



Mustang Memo

May 16th, 2025



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

JOIN US

School Council – Tuesday May 20th

in Person in the Muir Lake School Library or Virtually

We will be talking about the schools education plan for next year!

Click [HERE](#) to join virtually

May 28th 9:00–11:00 am Grade 6 ELAL Park A

May 29th 9:00–11:00 am Grade 9 ELAL Part A

June 12th 9:00 – 10:00am Grade 6 ELAL Part B

June 12th 9:00 – 10:15am Grade 9 ELAL Part B



PATS

DON'T FORGET!

June 13th 9:00 – 9:30am Grade 6 & 9 Math Part A

June 17th 9:00–10:15am Grade 6 Math Part B

June 17th 9:00 – 10:20am Grade 9 Math Part B

June 18th 9:00 – 10:00 am Grade 6 Social Studies

June 18th 9:00 – 10:20 am Grade 9 Social Studies

June 19th 9:00 – 10:15 am Grade 9 Science

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

Click [HERE](#) for more information



YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale now! Log into your Parent Portal Account on PowerSchool and under Fees select Yearbook to order!!

New Absence Management System

COMING SOON

See the following page for details!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Muir Lake Foundation Needs New Members!!

We are looking for new members of our community to lead the Fundraising Committee! As our kids have gotten older it is now time for the other parents to lead the charge to supporting our school with the fundraising efforts!

If you have any questions please reach out and join us for our meeting!

Meeting June 16, 2025 at 6pm

AGM at 7:00

in the library at Muir Lake School
MuirLakelunches@gmail.com



Join Our Facebook and Instagram!!

Click these links!



School Fees!!

The year end is fast approaching and we have sent out invoices for anyone with outstanding fees!





Report an Absence

NEW SAFEARRIVAL

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

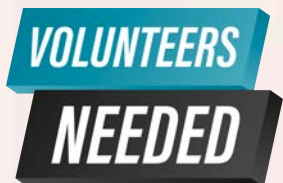
- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence (this may vary by school).

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using your communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger Home app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text messages, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.



We would like to send out a huge thank-you to Dalyce and Travis Book with JCB Enterprises for funding our year end Pancake Breakfast June 25th!! Without you it would not be possible this year!



Wednesday, June 25th, will be Muir Lake's 2025 Fun Day!



The celebrations will be from **12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.** The school will provide a hot dog lunch, but 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, a bag of popcorn and a bag of 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 can volunteer, please complete our Google form (scan QR code or go to [Fun Day Volunteer Link](#) by Friday, June 6th.



WHAT is School Council?



School Councils are Bridges

School councils are the bridge to promote positive engagement in a school community.

The work of school council builds bridges in the school community, and becomes a bridge - connecting parents and community members to the school.

A school council is the gathering forum representing the collective parent voice in the school - ALL of the parents.

School councils are mandated in legislation to advise the principal and the school board on matters relating to the school. Their overarching purpose is to **support and enhance student learning**. School councils

can be a bridge for the school community to respect diversity, promote inclusion and safe and caring schools, through their activities and initiatives.

A quote that relates to school councils (by lecturer Peter M. DeWitt):

“Talking with families is important. You either build a bridge or a wall.”

Core Activities












- Advises the principal and school board on education issues that pertain to the school.
- Establishes and reviews school council’s goals, objectives, action plans and procedures.
- Communicates and consults with parents and the school community.
- Meets regularly.

Established school councils:

- focus on what is best for all students in the school
- consider the interests of all school stakeholders
- maintain and reflect the culture of the school
- represent the parent voice in the school community



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  School Council 7:00 pm In person in the library or virtual click HERE	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

**TRY-ME
TRY-ATHLON**

powered by **PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION**

**FRIDAY
JUNE 6
2025**



Registration opens May 6

www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/try-me-try-athlon

SKILLS CANADA FIELD TRIP



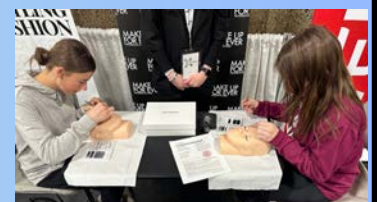
Build
your
own
Future



Explore
the
Possibilities



Learn
and
Grow



FUN AT
SCHOOL





field trip



LET'S GO

ADVENTURE



Our lost and found is already bursting at the seams! Please take a look and let your child know if you see something that belongs to them or let us know in the office and we can send it home with them!



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**



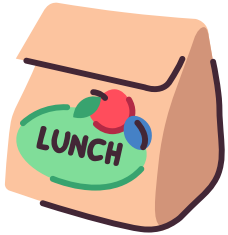
Lunch Program!!

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 muirlake@psd.ca.