



Mustangs News



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Muir Lake School

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Are you coming?

Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm School Council Meeting

Grade Five Camp will be discussed at Monday's School Council Meeting. Come and meet with Mrs. Brownlee, Ms. Garrison, and Miss Saunders to learn about the new camp location, camp dates, fees and what students can look forward to!

Changes are happening in Parkland School Division and in Education that you may have questions. Our school trustee, Lorraine Stewart will be in attendance to present PSD Board Highlights.

Thank you for staying out of the Bus Lanes!

A big thank you goes out to our parents and students for staying out of the bus lanes especially after the first bell and at the end of the day. **Do you know** that the Nature Bus arrives each morning at 8:30 and our transfer buses return to Muir Lake School at 4:00? At times we also have buses arriving outside of the normal scheduled times due to student field trips and community activities. With more than **460 students coming and going on buses, and cars**, it is a very busy time all day long. **Your support is making a difference!**

Report cards/CAT-4 Results

Report cards for K-9 students will be ready to view on the 1th of March online through our [Power School Parent Portal](#). Parent/Teacher interviews were completed in February but should you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher. Kindergarten parents are encouraged to go online to <https://muirlake.schoolappointments.com> to book their interview time with our kindergarten teacher, Ms. LeDressay for either Tuesday, March 19th or Wednesday, March 20th.

The Canadian Achievement Tests - 4th Edition (CAT-4) parent report results for grades 2- 8 students will be sent home with your son or daughter on March 14th. If parents have any questions about the results, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Professional Planning and Development Day

On March 1, 2019, all of our staff participated in a session entitled: **Developing a Common Understanding the New Curriculum**. The new curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade Four students becomes into effect in September 2019. Parkland School Division is providing professional development sessions to ensure that there is a common understanding and a common plan in implementing it. Our Muir Lake Staff was also involved in other Professional Development Activities such as:

- Early Learning Inquiry
- Indigenous Study Inquiry
- Literacy - Developing Powerful Understandings
- Early Literacy Through Music
- STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Inquiry

This day gave our staff time to reflect on how students are learning, achieving and to best improve on their teaching practices.

Basketball

Junior & Senior basketball teams are completing their season with the final tournaments and playoff games. **GO Mustangs!** All of our teams have made us proud again this year in the way they have competed and represented our school. They have had great experiences and have developed their skills and sportsmanship. **Thank you to all of our volunteer coaches:** Boys Developmental Team - Grade 5 & 6 - Ms. Garrison, Jr. Girls: Mrs. Daniell, Jr. Boys: Ms. Garrison, Sr. Girls: Miss St. Amand, and Sr. Boys: Mr. Brown. Without you, our students would not have a team. Thank you also to Cam Laevens for setting up the schedules and arranging for our basketball refs. We really appreciate your time and commitment to our students! The next school sport will be badminton, so stay tuned for the announcements regarding tryouts.

Fine Arts

Parkland School Division's Choral Celebration

On Monday, March 18th, PSD school choirs will gather to celebrate music at Beulah Alliance Church at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Gottenbos and her Glee Club choir will be representing Muir Lake School. Parents are more than welcome to attend. Thank you, Mrs. Gottenbos and choir for all those lunch hour rehearsal times!

Reminders:

- **Spring Break** begins on Monday, March 25, 2019 with school resuming on Monday, April 1st. (And we're not kidding!).

Happy Spring Break everyone! We hope you have fun and are able to enjoy warm spring weather!

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. Email us at muirlake@psd70.ab.ca
- 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 pick up your child.
- When dropping off or picking up your child please do so in the Muir Lake Hall parking lot; this is a serious safety concern.
- 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 & previous school years fees have gone out via e-mail. 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.

Online Verification/Bus Registration

It's time to start planning ahead for the next school year. All Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online through the PowerRegistration portal for the 2019-2020 school year. The deadline to verify/register is March 22, 2019. This process includes bus registration for those applying for bus service. 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.

Returning students should have received an email on February 4, 2019 with further instructions on how to verify and/or update their existing information. Please check your inbox. The email would be coming from: "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply.psr.support.com>.

You should receive one email for every returning student in your family. Please complete the registration/verification process for each one. If you do not receive an email, please check your Spam or Junk folder. If you have checked and confirm that the email has not been received, please contact the school so we can double check the email address we have on file and re-send the registration email which contains a unique link for each student.

Automated Attendance Calls

NEW!! We have moved to an automated attendance system. If your child is absent and the office does 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 cooperation as we continue to move forward in keeping your child(ren) safe at school.

Kindergarten Open House

Muir Lake School will be hosting an Open House on **Wednesday April 10th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm** for all of our 2019-2020 kindergarten parents. If you have a child or know of a neighbour that will be five years of age by the end of February 2020 and is within our school boundaries, please attend.



Fundraising News



Our online lunch programs are going great - don't forget to go online to www.muirlakeschool.hotlunches.net to place your order. April orders and online payments are due on March 14th, 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 the volunteers via email at muirlakeschool@hotlunches.net

Rabbit Hill Ski Program Wrap-Up

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers and parent helpers that made this program possible this year! The students had a great time and it wouldn't have been possible without you!

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!**

Scholastic Book Fair - April 8 - 11, 2019

Due to the extreme cold weather and buses being cancelled the week of our Book Fair in February, we are going to "Try This Again" We will be starting on Monday April 8th and it will run until Thursday April 11th 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: _____

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Available in A.M.</i> | <i>Available in P.M.</i> | <i>Available All Day</i> | |
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| Monday, April 8th | | | | |
| Tuesday April 9th | | | | |
| Wednesday April 10th | | | | Open during Kindergarten Open House |
| Thursday April 11th (Take down at 12:20) | | | | |