



# Mustangs News



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## **Take Our Kids to Work Day - November 8th, 2018**

Our grade nine students will be stepping into their possible future as on Thursday, November 8th as they will be getting a glimpse of the working world. Students will join their parents, a relative, a friend or a volunteer host in the workplace where they will experience and learning about the world of work. This is a great opportunity for our grade nines and may impact some high school decisions.

## **We Remember - Muir Lake School Remembrance Day Ceremony - Friday, November 9th, 2018**

Our school will be honouring and remembering those who fought and continue to work for peace in our country and world. We will have a ceremony in the gym on Friday, November 9th beginning at 10:15. Parents and community members are welcome to join us as we pay tribute to those who fought for our freedom.

- Poppies will be distributed to all students that morning and donations will be accepted.
- **Remembering** - an online blog post has been sent asking families to indicate any family members who have served so the school may honour them. You can also go to our [Muir Lake School Blog](http://www.psdblogs.ca/muirlake) at <http://www.psdblogs.ca/muirlake> for more info and where you can find the [link](#) to request a Poppy be placed in a loved one's honour.

## **WE DAY - WE CARE TEAM**

Miss Alexander and 17 members of the WE CARE Team went to Rogers Place in Edmonton to WE DAY on October 12th. The students in attendance saw how they and other young people all over the world can make a significant impact by joining together and taking action. Schools and students have to earn their tickets to WE DAY by working together throughout the year on local and global projects such as WE Scare Hunger, selling Rafiki bracelets and WE Are Silent to name a few. This is always a day of hope and empowerment for both youth and adults alike. For more information, please check out [WE DAY Schools](#)

Stay tuned for updates on what the We Care Team is doing to create change in our school and community!

## **Hallowe'en Activities, Costumes, Carnival and Dance - Greased Lightning!**

Muir Lake School became Muir Lake High as staff joined in and dressed in costume for the day. It was great to see all the leaders in our school having such great school spirit!



Mrs. Arnold did it again with her leadership team! They put in many hours to plan, organize and decorate a Hallowe'en Kids Carnival and Grade 7-9 Dance. This year a new feature was added for the grade 5-6 as the leadership team designed an **ESCAPE ROOM!** Thanks also to Mrs. Schram who helped by making the leadership team's ideas turn into reality. All of our students did a great job with their costumes which contributed to a very fun day for all.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards for students in grade 1-9 will be available for reading on Thursday, December 13, 2018. To view your child's report card simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public) at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> and click on the Report Cards link on the left hand side of the page once in your child's page. Not sure how to get into the Parent Portal? No problem, call office at 780-963-3535 or email us at [muirlake@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:muirlake@psd70.ab.ca) and we can assist you with that.

### **Muir Lake School Christmas Concerts - Save the Date!**

Kinder Tea - December 14, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.

Grades 1-3 Concert - December 18, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6 Concert - December 20, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

### **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.

### **Jr. and Sr. Volleyball Play-Offs**

Playoffs have begun this week for our junior and senior volleyball teams. Be sure to check the schedule to know when our Muir Lake Mustangs play. Go, Mustangs!

### **Fall Break**

Fall Break is this month. We do not have school on November 12th, 13th & 14th. We hope that this is a great time for you to connect as a family and enjoy your time together!

### **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.
- 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 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> or our blog: <http://www.psdblogs.ca/muirlake>. If you haven't already signed up to receive email notifications when new information is posted to the blog we would encourage you to do so.

### **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](#) 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 a hold 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 are moving 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 co-operation as we continue to move forward in keeping your child(ren) safe at school.

### **Lifetouch Retakes - Attention all Volunteers!**



If you missed having your picture taken in October, you will have a chance to get it done on Tuesday November 20th. **Continuing this year:** We are asking that all of our volunteers not only sign in at the office but that you also obtain a "VOLUNTEER" lanyard when you are in the building. So please come in and have your photo taken while the photographers are here.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteer forms should be filled out each year as they are only good for approximately a 12 month period. Any volunteers that put in more than 8 hours of time with the students whether it is in the class or on field trips over the year must have a current criminal record check on file. Please obtain a volunteer form from the office and have your free criminal record check done ASAP. If you have already done this, thank you.

### **From School Council**

Our next School Council meeting is set for Monday November 5th. All parents are welcome to attend. New items for Council need to be emailed one week prior to the meeting in order to be considered for that meeting's agenda. The email address is [muirlakescchair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:muirlakescchair@psd70.ab.ca) Check out our school calendar for future meeting dates and our new School Council and Foundation bulletin board located near the office. We look forward to working with you one-on-one to make our school a solid community!



### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We had a very successful Book Fair with proceeds of just under \$2800 going toward our Library Learning Commons! A huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Schram and all of the volunteers for helping to organize and run this well-attended event. We are hoping to have another Book Fair in the February and we will keep you posted when it gets closer to that time.

### **Foundation Fundraising at MLS**

A great deal of our Fundraising money comes from our Casino dates. Volunteers are needed to work at the St. Albert Casino on November 27 & 28, 2018. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact Maureena at [muirlakefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:muirlakefoundation@gmail.com)

### **Fundraising News - Lunch Programs**

Don't forget to go online to [www.muirlakeschool.hotlunches.net](http://www.muirlakeschool.hotlunches.net) to place your order. 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 at [muirlakelunches@gmail.com](mailto:muirlakelunches@gmail.com)

### **Lunch Programs VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Hot Lunch Program runs from November through April and the Fundraising Lunch runs from the end of September through June. You will have seen the paperwork already for the fundraising lunches. If you would like to be a part of these wonderful and important programs – please contact Crystal (HL Coordinator 780-709-7677) Or Anais 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** - Follow our social media pages for event details!

- December 9 - Ham & Turkey Bingo

### **Muir Lake Playschool**

- December 8 - Santa Pancake Breakfast
- 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.
- November 2 - Hypnotist Event featuring Keith Miller.
- November 30 - Comedy night (3 comedians with headliner Andrew Grose)



## Kinsmen Christmas Hampers

Again this year, our school is sponsoring families through the Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain Christmas Hamper program. The Hamper Program helps those that are less fortunate in Stony Plain and Parkland County. Last year over 580 families (nearly 1700 people) were supplied with food, toys and gift cards for much needed necessities.

Each grade level in the school has been assigned a family. It is our hope that we will be able to make Christmas a happier time for these families through our community's generosity.

Suggested items to donate are non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, pasta, hot chocolate or hot cider mix, etc. or small gift items like children's books or stuffed animals.

Items donated should *not* be wrapped and should be in to the school **before Friday, December 7th.**

Thank you for your part in making Christmas brighter for these families!

*Kindergarten – Ms. LeDressay*

*Family #1*

*1 adult female & 1 adult male*

*2 girls ages 7 & 14*

*2 boys ages 3 & 4*

*Gr. 5 – Mrs. Brownlee, Ms. Garrison & Miss Saunders*

*Family #6*

*1 adult male*

*1 girl age 13*

*3 boys ages 8, 10 & 16*

*Gr. 1 – Ms. Douglas, Mrs. Priddle & Mrs. Delisle*

*Family #2*

*1 adult female*

*3 girls ages 5, 9, & 10*

*Gr. 6 – Mrs. Gadoury & Mrs. Wayken*

*Family #7*

*1 adult female & 1 adult male*

*3 boys ages 7, 14 & 16*

*Gr. 2 – Mr. Opatril & Mrs. Pugh*

*Family #3*

*1 adult female & 1 adult male*

*2 girls ages 4 & 15*

*2 boys ages 6 & 9*

*Gr. 7 – Mr. Brown & Miss St. Amand*

*Family #8*

*1 adult male*

*1 girl age 12*

*2 boys ages 2 & 13*

*Gr. 3 – Mrs. Daniell & Mrs. Montgomery*

*Family #4*

*1 adult female & 1 adult male*

*2 girls ages 3 & 11*

*1 boy age 1*

*Gr. 8 – Ms. Alexander & Mr. Shaw*

*Family #9*

*1 adult female & 1 adult male*

*1 girl age 2*

*2 boys ages 5 & 11*

*Gr. 4 – Ms. Maser & Mr. Sherington*

*Family #5*

*1 adult female & 1 adult male*

*1 girl age 6*

*2 boys ages 12 & 14*

*Gr. 9 – Mrs. Arnold & Mr. Solomon*

*Family #10*

*1 adult female*

*2 girls ages 1 & 8*

*1 boy age 15*