



Mustang Memo



December 6, 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!
Class starts at 8:00 AM

MUIR LAKE Winter CONCERTS
 Muir Lake Gymnasium

KINDERGARTEN
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024
 1:00 PM

GRADE 1 - GRADE 3
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024
 6:30 PM

GRADE 4 - GRADE 6
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024
 6:30 PM

Art Cards are going home today!

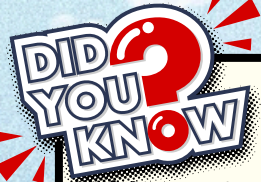
Need more Christmas Concert Tickets? Click the link below to get added to our extra ticket waitlist! There are still lots of tickets available
EXTRA TICKETS!

Sun Run Fundraising!!
Candy Gram Sign up Dec 10th and 12th in class! \$0.50 each and will be delivered Dec 19th
Concession on Wed, December 11th and Tue, 17th at lunchtime out of the kitchen!

Kinsman Christmas Hampers!
 We will be starting collecting items on December 2nd and they will be picked up from the school on December 16th!

Click below for more information
[Christmas Hampers 2024](#)

Join Our Facebook and Instagram!!
 Click these links!



Did you know? We have between 30 – 50 late students sign in everyday! Remember! The second morning bell rings at 8:00am! This is when all students should be in their classrooms for attendance. If the student arrives after 8:00 they will be marked late!

A note about our snack / lunch fridge – We are so lucky to be able to have our snack fridge filled with such a wonderful variety of foods for kids who **need** a lunch or **need** a little extra food. However, we have been finding that many Jr. High Students are purposely not packing a lunch and using the snack fridge for this everyday. We do not want to question the students when they visit the fridge but our budget will not be able to keep the fridge full all year if this continues to happen. Please make sure that your kids are packing a lunch if they are able! This way we can ensure that there is food for those who need it all year long.



Lost and Found!

Our Lost and Found is full! Please remember to **label** all belongings!

Items will be donated before Christmas Break!





Check out these other Community Newsletters!

Weaving Indigenous Ways of Knowing

Parkland School Division December Stronger Together

Newsletter

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Kinsmen Hamper Pickup	17	18 Winter Concert Gr 1-3 	19 Winter Concert Gr 4-6 	20	21
22	23 Winter Break (no school)	24 Winter Break (no school)	25 Christmas Day Winter Break (no school)	26 Boxing Day Winter Break (no school)	27 Winter Break (no school)	28
29	30 Winter Break (no school)	31 Winter Break (no school)				

December Dates to Note

December 16 – Kinsmen Hamper Pickup

December 18th Winter Concert Gr 1-3

December 19th – Winter Concert Gr 4-6

Christmas Break December 23rd – Jan 3rd

New Staff Spotlight



Stephanie Mellross is one of our Grade 1 teachers. She comes to us from her previous school in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. Stephanie loves all things nature and can often be found outside hiking, canoeing, biking and this time of year, skiing.



Oriana Leithoff is our new Assistant Principal and Inclusive Education Lead at Muir Lake. She comes to us from Spruce Grove Composite. She loves to participate in class lessons and can be found doing all the outdoor activities and sports any time of the year. Go Mustangs!



"Ms. Shandro is very excited to be at Muir Lake after previously teaching at Gibbons School. She started off the school year coaching junior girls volleyball and is currently coaching the junior boys basketball team. She currently enjoys teaching junior high math and science."



Lunch Program is Back!!

Bite to Eat is excited to begin another year of hot lunch service to Muir Lake students. Deliveries are on Mondays & Thursdays



Access code is MLHL

Click below to order. Instruction to sign up are on the link. Any questions or concerns please contact info@bitetoeat.ca

Order [Here!](#)



Muir Lake Out of School Care

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

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

Email: muirlakeosc@gmail.com



Developing a Growth Mindset



NEW!

This school year we are focusing on cultivating a Growth Mindset Culture in Muir Lake School.

Adopting a growth mindset is not only essential in our life, it's critical. A person operating from a Growth Mindset perspective tends to have a desire to learn, dedicated to work hard, and discover new things. This often translates into academic achievements.

Guardians/parents/family members/ can have a significant impact on cultivating and developing a growth mindset in their children. The language we use, the actions we take, offering process praise, talking about the brain, accepting mistakes as learning opportunities, and understanding the role of emotions in learning are all practices that we can start today!

The newsletter that we are going to share every month consists of strategies and resources to cultivate and develop a growth mindset in our children. Please feel free to use these resources to cultivate and maintain a growth mindset in your children. We are in this together!!

Sharmin Shabnam, School Councillor

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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: 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 7:55 am, then at this time they will make their way to the classroom through their designated doors. If they arrive ANY time after 8:00 am they are required to go to the office through the front door to obtain a late slip.

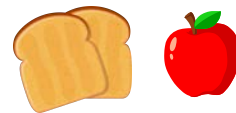
Attendance Calls: If your child(ren) is not in attendance, please be sure to either call (780) 963-3535 and press 1 to access the attendance mailbox OR email the office at MuirLake@psd.ca, stating when and why your child will be away. If the office does not know why students are away then the fan-out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

School Fees: Statements for the 2024-2025 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 2024 - 2025 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 8:00 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.