



Mustang Memo



May 2nd, 2025

Today's Top Stories



THANK YOU!



Volunteer Appreciation Week

This week is dedicated to recognizing our incredible volunteers, and we want to extend a ****HUGE thank you**** to all of you at Muir Lake School. Your contributions are invaluable, and we truly appreciate your efforts in making our school such a wonderful place.

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

There are still spots available in our Nature Enrichment Program!!
Sign up now!!

Click **HERE** for more information



MUSTANGS ATHLETICS

TRACK AND FIELD

All Day May 6th Gr. 4-9

Students are required to attend all day



NEW

Online "Report an Absence"

Available NOW!

Find it under MENU:
"For Parents"
"Report an Absence"

JOIN NOW!














Join Our Facebook and

Instagram!!

Click these links!



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Principals & Assistant Principals Appreciation Day Volunteer Week 	2 Volunteer Week	3
4	5 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day 	6 Muir Lake Track and Field Gr 4-9 - All Day 	7 Jr Highs- Beetlejuice Field Trip	8 Gr 7-9 - Skills Trades Canada Field Trip	9 Gr 9 River Watch	10
11	12 Bee School 	13 Bee School 	14 Bee School 	15	16 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (no students attend) 	17
18	19 Victoria Day (no school) 	20 Zone 1 Track Meet 	21 Zone 2 Track Meet 	22 Zone 3 Track Meet 	23	24
25	26 Provincial Achievement Tests (May 26-29)	27 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 9:00 am	28	29	30 Division Track Meet	31

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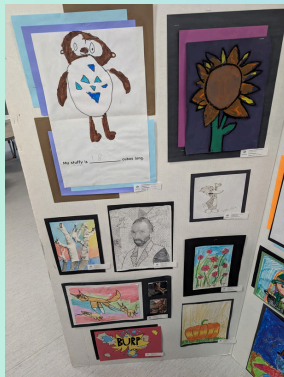
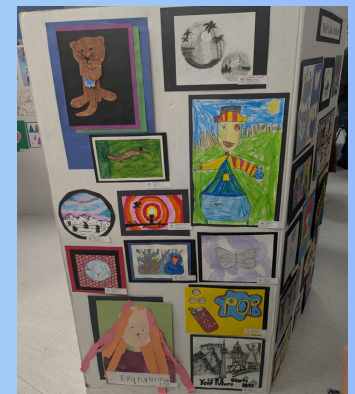
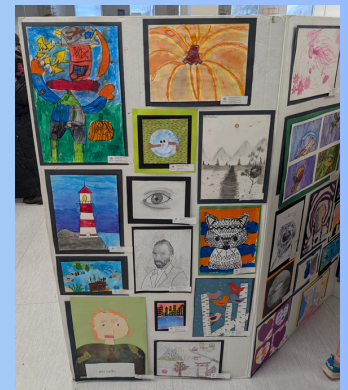
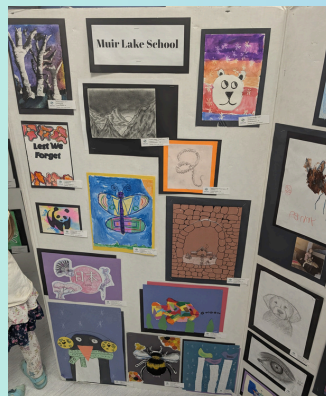
Volunteer Week | April 28 - May 2



SUN RUN



ART SHOW



Volunteers
needed

Muir Lake School

Breakfast Club Yearly Update!

Did you know that our Breakfast Club feeds at least 50 kids each morning?



Did you know that our snack/lunch fridge is visited by over 100 students a day??

We are incredibly lucky to be recipients of the **President's Choice Power Full Kids Grant**. As of today we have spent over \$13000 this school year feeding our Muir Lake Students! Our funds are running low and we are in need for more volunteers!

According to The Breakfast Club of Canada, **1 in 3** children do not eat breakfast regularly. We are seeing the proof of this every day at our school. With a full stomach, our students have the energy and concentration needed to learn and be successful in class!

We are so thankful for our wonderful parent volunteers that volunteer their time to help this program to run and to help keep our students fed and prepared to learn.

We are currently in **desperate need** for more volunteers to help this wonderful program run! You can volunteer as much or as little as you would like! The shifts are Monday to Friday from 7:30-8:30ish. Our volunteers (with assistance from our student volunteers) help to make items such as toast, oatmeal, Eggos and egg bites and set out yogurt, cereal and fresh fruit! We will also need volunteers for our school wide pancake breakfast at the end of the year!

If you are interested in volunteering please email muirlake@psd.ca



Class Placement

Student placement is a very complex process that we take very seriously. Our school staff and specialists (such as teachers, counselor, administration, etc.) review student placements several times up until the opening day of the 2025–2026 school year.

In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include:

Workable instructional groups: the child's academic needs and strengths, teaching and learning styles and the child's work habits.

Positive social groups: 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 and the ratio of grades in split classes.

Balanced classes: gender (male/female), students with Special Needs, students who are English Language Learners, academic, social, and emotional needs and abilities and leadership abilities

Other Information: the past history of students in combined or single grade classes and 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.

Check out these other Community Newsletters!

April Edition of Weaving Indigenous Ways of Knowing
Parkland School Division MAY Stronger Together Newsletter



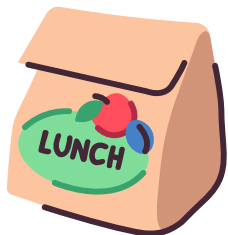
Lunch Program!!

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



Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed!

We can always use more Breakfast Club volunteers! Sign up for as much or as little as you would like! Shifts are 7:15 am to 8:15 am. Kids are welcome to come with!

Email: muirlake@psd.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: 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.

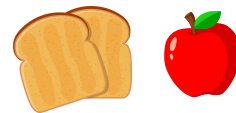
Attendance Calls: If your child(ren) is not in attendance, please be sure to either call (780) 963-3535 and press 1 to access the attendance mailbox OR email the office at MuirLake@psd.ca, stating when and why your child will be away. If the office does not know why students are away then the fan-out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