



Mundare School

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December 2017



upcoming events

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 4 Grade 5 / 6 swim lesson 11-12
- 6 Early dismissal @ 2:35
Grade 5 / 6 swim lesson 11-12
- 7 December Hot Lunch orders due
- 11 Grilled Cheese and Veggies lunch
- 12 Junior / Senior Winter Concert at Vegreville Composite High @ 7:00
- 13 Christmas Concert @ 1:00
- 14 Food Bank donations due
Christmas Concert @ 7:00
- 18 Jingle Bell / Christmas Slipper Day
- 19 Christmas Sweater / Sock Day
- 20 Christmas Hat Day
- 21 Red, White and Green day
Boston Pizza lunch
- 22 Pajama Day
Last day of classes for staff and students

Weekly Canteen Specials

5-8	No entrée- weekly items only
12-15	Cheeseburgers \$5.00
19-22	Cheesy Macaroni \$4.00

We also offer Chicken Caesar salads (\$4.00), wraps (\$3.00) and veggies and dip (\$1.25) weekly. Cheese buns (when available) are \$1.50 each.

Principal's Message

Recently, I attended our annual Results Review with our Assistant Principal Tracy Doerksen. The Results Review is part of being accountable to our stakeholders and to the Board of Trustees with regards to the Accountability Pillar, school achievement results and budget. We begin the meeting with successes and challenges and then move to reporting our school's data. The report is public information and is available on our website in the School Education Plan.

This year, we once again have a lot to celebrate and I shared this with the School Advisory Council on Monday, November 20th. I will highlight a few of these celebratory items below.

- We had approximately triple the survey responses from our parents/guardians and the responses from our junior high parents/guardians were enough to be included in the data.
- The Accountability Pillar results increased from the previous year in all 7 categories.
- The Provincial Achievement Results remained “High” or “Very High” in all subject areas except for “Below Acceptable Standard” in math.
- 81% of all students achieved one year's growth in literacy.
- 93% of students in literacy intervention groups made at least one year's growth.
- 85% of students in our math intervention groups achieved 1 year's growth in numeracy.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to honestly reply to the Accountability Pillar Survey which comes in the mail in February. The data we receive is very valuable information and helps us improve our educational.

Combined 2017 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary

Measure Category	Measure	Mundare School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	91.8	88.1	87.2	89.5	89.5	89.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	Program of Studies	85.6	80.4	78.2	81.9	81.9	81.5	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Education Quality	93.8	89.6	88.4	90.1	90.1	89.6	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Drop Out Rate	*	*	n/a	3.0	3.2	3.3	*	*	*
	High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	77.9	76.5	76.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	PAT: Acceptable	85.9	92.4	85.1	73.4	73.6	73.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	PAT: Excellence	28.1	37.0	24.6	19.5	19.4	18.8	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.0	82.7	83.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.2	21.2	21.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	54.9	54.6	53.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	62.3	60.8	60.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	57.9	59.4	59.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Work Preparation	89.7	75.0	75.9	82.7	82.6	81.9	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Citizenship	87.0	82.8	82.5	83.7	83.9	83.6	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Parental Involvement	86.4	85.8	78.8	81.2	80.9	80.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	80.4	73.9	70.8	81.4	81.2	80.2	High	Improved	Good

During this season of giving, I wanted to personally thank our learning community for the positive support we receive daily. Together, as partners, we can improve the achievement level and the sense of belonging of each student in this building.

Looking ahead...We will be having our Christmas concert on Thursday, December 14 beginning at 7:00 PM. everyone is welcome to attend. The matinee is Wednesday, December 13th at 1:00 pm if you prefer a less busy time. We look forward to seeing you then.

On behalf of the staff and students of Mundare School, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Liane Schultz

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student news

Fill a Fire Truck

Staff and students at Mundare School are excited to be collaborating with Mundare Fire and Rescue to help support the Lamont Food Bank. Please help us “Fill a Fire Truck” by sending food donations to the school from Monday, December 4 through to Thursday, December 14. Donation boxes will also be available during our Christmas concerts on December 13 (1:00pm) and December 14 (7:00pm). We are also looking for volunteers to help unload the food at the Food Bank in Lamont at approximately 11:00am on Friday, December 15. If you are able to assist with the delivery, please call the school.

Happy First Day of December

Students were treated to a cup of hot chocolate as a kick off to our last month in 2017!



Great People Doing Great Things



Elder Wilson shares cultural legends, stories and artifacts with the grade 2 students



Our junior high students making boomerangs during Construction class and cooking up a storm in Commercial Foods



Thank you to Cst. J. Gagnon, our school resource officer, for coming in to teach the grade one students about calling 911. They learned when or when not to call by reviewing what is a real emergency.

Dragon Athletics

As our volleyball season wraps up, we begin our basketball season. Athletes have already been practicing for upcoming games.



Information will be shared through the remind 101 app as well as posted on our school calendar. If you have a child on the basketball team and want access to the remind 101 messages, please contact Miss Mikitka at jennifer.mikitka@eips.ca for the class code. Please note, this is a new code and not the same as the volleyball code.



Updates regarding our league games and tournaments are coming soon. These will be posted on the school calendar, posted through remind and told to the athletes.

Keep an eye out for this information.

Miss Mikitka (Athletics Director)

Christmas Concert

Mundare Dragons: Christmas World Tour 2017

Mundare students are once again working tirelessly to prepare the Christmas concert. The concert will feature songs from across the globe **sung and** played on xylophones, handchimes, percussion, band instruments, and recorders. A singalong will conclude both day and evening performances to join guests and students in Christmas cheer. Please bring friends and family to enjoy a worldly variety of Christmas songs and showcase the talent at Mundare School.

Afternoon Concert: Wednesday December 13 at 1:00 pm

Evening Concert: Thursday December 14 at 7:00 pm

Anti-Bullying Activities at Mundare School

During anti-bullying week at Mundare School, our junior highs used their leadership time to share a valuable metaphorical lesson with grade threes, fours, fives and sixes. Using two close to identical apples, the younger grades were asked to ‘insult’ or verbally bully one apple; every time this apple was “bullied”, it was dropped onto the concrete floor. Each drop represented an emotional blow or punch that a victim of bullying would endure. The resulting damage became obvious when the apples, both still looking perfectly fine and unhurt on the outside, were cut in half. The “bullied” apple showed signs of internal damage like bruising or a breakdown of tissue. This damage, they were told by the older and wiser Grade 7 and 8’s, was a direct result of the bullying the younger grades had inflicted. It was a strong visual lesson, and although there was some giggling in the beginning, the conversation quickly turned serious by the end of the experiment as the pain and suffering a victim of bullying can suffer on the inside, while still looking perfect on the outside, became very apparent. Along with this demonstration, Grades 5-8 were treated to Concrete Theatre’s relevant and moving performance of “The Bully Project.” earlier this month. We also read some anti-bullying books, had anti-bullying announcements every morning, and finished off the observance with our “Pink



Shirt” (Acceptance and Kindness) Day on Friday. Finally, Constable J came to talk to our students all about cyber bullying and being a positive and responsible digital citizen.



Enjoy the Winter Break

Mundare School will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 22, 2017 and will reopen on Jan. 8, 2018. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact the Central Administration office at Elk Island Public Schools.

EIPS Central Administration Office Winter Break Hours

Closed December 25-29

Open January 2-5 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it’s almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.

Online Kindergarten registration check list:

- Determine your child’s designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice will be sent to the given email address.

NOTE: The online registration form is available as of Jan.15, 2018—the paper version is no longer available.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at www.mundareschool.ca under the Programs tab.

Kindergarten Programming: School article

As you know, EIPS is changing its kindergarten program. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, all elementary schools will offer one kindergarten option, alternating full-day programming.

Communication Services has created an article schools can use to communicate the information to its families—the article can be included in the newsletter and posted on the school website. For more information contact [Laura McNabb](#) at ext. 8204. [Article: Changes Coming to Kindergarten Programming](#)



Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

It's the holiday season once again and the winter break is just around the corner. Before we take time off to enjoy with our loved ones, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families, on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Thank you and best wishes,
Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair

Pearle Vision Onesight Day

Pearle Vision in Sherwood Park Mall is hosting its annual Onesight Day on December 11, 12 and 13. This is a program where children ages 4-18 can receive an eye exam and complimentary glasses. Pearle Vision helped 21 in 2015 and 14 children in 2016.

*Who is eligible to participate: Children (birth to 18 years) – residing in Sherwood Park (and area, including Mundare), whose family is experiencing financial hardship and who do not have another financial source (e.g., a work health benefit plan or insurance, Alberta Social Services Support, etc.) for eyeglasses.

*What is required: Family to contact Pearle Vision, Sherwood Park to schedule an appointment and a valid Alberta Health Services card.

*What is covered: Eye Exams are covered by Alberta Health Services.

BRING YOUR AHS CARD. The cost of the prescription eyeglasses, including complex prescriptions, will be paid for by Pearle Vision, Sherwood Park.

Call to schedule your appointment, spaces are limited.

Note: Wheelchairs do not fit under the examination equipment. A child in a wheelchair will require support to be moved to the examining chair and to sit upright for the exam. It can be difficult to test many of our children with complex needs, however with at least a reasonable

degree of co-operation, even a partial eye exam can yield helpful information. Testing is possible for children who are non- communicative.

community news

The 39th **Wendy Brook Music Festival** dates are March 12, 2018 to March 20th, 2018.
The Festival theme is “Vegreville Celebrating The Arts: 1906 – Present”.

The 2018 syllabus is on our website. <http://wendybrookmusic.wix.com/wendybrook>
Registration will open in January 2018. Deadline for registrations is February 7th.
The annual Wendy Brook Music Festival concert will be held on April 5, 2018 at the A.L. Horton School gymnasium.

If you have any questions please call Larissa Bombak 780-632-4907 or email queries to wendybrookmusicfestival@gmail.com



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Swim lesson Gr 5/6 Food Bank Drive begins	5 ECS Day	6 Swim lesson Gr 5/6 Early dismissal @ 2:35	7 ECS Day December hot lunch orders due	8 ECS Day	9
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