

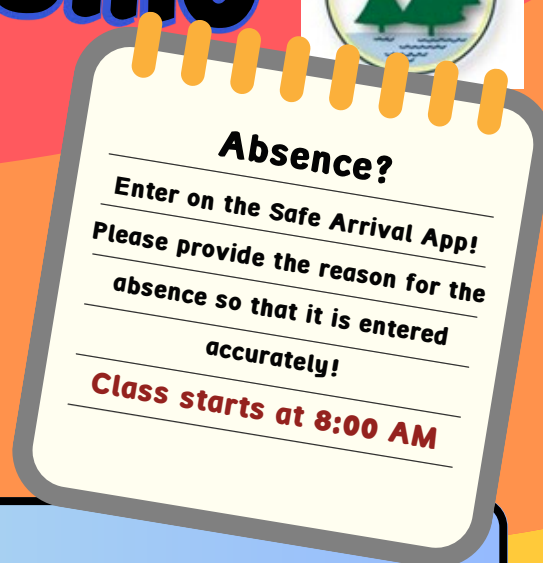


Mustang Memo

June 26th, 2025



Today's Top Stories



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We hope you have a wonderful and safe summer! Our office will reopen on August 20th!!

Please check your PowerSchool and ensure you fees are paid. Invoices will be emailed next week!

If you have any questions please call the office!



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Click these links!





A letter to our families!

As we wrap up another school year at Muir Lake, I just want to take a moment to say what a fantastic year it's been. We've seen our students grow in so many ways—academically, socially, emotionally—and it's been a privilege to witness that growth every single day.

This year brought its fair share of challenges, but our school community faced them with resilience, heart, and a whole lot of Mustang spirit. We had amazing learning opportunities led by our dedicated teachers, a wildly successful Read-A-Thon, a memorable outdoor ed camping trip, and some truly remarkable Christmas concerts. Our athletic teams gave it their all, and we were proud to have students represent the Mustangs at basketball all-star games, division track meets, and choir provincials.

To our parents and community members—thank you. Your support of our breakfast club and hot lunch programs, your time volunteering in classrooms, and simply getting your kids to school every day—it all matters so much. Our bus drivers also deserve a huge shoutout for keeping our students safe and starting and ending each day with kindness and care.

And to the Muir Lake staff—thank you for always putting kids first, and for walking alongside them in their learning, their challenges, and their celebrations. Your dedication shows in every little (and big) thing you do.

Looking back, it's clear this has been a memorable year. As we head into summer, I hope everyone finds time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the break. We can't wait to see you all again in the fall.

Have the best summer!

— Ms. Leithoff

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Write-On Stationary 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 <https://www.write-on.ca/shop> 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 www.write-on.ca • 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.

**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.

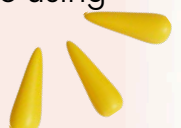
Absences can be reported in advance:

- 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.

For more information click [HERE](#)



=SUMMER=

Summer activities!!

Bored??

My Big Life Summer Board

My Summer Scrapbook

READ
EVERY DAY



Stony Plain Library – Summer Reading Club – Around the world

**Join our Summer Reading Club! Register
at the library and log your reading for a
chance to win prizes! Open to kids and
teens.**

Reading Club

Stony Plain Youth Center



**Since 2004, the Stony Plain Youth Centre has been a safe space for
youth to find support, connection, and opportunities in leadership and
creative expression. The Youth Centre is also a great place for youth to
meet new people and have fun!**

Check us out on social media for more events and activity promotions!

[Click here to see what is going on this summer!!](#)

Facebook



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM!!



Muir Lake Foundation

The Muir Lake Community School Fundraising Committee works with the school community to enhance the students' experiences in school. We raise money by running the hot lunch program and casinos. Working closely with the School Council will help support ongoing projects in the school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is for everyone! We know that mornings can be busy and often kids are coming to school with an empty stomach. 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.



OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Breakfast Club
- ✓ School Council
- ✓ Muir Lake Foundation - Fundraising Committee

School Council

- A way to advise on school issues
- A chance to collaborate with the school - events and activities
- An opportunity to support meaningful parental involvement

<https://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 JUNE Stronger Together Newsletter



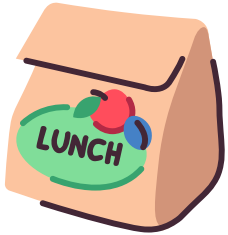
Lunch Program!!

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 [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.**



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