



Mundare School

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upcoming events

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 6 Early dismissal @ 2:35pm
- 14 Gr. 4-6 Cross Country @ 5pm
- 15 Jersey Day
- 18 Meet the Teacher 5-6pm
SAC meeting @ 6:30
Community Awareness Night 6-8pm
- 20 EIPS Jr High Cross Country
- 21 Gr. 4-6 Cross Country @ 5pm
- 22 Dragon Breakfast for staff and students
Jr High MADD presentation @ 2pm
- 27 Jr High Cross Country Zones
- 28 Gr. 4-6 Cross Country @ 5pm
- 29 Crazy Hair Day

the news

Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2017/18 school year. We are very excited to welcome some new students to the school and, of course, our returning students. Currently, our school population rests at 156 students which is a decrease of 6 students. There are 10 students enrolled in kindergarten, but our PALS program is very healthy. Hopefully, we will have a few more ECS students soon.

I would like to thank the staff for coming in over the summer and diligently preparing for the arrival of the students. Beginning on August 15th, teachers began to trickle into the school to begin prepping for their classes. We are happy to welcome Ms. Austin in the grade one position and are very happy to announce that all other staff members have remained the same.

Literacy and numeracy outcomes will continue to be a priority for the school. Staff are already busy benchmarking students to ensure that students who need Urgent Intervention are placed in their reading groups right away. Once again this year, we will use STAR 360 as a screening tool and Fountas & Pinnell Intervention Reading program for those students who need reading intervention. So far, we are excited to report that of the few students we have screened so far all of them have remained at their June reading levels.

In math, we will use the mipi (math intervention programming instrument) to screen students on math outcomes. Those students who are underachieving in math outcomes of the prior grade will also receive small group intervention instruction and regular review of those outcomes.

Over the summer, EIPS has continued to improve the facility by adding pavement in the staff parking lot, working on the drainage in the bus loop and in the south field and refinishing the gym floors. As with any building, there is ongoing maintenance, but EIPS continues to be committed to investing in and improving division infrastructure.

As always, we appreciate the unwavering support the school receives from the Mundare Town Council and the Town of Mundare citizens. We are grateful to work collaboratively alongside such dedicated and passionate people. We would appreciate your cooperation with refraining from using the school's dumpsters for personal reasons. Recently, two mattresses were dumped in our bins which then could not be picked up resulting in the school being responsible for disposing of the items. This is a cost and an inconvenience for the staff at the school. Thank you. We look forward to working as partners with you again this year.

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Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice. As soon as you sign up and confirm, you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important

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New Lunchroom

We are excited to announce a new lunchroom program for our K-6 students. At noon, grades 4, 5 and 6 gather in the Art room to enjoy their lunch while our kinders and grades 1-3 students are outside for recess. When the bell rings at 12:20, these groups switch places for the remainder of the break. Everyone seems to be enjoying the change so far and we look forward to continued success with this new initiative.

Art Room

We are currently looking for magazines and other print material for the Art Room. Please drop off your items in the school office and we will gladly put them to good use.

News from the Music Room

I am excited that Mundare School is providing junior high students the chance to continue in band during the timetable. If students are interested, they will participate in band during their Flex block. Please note that if students decide to be in band, they are expected to be in class **every** Flex block.

All band students and their parents are invited to a meet and greet on **Tuesday September 12 at 6:30 pm** in the **Learning Commons at Vegreville Composite High School**. This will be a short social with refreshments to talk about this year's vision for the Band Programs as well as answer any questions you may have. I hope to have students from both schools working together for performances. See below for junior high band events:

Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Winter Concert
Thursday February 22 to Friday February 23, 2018	Junior High Band Camp
Wednesday March 14, 2018 during school day	Wendy Brook Music Festival
Wednesday May 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Spring Concert

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Hope to see lots of Mundare students & parents on the 12th!

Dragon's Corner

Dear Mundare School Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2017-2018 Mundare School athletic year. I look forward to another year of success for all of our athletes on the playing surface, in the classroom, and as ambassadors for Mundare School in and out of the community.



Our teams are proud members of the Elk Island Public School Athletics Association.

MUNDARE Dragon athletics had another successful year in 2016 - 2017. I would like to congratulate all of our teams on an outstanding year.

We are pleased to continue to offer Cross Country Running for our 4, 5, and 6 grade students and Volleyball, Golf, Basketball, Badminton, and Handball for our Junior High Students to try out for.

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As we move into a new year, the athletic department has two main goals. We strive to be an extension of the classroom by displaying our dedication, great sportsmanship, and all around strong effort put into our sports teams. We expect our coaches to have integrity and character as they lead our student athletes in competition. We also want to be a competitive force in the Elk Island area while still maintaining our character base. In order to accomplish this, it is important that our coaches, athletes, teachers, administration, and parents all work together and pull in the same direction. Our coaches and athletes work very hard in preparation for their upcoming seasons.

I want to thank the coaches for all of the extra time they spend with our children outside of the classroom to accommodate our students and make our athletics program possible. It is during these countless hours of volunteer work that our athletes see the most improvement and growth.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mundare School athletic department and our student athletes as we leap into a new school year and a new year of athletics.

GO DRAGONS!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Mikitka
Grade 6 Teacher/Athletic Director
jennifer.mikitka@eips.ca

Jr High Presentation

Our junior high students enjoyed an interactive presentation Thursday morning about Social Media Awareness. This is what the presenter had to say about our students,

“What a wonderful group of students you have at Mundare School!! Please let them know that spending time with such a well behaved and engaged group of teens was the perfect start to my school year.”

Public Education Coordinator
SAFFRON CENTRE

Library News

Greetings and Salutations!

How exciting it is to start a brand new school year in the library! Seeing all those eager faces lighting up when they see the new books on the shelves and when they find the old familiar favourites just makes me smile ☺ and realize I have the best job in the world!

Your children will begin bringing home 1-2 books a week or two (check with your homeroom teacher for library days) starting this week and I encourage you to snuggle up and take 10 minutes to read with or to your child. It's not only an amazing stress reliever and special time for you and your kiddo, but studies show that literacy skills are significantly increased when this happens, so it's a win-win!

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We're starting off this year by recognizing the love of reading for super readers who logged their summer reading time at our first assembly on Wednesday the 6th. This recognition of readers will continue at each assembly as students who wish to, can share a personally recommended read with the whole school! Light those literacy fires!

In keeping with our District and school goal of keeping literacy thriving and growing; watch for information about a super exciting and super special school wide/year-long reading challenge starting soon...!

EIPS annual "Read In Week" runs from October 2nd-4th this year and we will of course have special readers and activities in the school throughout those days. The theme this year is "I'm a READER. I read for ME!"

"I'm a reader. I read for me, is about cultivating a love of reading and creating passionate and engaged readers. It celebrates the uniqueness of our reading lives and helps sparks a positive reader identity. We are all readers!" [from www.readin.ca]

Following quickly on its heels is our Fall Scholastic Book Fair from Oct. 20th – 27th (with evening hours during Parent Teacher Conferences).

Starting on September 16th, in only a week's time, we are proud to participate again in the Chapters Indigo Adopt a School program! Last year we had the privilege of the support of Sherwood Park Chapters in addition to donations online which resulted in an amazing amount of new books which I'm still putting on our shelves and ordering! If you have a book or series YOU would like to recommend or see in our library please feel free to let me know and I'll look into purchasing it! Below you'll find some information letting you know how YOU can put books into the hands of our students ☺

*"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"
Dr. Seuss*

The Chapters/Indigo Adopt a School program unites Indigo employees, customers, schools and communities in fundraising for new library books.



There are 3 easy ways to help Mundare School raise funds

"Book Bonus":

For every \$20 online donation made to a participating school, Chapters/Indigo will donate \$10.00 (the approximate value of 1 book) to the school, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per school (the approximate value of 100 books). Any donation of less than \$20 will not be matched. All

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funds raised, matched and/or donated through the Adopt a School program are provided to participating schools in the form of an Indigo eGiftcard for the purchase of books, and the schools will receive a 30% discount off their book purchases when using program funds at Indigo, Chapters and Coles stores.

“Tell a Story, Give a Story”:

Individuals can share a story or message in support of a participating school once they are registered on the Adopt a School website as a user. Chapters/Indigo will review all submissions and will determine whether to select the submission as a featured story. For every story that is shared by supporting individuals and selected as a feature story, Chapters/Indigo will donate \$10.00 to the participating school, to a maximum of \$200.00 (the approximate value of 20 books).

The story submitted must be the story of the registered user, so please do not submit a story on behalf of a minor who is not old enough to participate as a user.

“Adopt a School Story Contest Support!”

Registered users may participate in the Adopt a School Story Contest in support of a participating school by “liking” stories that have been submitted by the user herself/himself or another user. Each registered user is only able to vote once. Once a vote is cast, it cannot be changed.

The top five most “hearted/liked” stories will be entered into a random draw, for a chance to win* a \$2,500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books. The remaining four top “hearted” schools in each province will win a \$500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books. If there are two or more stories in the Top Five that are in support of the same school, the next most “hearted” story will be included to ensure that five different schools are entered into the random draw in each province.



WANTED

**Looking for someone to start up our
Hot Lunch Program!**

**If you love to cook and be around children you are our person...
Beautiful facilities and smiley faces all around. Call the school for
more information**



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community news

Vegreville Bowling Lanes

Youth Bowl Canada offers an inexpensive and fun opportunity for children up to 19 years of age (five pin) and 21 years of age (ten pin) to get active and involved in a well-organized and National sport program.

Vegreville Bowling Lanes Youth League meets every Tuesday at 5:00pm and Wednesday at 4:30pm. Students also bowl for free from September 8-15!

Call 780-632-7665 for more information and follow us on Facebook.

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