



Mustangs News



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MUIR LAKE SCHOOL

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! As the winter weather is finally here it is important that the students be dressed accordingly; please ensure that your child is coming to school with warm winter gear and prepared to be outside.

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.
- As the weather gets colder, 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 slow 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.

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](https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public) 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, January 14, 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 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 12, 2020. 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 developmental, junior and senior teams for both our boys and girls. Thank you to Mr. Brown, Ms. Garrison Mr. Solomon 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!

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.

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

Rabbit Hill Ski Club begins Friday January 10!

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.

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!**

What's happening at the hall?

Muir Lake Community League's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Members, friends, supporters – everyone is welcome to attend to share ideas and enthusiasm for 2020. Elections will be held.

Sunday, January 19, 2020

FREE Spaghetti meal 4 – 5 pm, Meeting to follow

It's time to renew your membership! For December and January purchase your 2020 family membership for only \$10. Contact Glenda at membership@muirlakehall.ca

It's time to get your fit on! Muir Lake Community League is hosting fitness classes at the hall and we have something for everyone. Early registration is now open, contact Chantel at events@muirlakehall.ca

POUND - Mondays 6 pm - 6:45 pm

ZUMBA – Mondays 7 pm - 8 pm

YOGA – Mondays 8:15 pm - 9:15 pm

HIGH FITNESS – Thursdays 7 pm – 8 pm

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Muir Lake Playschool's Ladies Night is on January 25, 2020 and tickets are on sale now for \$25 each through the playschool's facebook page.

Playschool has limited spaces available in the Tue/Thur 9am, 3 year old class and 11:30 am 4 year old class. Contact the playschool at (780) 963-5512 for more information.

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.



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: _____

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