



Mundare School

A school of dignity and respect
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November 2017

upcoming events

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November

- 1 Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson 11am-12pm
Early dismissal @ 2:35
- 2 Gr. 6 to Legislature @ 8am
Picture retakes @ 1:30pm
- 3 Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson 11am-12pm
November Hot Lunch orders due
- 3-4 Volleyball Tournament in Sherwood Park
- 5 Daylight Savings ends
- 6 Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson 11am-12pm
- 8 Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson 11am-12pm
Safe Riders presentation grades 1-8
- 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30am
Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson 1pm-2pm
Special Person Lunch @ 12pm
- 10 School closure day
- 13-17 Fall Break
- 20 Classes resume
School Advisory Council meeting @ 6:30pm
Gr. 5 and 6 swim lesson 11am-12pm
- 21 Boston Pizza orders due
- 22 Gr. 5 and 6 swim lesson 11am-12pm
- 27 Gr. 5 and 6 swim lesson 11am-12pm
- 29 Gr. 5 and 6 swim lesson 11am-12pm
- 30 Boston Pizza lunch

Principal's Message

Creating and maintaining a safe learning environment is a priority at EIPS and at Mundare School. When students and staff feel that they can attend school and can focus on their learning and their work everyone benefits. Student achievement levels rise, mental health and anxiety issues decrease and staff morale and engagement increases. All of these characteristics are the barometer of a healthy school environment.

Recently staff have participated in several professional learning opportunities that addresses the importance of safety in schools with many suggestions on how to incorporate these measures in to our learning environment. Last week, two staff members attended sessions on mind health and anxiety education. They learned to recognize the signs of anxiety and depression, learned steps and supports that can be put in place to help deal with the symptoms and they learned to help educate the students on recognizing the signs and symptoms. These staff members will be presenting their learning at staff meeting on November 1st and all staff will be trained later in the school year.

As well, administration have been trained in Violence Threat Risk Assessment or VTRA. Just last week Elk Island Public Schools, the Town of Mundare, Lamont County, the RCMP and many other community partners have signed off on the protocol ensuring that safety is a priority in all schools. VTRA is meant to help reduce violence in schools by using pre-incident data collection to determine threats before they escalate in to violent behaviors. This multi-disciplinary approach utilizes a common language and a common process to determine, intervene and prevent students from carrying out an aggressive act towards themselves and others. By staying vigilant, by reporting unusual behaviors most violent acts can be prevented. You can learn more about VTRA threat assessment at <http://www.eips.ca>.

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student news

Harvest Dinner

Staff and students gathered in the gym on Friday, October 13 to enjoy our traditional Harvest Dinner. Each year classes select and prepare a dish such as salad, potatoes, veggies, stuffing or dessert and staff provide the turkey and ham. Thank you to all of the families who contributed food items to another successful event at Mundare School.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Mundare School will be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 9 at 10:30 in the gym. It will be a Formal Day for students. All parents and guests are invited to join us in commemorating those who have served our country

Dragon Athletics

Our volleyball season is in full swing and will be wrapping up soon! Thanks again to parents for the support in ensuring the athletes are attending practices and are able to get to and from games and tournaments.



Information continues to be shared through the Remind 101 app as well as posted on our school calendar.

Updates regarding our last tournament and possible league play-offs will be communicated through the coaches and remind 101. Keep an eye out for this coming soon.

Upcoming dates:

- November 3-4: Hawk Development Invitational Tournament 2017 @ F.R. Haythorne Junior High with some select games being held @ Bev Facey CHS. More information to come regarding this.
- League Play-Offs are not yet determined.

Theatre Presentation

Concrete Theatre performed “The Bully Project” for our grade 4-7 students, In order to inform the students to recognize the difference between “bullying” and “conflict.”



Bullying in Alberta’s schools and communities can be stopped if we all work together. The Alberta Government is taking a leadership in bullying prevention and delivering the message that bullying is not acceptable. Through the joint efforts of Alberta Education and Alberta Children and Youth Services three websites have been developed to help children, youth and adults learn about bullying and deal with bullying issues. Please explore them for more information and strategies.

<http://www.teamheroes.ca/>-aimed at children 3-11 years of age, the S-Team Heroes help kids learn about bullying prevention and intervention through an interactive online game

<http://www.b-free.ca/> - aimed at youth 12-17 years of age, this site features interactive components and information about how youth can take a stand against bullying in their community.

<http://www.bullyfreealberta.ca/> -is an online resource for parents who are looking for more information on bullying prevention.

This month our school community is learning to stand up and prevent bullying through many planned activities. From the monthly assembly, cross grade activities, lessons, and a presentation

by our School Resource Officer, Constable Gagnon, we will focus on delivering the message that Albertans can promote healthy relationships by reaching out to others and prevent bullying by speaking out when they see it happening. Staff and students are also encouraged to wear a pink shirt on Friday, November 24 as we wrap up Bullying Awareness Week.

Bus Evacuation

Mundare School had its annual bus evacuation on Thursday, October 26. The students did an excellent job! Our kindergarten class followed with the “Little Elk Island Adventure”. The program mascot Elwood made a guest appearance as the kinders learned how to be safe and have fun on the bus!



the news

Weekly Canteen Entrees

Nov. 21-24 Chicken Bacon Penne
Nov. 28-Dec. 1 Sweet/Sour Meatballs w Rice
Dec. 5-8 Pasta w Cheese Bun
Dec. 12-15 Taco Salad
Dec. 19- 22 Cheesy Macaroni

All entrees are priced from \$4 - \$6.

We also have:

- Chicken and ham wraps-\$3
- Chicken Caesar salads- \$4
- Veggies w dip- \$1.25
- Chocolate chip cookies- \$.50

Asthma/Allergy Alert

We would like to inform all parents about students in our school with a severe asthma and/or life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and nuts. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child’s class directly, we want to inform you so that you can choose to send foods to school with your child that are free from peanuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

From the Library

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are now available at the school library and are due back by Wednesday, November 8th when I will drop them off at a rally point the next day. Please don’t forget; DO NOT send liquids or hard candy and do include the \$7 shipping fee per box.



Another big thanks goes to our school community and beyond for your support during our Scholastic Fall Book fair. Every purchase puts more new books on our shelves and supplies in our classrooms ☺



Thank you for your support of our school during the Chapters/Indigo Adopt a School period. We will have another 17 new books coming in to our library soon!

From the Music Room

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education

In collaboration with Elder Wilson, music teachers from across Elk Island Public Schools are working together to compose a district song. This song will be sung in both English and Nakota to acknowledge the rich history of the land on which we are so fortunate to live. I am thankful to be part of the team of teachers writing this song as we learn some traditions from Elder Wilson and work together to create a song that will unite our schools in singing. Stay tuned for a finished product later this year.



Special Person Lunch

Students have been asked to invite a special person in their life to join them for lunch on Thursday, November 9. This could be a grandparent, babysitter, neighbour, aunt, uncle or anyone else who is special to your child. Families are asked to provide a lunch for both their child and guest.

 **parent corner**

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.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m. Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, “school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, Mundare School is once again participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation’s No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four and 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at 780-764-3962. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.



GUITAR & BASS LESSONS in LAMONT, starting January 8th
Weekly half-hour lessons, Mondays only
After-school and evenings at the Lamont Lion’s Club building
All ages, beginner to advanced students

Instructor, Kevin Shirley, has been teaching with Community Music Initiatives for over 15 years. Kevin learned to play guitar at a young age and went on to graduate from Red Deer College’s guitar program. Kevin is a talented musician and a superb instructor; he is personable, patient, and happy to work with whatever genre students are interested in.

Please call 1-877-413-4810 (toll-free) for details and to book your lesson time for January.
www.communitymusic.ca
www.facebook.com/mycommunitymusiclessons



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			1 Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson @ 11-12 Early dismissal @ 2:35	2 ECS Day Gr 6 @ Legislature Retakes @ 1:30	3 Gr. 2 and 3 swim lesson @ 11-12 Volleyball tournament Hot lunch orders due	4 Volleyball tournament
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