



# Mustangs News



**January, 2019**

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**Happy New Year and welcome to 2019!** We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break together with family and friends and are excited for the new year. A new year and a fresh start to learning!

**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 Monday, January 14, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library Learning Commons. All parents are invited to the meetings which are scheduled for the second teaching Monday of every other month. Trustee Sally Kucher-Johnson will be in attendance as well as our grade nine homeroom teachers, Mrs. Arnold and Mr. Solomon who will be highlighting high school transitions, Formal Day activities and Grade Nine Farewell.

**Mark Your Calendars - Parent/Teacher Interviews** - Monday, February 4th @ 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5th @ 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. We are again having our 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. Report cards for Term 2 will be released online on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Appointment booking is now available at <http://muirlake.schoolappointments.com>

**Basketball** - The season has begun so please make sure to check our Mustangs calendar to come and cheer on our teams. This year we are happy to have junior and senior teams for both our boys and girls. Thank you to Mr. Brown, Mrs. Daniell, Ms. Garrison and Miss St. Amand for volunteering to coach this year and also thanks to Mr. Laevens for coordinating the schedules. We look forward to a great season with our Mustangs!

**Auditions - Alice in Wonderland Musical Theatre Performance: Open to students in Grades 7-9 in the CTF - Musical Theatre**

The musical theatre option started just before Christmas break, with a read through of the play and some introductory activities. Students were asked to sign up to the google classroom for access to resources, announcements, and other communication. Auditions will be Wednesday and Thursday of this week for those who are seeking one of the bigger roles. All other roles will be cast based on in class readings, activities, and participation. Alice in Wonderland will be performed this year on May 28th and May 30th. Watch for ticket sales closer to the performance dates.

**Muir Lake Choir - Grades 3-6**

The Muir Lake choir will start up again this month. Prior to Christmas, only grade 4-6's participated in choir, but we now invite grade 3's to join our choir and to prepare for school performances. Practices for the Muir Lake Choir will

be on Tuesdays at lunch recess in Mrs. Gottenbos' room. Please pay attention to announcements for the start date this month.

**Glee Club to attend Choral Celebration.** Choral Celebration is a non-competitive, division-wide performance by various choirs in Parkland School Division. This year the Glee Club will practice on Wednesdays at lunch recess in the music room and will continue until the end of March to prepare for this event. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Gottenbos our choir director. March 18th, 2019 is the tentative date for Parkland School Division's Choral Celebration.

**Grade 6 Drama Club** - Grade 6 students who are interested in drama are invited to participate in a lunch hour drama club. This club will meet on Fridays at lunch recess in Mrs. Gottenbos' room. Please pay attention to announcements for the start date this month.

### **Rabbit Hill Ski Club begins this Friday!**

A big thank you to John Taylor for coordinating the Rabbit Hill Ski Club. This club facilitates our Muir Lake students taking ski lessons, going to and from the hill and having the opportunity to ski with friends and family. Our students look forward to this very popular event every year.

**Let's Move! - Winter Walk Day - Wednesday, February 6, 2019** - We are in the process of planning a great trail for our students to walk outside with friends and family. Please watch the blog for more information.

### **It's great to be back!**

#### **Reminders From The Office**

- Students are not to come to school before 7:40 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- All visitors and/or volunteers must check in 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.
- The 4 pm transfer buses are NOT intended for use by the Muir Lake School students. If your child is staying past the regular bus times, for whatever reason, arrangements must be made to either pick up your child or call transportation (780-963-8452) ahead of time to get permission for your child to ride the 4 pm bus.
- When dropping off or picking up your child please do so in the Muir Lake Hall parking lot; this is a serious safety concern.
- As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the fluctuating temperatures and different weather conditions.
  - Always wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Synthetic and wool fabrics provide better insulation. Some synthetic fabrics are designed to keep perspiration away from your body which keep you dry and further reduce your risk.
  - Dress in layers with a wind resistant outer layer. You can remove layers if you get too warm (before you start sweating) or add a layer if you get cold.
  - Wear warm socks, gloves, a hat and scarf in cold weather. Be sure to cover your nose to protect it.
  - If you get wet, change into dry clothing as soon as possible. You lose heat faster when you're wet.



### **School Fees & Important Information**

Invoices for the 2018-2019 school year fees have gone home with your students. Upon receipt, fees can be paid online by debit or credit card through our [PowerSchool Parent Portal](https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public) at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division #70 (PSD#70). These school fees were due in to the office by Friday September 28th but due to circumstances statements were not able to go out on time so we ask that fees be paid ASAP. If for some reason you are unable to pay the fees right away arrangements may be made by calling Gail Ferguson at 780-963-3535.

### **Data Verification In PowerSchool**

As you know, our 2018 2019 school registrations were done ONLINE this year, but not all of the data fields were included online. We are asking that you please log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account and verify/correct/update any and ALL of your information, especially **your** contact and emergency contact information; we want to be able to get ahold of you as quickly as possible in case of an emergency. Also please be sure that you have clicked on the FOIP, Responsible Use of Technology, & CASL links on the left side of your [Parent Portal](#) so that we (and PSD Transportation) can email/contact you. *CASL stands for Canada Anti-Spam Legislation.* If you have any questions regarding this or anything else, then please contact us in the office at 780-963-3535 or by email to [muirlake@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:muirlake@psd70.ab.ca)

### **Automated Attendance Calls**

**NEW!!** We have moved to an automated attendance system. 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](mailto:muirlake@psd70.ab.ca) to advise us of the reason for absence. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to move forward in keeping your child(ren) safe at school.

### **Fundraising News Lunch Programs**

Our online lunch programs are going great - don't forget to go online to [www.muirlakeschool.hotlunches.net](http://www.muirlakeschool.hotlunches.net) to place your order. February orders and online payments are due on January 17, 2019. Cheques are to be made payable to Muir Lake Community School Foundation (MLCSF). If your child is to receive a lunch and doesn't; please have them go to the kitchen immediately and the ladies will help them. Should you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Anais via email at [muirlakelunches@gmail.com](mailto: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 News**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Members, friends, supporters – everyone is welcome to attend MUIR LAKE COMMUNITY LEAGUE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3pm on SUNDAY, January 13, 2019 at 2 pm; kids are welcome. Let's get talking about our community! Contact Keltie at [president@muirlakehall.ca](mailto:president@muirlakehall.ca) for more information or to put your name forward for an executive position. Find us at [muirlakehall.ca](http://muirlakehall.ca) and get social with us [@muirlakehall](https://www.instagram.com/muirlakehall).

### Membership

Don't forget to RENEW or PURCHASE your 2019 membership. With our early bird discount, it's only \$10/family until Feb 1st! If you are already a member, invite your friends! Contact our Membership Coordinator, at [membership@muirlakehall.ca](mailto:membership@muirlakehall.ca).

### Muir Lake Playschool

- January 26/19 - Ladies' Night

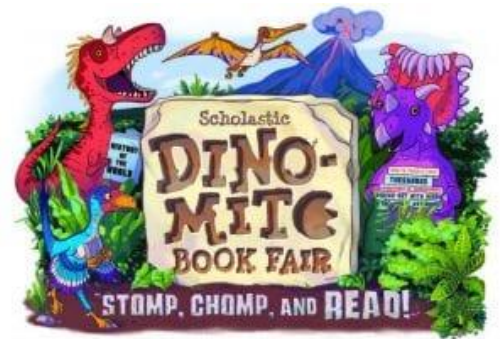
### Muir Lake Community Inclusive Playground Project

A joint effort between Muir Lake Community League and Muir Lake Playschool. Construction of new playground Spring of 2019. To inquire or donate please contact Keltie 780-963-6326

- The Stony Plain Bottle Depot is accepting bottles donations for the new playground.

### Scholastic Book Fair - February 4, 5, & 6th

Book Fair is coming! We will be starting on Monday February 4th. The Book Fair will run until Wednesday February 6th until 12:20 p.m. 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.



If you are able to help, please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible or simply visit our [Online Sign Up sheet by clicking HERE](#). Without your support we would not be able to have this event – we require 12-15 people to run for the three days. We look forward to working with you to make our book fair an exciting reading event for everyone!



***I am able to help with the book fair***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date</b>	<b>Available in A.M.</b>	<b>Available in P.M.</b>	<b>Available All Day</b>	<b>During P/T Interviews 3-7 pm</b>
Monday, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> (Set up in the morning)				
Tuesday Feb 5th				
Wednesday Feb 6th (Take down at 12:20)				