If you had a direct line to the Minister... what would you say?

- Interested in sharing your ideas to help shape Alberta's education system?
- We are looking for 40 junior and senior high school students with diverse interests, identities and backgrounds to share their perspectives.
- As a council member, you'll gain valuable experience and develop your leadership and communication skills.

Be part of the conversation and apply today!

The deadline to apply is **April 30, 2024**
For more information, including how to apply, visit

alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx



@AlbertaEd | alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx

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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest and up to date information!
 T: 587-400-8249
 W: www.skydancerindigenous.com
 L: 99 Campsite Road, Spruce Grove

Did you know...
 In partnership with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations, Government of Alberta and the Town of Stony Plain, we are now offering a longer term program aimed at women, girls and 25+ person's called "Mistatim Journey." This program is free to attend but does require participants to fill out an application form and commit to attending for the duration of this workshop. Throughout the program, participants will have the ability to take horsemanship classes, make their own ribbon skirts, paint pottery and above all, connect with Elders and other women on the same path. This program aims to give women the confidence to lead through compassion and empathy, and rebuild their connection to culture. If you are interested, please apply today.

SKYDANCER INDIGENOUS CULTURAL CENTRE AND GALLERY



Tansi; Hello!

As we move into April, you will notice our calendars are getting busier than ever! We are growing, and are thankful for those who continue to grow with us. We have started offering more full time and drop in programs at our centre and encourage those who are not yet connected to our social media to please follow us to keep up to date on our offerings. We held our first drum and song teaching with Elder James Jenka and will be starting to offer Powwow Practice in Spruce Grove as well. We are looking forward to the ability to bring more Indigenous focused community events to the Tri Region over the upcoming months as well. On June 21st, we will be hosting a large outdoor celebration in honor of National Indigenous People's Day and are looking for market vendors and volunteers to support us. If you are interested in being involved, please reach out and we would love to have you on the Skydancer team.

April Events Calendar

- April 9th** - Session 1 Beading Class with Kim Wild
7:00 - 9:00 pm
\$50 per person, pre-registration required
- April 12th** - Pow Wow Practice
6:00 - 8:00 pm at Prescott Learning Centre
no cost, no registration required drop in, all are welcome
- April 13th** - Ribbon Skirt making workshop with Barb Scott @ Family Connections Centre
10:00 - 4:00 pm
\$125 per person, pre-registration required
- April 17th** - Talking Circle
Theme is **Love for Mother Earth**
5:30 - Snacks and refreshments
6:00 - Start time
- April 20th** - Moccasin keychain making workshop with Jaime Mondes
11:00 - 2:00 pm
\$50 per person, pre-registration required
- April 26th** - Tea and Bannock with an Elder
2:00 - 4:00 pm
no cost, no registration required all are welcome

Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre presents - **Mistatim Journey**
 Mistatim, or "horse", literally translates as "Big Dog" in the Cree language and has a special place of honor in the cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples. This program offers the opportunity to build connections, create in a safe environment and embrace healing based on Indigenous wellness.
 This program is designed to provide support for Indigenous women, girls (13+) and 25+ people.



Artwork by: Dianne Mehl

Begin your healing journey through horse spirit and art
 For program information please go to www.skydancerindigenous.com/mistatim-journey or contact Program Coordinator Halli Fitzpatrick 780-953-3613 or mistatim@skydancerindigenous.com
 Made possible by

TALKING CIRCLE

Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre
 99 Campsite Road, Spruce Grove
 Date: April 17, 2024
 Theme: Love for Mother Earth

 Welcome and Snacks:
 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Circle will start at 6:00 p.m.



Talking Circles come from the culture and traditions of Indigenous People in North America. All community members are welcome at these Talking Circles.
 Listen deeply with an opportunity to understand, learn, and establish of sense of community.



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:

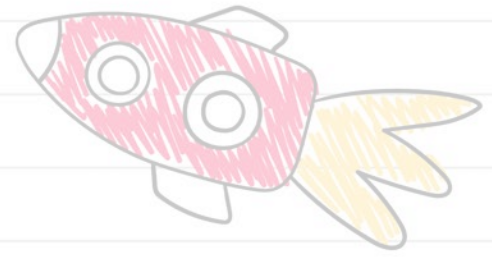
Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.

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.



**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

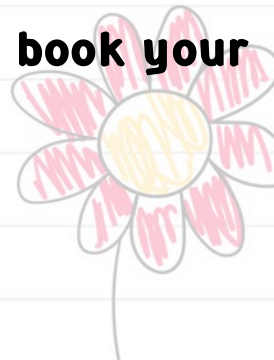
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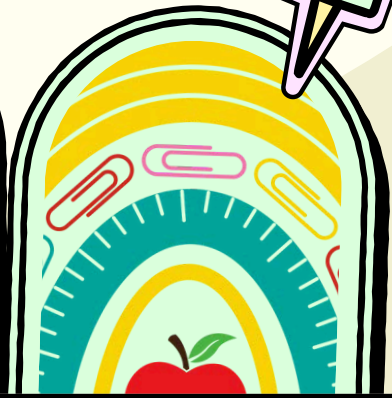
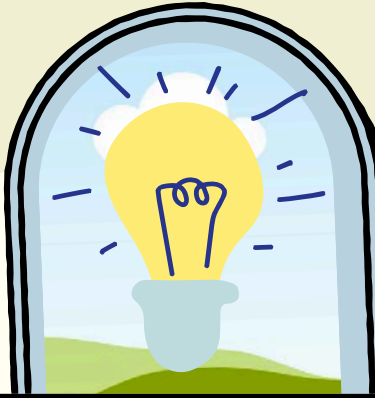
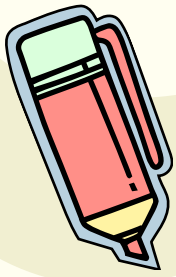
CLOSED for the Summer

*****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





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. 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.

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