



Mustangs News



February 2020

MUIR LAKE SCHOOL

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February begins.... a month that encourages us all to be compassionate, accepting and kind to one another.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- Students are not to come to school before 7:45 am as there is no supervision before this time and they are to be picked up / gone home by 2:45 as there is no supervision after this time. School doors will be opened at 7:45.
- Please let your child's teacher and the office know if your child is going to be away from school or late in the morning.
- All visitors and/or volunteers must check in at the office
- Anytime that your child is dropped off or picked up from school - regardless of the time - they must be signed in or out at the office.
- When coming to pick up your child, please have the secretaries call their classroom and have them sent to the office to meet you.
- When dropping off or picking up your child please do so in the Muir Lake Hall parking lot; this is a serious safety concern. The outside lane is for quick drop off only.
- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the fluctuating temperatures and weather conditions.



In an effort to reduce our consumption of paper, we encourage our students and their families to view newsletters and calendars on our school website: <http://muirlake.psd70.ab.ca> Our school blog no longer exists, so if there is something going on in the school you will find it on the [Muir Lake School Website](http://muirlake.psd70.ab.ca).

No Parking in the Bus Lane - By the Blue Fence - Busses, Drop-off and Pick-up

As you know, our parking lot is extremely busy in the morning before school and the afternoon right after school. We have an additional bus with the Nature Bus coming at 8:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. In order to make student drop-off and pick-up as safe and efficient as possible, we would like to ask everybody who drives and drops off their children to help us with this by partnering with us on the following:

- **Please only use the drop-off lane (left of yellow barricade) to drop-off your children**
- **Please do not drop-off your children in front of the Cadets building or other areas due to the lack of visibility**
- **Please ensure your children utilize either of the TWO crosswalks**
- **Remember to drive slowly and cautiously in the parking lot**
- **Please park your car in the school or Community Hall parking lot only**

To ensure visibility of your children when they are waiting to be picked up by the bus in the morning, we would suggest your children wear light coloured clothing and/or reflective tape on their coats or backpacks to ensure they can be seen by drivers while waiting for the bus.

Online Registration/Verification for 2020-2021

Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year will open February 3. This process must be completed for every student each school year. Please check your email beginning February 3 2020 for a message from

"PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply@noreply.psrsupport.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 20, 2020. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. Any applications received after the March 20 deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.

Payment arrangements for bus passes must be received through Parkland School Division's online payment system (Rycor) or at the Parkland School Division Centre for Education on or before Friday, June 26, 2020 for students to be eligible to ride the bus the first day of school. Remember: If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important registration dates and deadlines, please visit www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php.

School Fees & Important Information

Statements for the 2019-2020 school year fees went out via email. Upon receipt, fees can be paid online by debit or credit card through our PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division. These school fees were due in to the office bday September 30th. If you are unable to pay the fees right away arrangements may be made by calling Murray Marran at 780-963-3535.

Data Verification In PowerSchool

If ANY of your demographic or emergency contact information changes at any time, please go into your child's PowerSchool profile and update it accordingly. This links with our database as well as the transportation system and we will be sure to have all of your CURRENT information on hand in case of an emergency.

Automated Attendance Calls

If your child is absent and we do not know the reason why, then you will be getting an automated call. We ask that you contact our attendance line either by phone at 780-963-3535 and press 1 to report the absence or email the office at muirlake@psd70.ab.ca to advise us of the reason for absence. Thank you for your co-operation as we continue to move forward in keeping your child(ren) safe at school.

Interested in learning more about Muir Lake School and Parkland School Division? Interested in adding your voice?

Plan to attend **Muir Lake School Council Meeting** on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library Learning Commons. All parents are invited to the meetings.

Mark Your Calendars - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday, February 3rd; 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4th; 3:00-6:00 p.m. We are again having our grade 1 to 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews in February as this will give students, teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss achievement levels and set learning goals for the term.

Kindergarten Student Led Conferences will take place March 17 & 18th.

Appointment booking is now available at <http://muirlake.schoolappointments.com>

Report cards for Term 2 will be released online in the late afternoon of Thursday, March 12, 2020. Simply follow the Report Card link on the left side of the main menu of your PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Scholastic Book Fair - February 3, 4, & 5th

Book Fair is coming! We will be starting on Monday February 3rd. The Book Fair will run until Wednesday February 5th until noon at which time it will be taken down. Many of you have faithfully volunteered for this event and we have appreciated you so very much. We need volunteers to help once again. If you can help students choose books, handle the cash desk, or supervise during class visits, please let us know. Anything you choose to do would be appreciated.





Kindergarten Open House - Muir Lake School will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday February 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm for all of our 2020-2021 kindergarten parents. If you have a child or know of a neighbor that will be five years of age by the end of December 2010 and is within our school boundaries, please attend.

Muir Lake Choir - Grades 3-6

The Muir Lake choir will started up again in January. Prior to Christmas, only grade 4-6's participated in choir, but we now invite grade 3's to join our choir. Practices will be on Wednesdays at lunch recess in Mrs. Gottenbos' room.

MCHS Open House

The counsellor from Memorial Composite High School (MCHS) will visit our Grade 9 students on Friday, February 14, 2020. The visit will be approximately 60-80 minutes in duration (depending on the size of the group and the number of questions asked).

Then, MCHS will be hosting an evening event for **"First Time Parents"** on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm at Memorial Composite High School. This evening is meant for parents seeing their first child through high school. This will provide an opportunity for parents to become familiar with the school and meet the school administration and counsellors. Students do not need to attend the First-Time Parents meeting.

The MCHS Open House evening will be held at Memorial Composite High School on Thursday, March 5, 2020 starting at 6:00pm. Open House will start with a welcoming address in the large gym. All Grade 9 students are encouraged to attend the Open House evening with their parents in order to make their final course selections for Grade 10.

CAT-5 - Canadian Achievement Tests - 5th Edition - Grades 2 through 9 will be completing the CAT-5 achievement tests. "Modeled to fit Canadian curricula, the CAT is a testing system that assesses the essential learning outcomes of the following basic skill areas: reading, language, spelling, and mathematics." Parents and teachers will be given individual student profiles. This is one assessment tool that Muir Lake School is using to evaluate student learning and achievement.

Musical Theatre - Wizard of Oz

The musical theatre CTF option started just before Christmas break, with auditions the first week back to school. We have a full class of excited and talented students ready to take on a new production. Students were asked to sign up to the google classroom for access to resources, announcements, and other communication. There is also a sign up to the "remind" app for more urgent reminders. The Wizard of Oz will be performed in May. Watch for ticket sales closer to that time.

Lunch Programs VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Lunch Programs run from October through June. You will have seen the paperwork already for the lunch programs. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful and important program – please contact Anais at muirlakelunches@gmail.com

McDonalds Receipt Fundraising Program

If our School collects receipts from the McDonald's Restaurants in Spruce Grove/Stony Plain, they will give us back 10% of the total dollar value of the receipts collected up to \$500.00 yearly for the McDonald's Receipts Fundraiser each year.

Boston Pizza Receipt Fundraising Program

Did you know that our school can get money from the Stony Plain Boston Pizza? Have your food & beverage receipts stamped "Operation Education" by the cashier or server and send it to the school office. It's just that easy! **Please bring in your receipts!**



Muir Lake Community Hall

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Sports Registration

Weather permitting, the season starts middle of April. Kid's ball and Soccer ends middle of June and Adult ball continues into August. This is a FUN League, there are NO Boundaries.

Register online

[Kid's Fun Ball](#)

[Kid's Soccer & Adult Soccer](#)

[Adult Master's & Adult Fun Ball](#)

(Please note a new fee structure for adult ball*)

or join us at

Sports Registration Night

Monday, February 24, 2020

6 - 8 pm

For more details visit www.muirlakehall.ca

All our kids' sports programs run with parent volunteers, therefore, no coaches, no teams. Returning coaches & assistants are offered reduced fees.

Please Contact if interested in coaching or if you have any questions.

Adult Master's & Adult Fun Ball adultball@muirlakehall.ca

Kid's Fun Ball kidsball@muirlakehall.ca

Kid's Soccer, Adult Soccer soccer@muirlakehall.ca

We are looking to put together a 13+ Funball team this year, so teens are encouraged to sign up.

One adult team fee of \$1000 which includes an Adult Ball membership to MLCL and 15 roster spots, plus \$1000 fundraising deposit for the team to fulfill 10 number of fundraising positions.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Meal Prep

Sunday, February 9, 2020

3 pm to 6 pm

[Register Online](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH!

Ham & Turkey Bingo

Friday, March 13, 2020

Paint Night

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Meal Prep

Sunday, March 15, 2020

The AGM held in January yielded a new Executive Board for MLCL.

We would like to thank all the previous Executive Members for their dedication and hard work throughout the years.

[Welcome to New Board Members!](#)

The new Board intends to continue expanding with fresh new ideas. We look forward to serving our community!

POSITIONS NEEDING FILLED

[Treasurer](#), please contact treasurer@muirlakehall.ca

[Kids Soccer Coordinator needed ASAP](#), please contact soccer@muirlakehall.ca for more details.

Soccer may be cancelled if no volunteers.

[Kids Fun Ball & Adult Ball Coordinator](#) to take over in the 2021 year, please contact kidsball@muirlakehall.ca to learn about the position.



Fitness Classes

10 Class Punch Cards \$100
or Drop in \$12

[Register online](#)

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