



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

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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 go to Fun Day Volunteer Link by Friday, June 6th.



## Write–On Stationery Supplies Fundraiser

#### 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 <a href="https://www.write-on.ca/shop">https://www.write-on.ca/shop</a> and follow the instructions below. Be sure to place your order by August 1st in order to have it delivered to the school for the start of school.

Go to <u>www.write-on.ca</u>
Click on "PARENTS — Order Here"
School Name: Muir Lake
School — STONY PLAIN
Choose your grade and place your order.
Complete your order by
clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your
order has been received
We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.

### **Developing a Growth Mindset**



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 newsletters that we share every month consist 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 Councellor Mindset

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### Report an Absence





**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.

### For more information click <u>HERE</u>







This year we have planned an outdoor celebration for the afternoon of Thursday, June 26th for the students.

Both classes will enjoy lunch from a local restaurant, a frozen treat and the opportunity to hang out and enjoy music and yard games together.

The tentative schedule will begin at 11:30 am and have a regular dismissal at 2:35PM.

During the afternoon, a grade 9 group photo will be taken which will be shared with parents digitally.

Parents are welcome to join us at 2:00 pm when the class awards will be distributed, and a little something from the school will be given to each student.

If you have any questions about the upcoming farewell please contact us through email or by phoning the school office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Grade 4–6 West Zone Track Meet	PSD Try-Me <sup>6</sup> Try-Athlon	7
8	9	10	11	PAT Gr 6 & 9 <b>12</b> ELAL Part A	PAT Gr 6 & 9 <b>13</b> Math Part A Gr 1 Jubilee Spray Park tentative Gr 5 Fort Edmonton Gr 4 Birdhouse building	14
15	16 Gr 4 Swim Lessons	PAT Gr 6 & 9 <b>17</b> Math Part B Gr 4 Swim Lessons Kinder Field Trip TT Zoc	PAT Gr 6 & 9 <b>18</b> Social Studies Gr 4 Swim Lessons Kinder Field Trip MW / NK Zoo	PAT Gr 9 Science]9 Gr 4 Swim Lessons	20 Gr 4 Swim Lessons Grade 1's Spray Park Tentative Gr 2 & 3 Spray Park	21 <u>National Indigenous</u> <u>Peoples Day</u>
22	23 Kinder and NK Spray Park	24 TT Kinder Spray Park	Pancake Breakfast 25	26 CAST CAST	27 <u>Canadian</u> <u>Multiculturalism</u> <u>Day</u>	28
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#### **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 <u>Weaving Indigenous Ways of Knowing</u>

Parkland School Division JUNE 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 <u>Here!</u>

# Muir Lake Out of School Care

Muir Lake OSC

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: <u>muirlakeosc@gmail.com</u>



## **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







**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.**\*\*



feeding hungry minds

**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.