



Mustangs News



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Muir Lake School

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Our Volunteers are Dino-Mite! It was wonderful to see our parent volunteers come and enjoy themselves at our Volunteer Tea. **Thank you for all you do** for our school. If you couldn't come to the luncheon, please know that you were missed. Many thanks to our grade fives from Mrs. Brownlee's and Ms. Garrison's class who performed a dance for our volunteers, to Mrs. Gottenbos' grade 3-6 choir and to Ms. Maser's grade four actors for their French play, *Les Trois Petits Cochons*. A **huge thank you** to Mrs. Schram for being our key coordinator for the volunteer tea. Our library learning commons looks amazing! Volunteering happens at many levels so we are very proud of our students who are always willing to help out and we also want to acknowledge our staff who also volunteer their time to coach, mentor and direct our students in many activities outside of their regular school day.

Did you know?

Muir Lake Community Hall is getting a new playground! A safety fence will be installed around the construction area so please be aware of the construction site and stay clear of the area. All construction will be stopped during recess and outdoor play times. Construction will hopefully be completed in June.

Badminton - Our junior and senior badminton team season is underway. We wish the team luck in the County Tournament that will take place May 8th-11th. Thank-you to Ms. Garrison, Mrs. Gadoury and Mr. Shaw for coaching and to the parents that were able to transport and rearrange schedules to fit this short season in.

Grades 9 and 6 students English Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) will be written on May 7th & 8th, 2019. Please note that there are regular classes in the afternoon and students are expected to be here at school. All of the PAT dates have been put on our Muir Lake School Calendar and can be viewed at <http://www.psdblogs.ca/muirlake/school-calendar>



School Council Meeting will be on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in our Library Learning Commons. Our new principal, Mr. Murray Marran will be in attendance as will Trustee Lorraine Stewart. We hope to see you there!

Evergreen Theater & MLS Present "Nature"

From May 6-10 artists from Evergreen Theatre will be working with all kindergarten to grade 5 students at Muir Lake School. Throughout the week students will work with artists to create a story aligning to the science curriculum. On Friday evening, there will be a show for families to attend. To make this performance successful, students need to be committed to being a part of

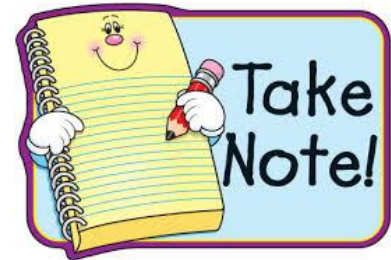
the creation and presentation of this show. To best prepare this performance we need to know who will not be able to attend. Please complete the bottom portion of the form linked [HERE](#) and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, May 3rd. This form was also sent home with your child the week of April 30th.



Tickets for the 1:15 pm and the 6 pm performances are available in the office for \$5 each and due to fire regulations everyone attending must have a ticket, regardless of age.

All proceeds are going to the Muir Lake Community School Foundation.

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.
- When coming to pick up your child, please have the secretaries call their classroom and have them sent to the office to meet you.
- All visitors and/or volunteers must check in at the office.
- 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 children please do so in the Muir Lake Hall parking lot; this is a serious safety concern.

PSD Transportation

Necessary changes are being made to Parkland School Division's Regional Transportation System that will affect some students and families more than others. These adjustments will allow our existing transportation system to better adapt to the current funding model for bus transportation in the province given the addition of the two new schools Parkland School Division so desperately needed in Spruce Grove. Our school will experience minimal or no changes, but if you'd like to read more on the topic, check out the [news article on our school website](#).

If there are any changes to our schedule for the fall, those will be posted on our Bell Schedule page at <https://muirlake.psd70.ab.ca/Schedule.php>

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](#) at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division #70 (PSD#70). 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 were conducted online through the PowerRegistration portal for the 2019-2020 school year. The deadline to verify/register was March 22, 2019, but we encourage you to go online if you have not yet done so. This process includes bus registration for those applying for bus service. This deadline allowed 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.

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.

PAT Exam Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Exam</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Exam</i>
Tues, May 7	Gr 9 LA Part A		Mon, June 17	Gr 6 Math
Wed, May 8	Gr 6 LA Part A		Mon, June 17	Gr 9 Science
Mon, June 10	Gr 9 Math		Tues, June 18	Gr 6 Science
Wed, June 12	Gr 9 LA Part B		Wed, June 19	Gr 6 Social
Thurs, June 13	Gr 6 LA Part B		Wed, June 19	Gr 9 Social

Hot Lunch

The [Hot Lunch](#) program that usually runs Wednesday & Thursday has wrapped up leaving us with just the [Fundraising Lunches](#). So what does this mean? It means that IF you have ordered through the [online lunch ordering system](#), lunches will only be served to the students on Mondays and Thursdays through the months of May & June. Please ensure that your children have lunches each day of the week. With this being said, don't forget to place your final [June lunch order](#) by the end of Thursday May 16th. For more information about the [School Lunch Programs](#) please go to the [Lunch Programs](#) tab of the [school blog](#) or contact Jennifer at 780-983-1316 or via email to muirlakelunches@gmail.com. Thank you to all of the hot lunch volunteers for making this amazing program possible for all of our students.



Ready. Set. JUMP!

[Jump Rope for Heart](#) It's "Jump's" 37th Anniversary so let's all participate on Thursday May 24th to raise awareness and funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Musical Theatre Performances

The Musical Theatre option is proud to announce the coming performances of Alice In Wonderland! The grade 7-9 students involved in this CTF class have been working so hard on props, backdrop, lines, choreography, and costumes. It is going to be an amazing show! Tickets are available in the office for \$6.00 each. There will be 2 performances on Tuesday, May 28, and

Thursday, May 30. Both are at 7:00pm in the Muir Lake School gym. There are a limited number of tickets, so get yours soon to avoid disappointment.

The actors in this play will not be using mics, so we ask that you do not bring infants or small children who cannot sit quietly through the hour-long performance. Thank you for your consideration in this.

Track & Field Meets

Grade 4 to 6 Track & Field Meet takes place on Wednesday, May 15th from 8am – 1pm.

Grade 4 to 6 Division Track & Field Meet will be on Wednesday, June 5 with a rainout date of Wednesday June 6th.

Grade 7 to 9 Central Zone Track & Field Meet takes place on Friday May 24th at Stony Plain Central School.

Grade 7 to 9 Division Track Meet takes place at Stony Plain Central School on Friday, May 31st .



Fundraising

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!

Community News

Yoga Wellness Night, Thursday, May 2

Join us for an evening of gentle Yoga at the Muir Lake Hall. Flowing yoga perfect for beginners! Led by instructor Candice Hartwell.

8:30 - 9:30 pm

\$5 MLCL members; \$15 non-members. Cash at the door.

Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 12

Make this Mother's Day extra special by treating your mom, grandma or wife to a special brunch. Show your appreciation by spending quality time together, and we do the cooking and cleanup!

Doors open at 10:30 am, Brunch is served at 11 am

Advance tickets only! Adult \$20; Senior (60+) \$15; Youth (6-12) \$10; Children 5 & under Free.

Last day to reserve is May 8. Contact Lynn at 780-918-7532 or mothersday@muirlakehall.ca

Muir Lake Social group is looking for members!

Volunteers are needed to help make our events a success. If you are interested in helping out, please send an email to volunteer@muirlakehall.ca and we'll add you to our list. It doesn't matter if you have a little time or a lot, we have jobs for whatever time you can offer - from organizing an entire event, to sharing our posters on social media and everything in between. Many hands make light work.



Muir Lake Community School Foundation

The Muir Lake School has provided our rural neighborhood with a community focus for over twenty-six years. Our school building has been continually modernized and expanded to meet the increasing enrollment of the growing Community.

In 2000, the Muir Lake Community School Foundation (MLCSF) was formed and has since undertaken a needs assessment of the school children and local Community. MLCSF, along with the help of the students and Michael Evans of Earthscape Consultants; a Master Plan was developed. The Master Plan has since been broken down into phases. They were agreed upon as follows:

- 1 Junior playground to the northwest of the school
- 2 South and west drainage
- 3 Soccer pitch, rubberized running track, and sliding hill
- 4 Senior playground to the west of the school
- 5 Interpretive trail in the wooded area to the northwest of the school

Since it's inception the MLCSF has raised money via 50/50 raffles, quad raffle, silent auctions and dances, Casinos, spell-a-thons, cookbook sales along with many small and substantial donations. With the help of matching government grants and continuing dedication of our volunteers and corporate donations from Prairie North Construction and Myshak Sales and Rentals, as well as many others, we have been able to improve our school grounds including a dynamic \$125,000 playground area and a quarter of a million dollar rubberized running track, and soccer pitch.

We believe that physical activity and active families are vital to the well-being of our community. The students of the school, area residents and visitors already enjoy our facility and we know that the playground, track and soccer field will only enhance our school and community for years to come. We are hoping that with your help we can continue with the next phase of this project and bring the dream to fruition.

The MLCSF is made up of various volunteers and executive officers. These positions include, but are not limited to Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and Directors. The committee gets together once every couple of months or so, depending on the need at that time. If you or someone that you know is interested in helping out with the Foundation or should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 780-963-3535.

Thank you for your continued support,
Muir Lake Community School Foundation