



# Mundare School

A school of dignity and respect  
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## January 2018

### **upcoming events**

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 8 January hot lunch order forms sent home / available online
- 9 Jump Rope for Heart kick off @ 1:00pm
- 10 Early dismissal @ 2:35pm
- 15 Sunridge permission forms sent home with students in grades 1-6
- 18 January hot lunch orders due today
- 19 Moustache Day
- 22 Hot dog lunch  
School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting @ 6:30pm
- 25 Boston Pizza lunch  
Jr High Health Fair
- 29 February hot lunch order forms sent home
- 31 Semester 2 begins  
Jump Rope for Heart jump off

\*\*Hot lunch order forms are also available on our school calendar. Please go to <http://mundareshool.ca/about/calendar> and click on the date of the lunch that you would like. A pop up will provide a link to the order forms\*\*

#### Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and energy of everyone on our first day back. Hard to believe it is already a new year. I enjoy the ability to reflect on the past year and to initiate some changes to make the New Year even better. We are so fortunate to be able to live, work and study in such a positive learning community.

Kindergarten registration begins online on January 15, 2018. You can fill in the form online from your home or we would be happy to provide you a device at the school. Please contact the school at 780-764-3962 if you have any questions.

Looking forward this month, we will be refocusing our energies on our academics and increasing our student's achievement in all subject areas with special attention to literacy and numeracy. We have recently purchased a Math Equals kit which will be utilized in all classrooms and with students who need math intervention. In a nutshell, Math Equals is based on the Alberta Curriculum Program of Studies and is used to help students with differing abilities. It is a systematic approach to bridging the achievement gap for students who are achieving below grade level in mathematics. It encompasses pre-readiness math skills, fundamental math skills and higher order math skills. We look forward to seeing some positive data results from this targeted intervention approach. Many thanks to Mrs. Bartsch, Mrs. Berard and Mrs. Lapnisky who have put in countless hours getting this massive kit ready to use.

I would like to send out a friendly reminder that we would appreciate the rectification of all outstanding school fees. School fees are based on a cost recovery basis and are used to support special programming for our students. For example, all students in grades 1-6 participated in 6 swimming lessons each which the school has paid. Thanks very much for your support in this regard.

The next day or two are going to be unseasonably frigid. Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather as we hope to be able to spend our recesses outside.

Thank you to all of our parents/guardians for your continued support as we work in partnership to educate the students of Mundare School.

Have a great month!  
Liane Schultz



### Poster Contest

Lamont County held a poster contest earlier this year and one of our grade 5 students won First Place! Congratulations to Brooklyn on her outstanding effort.



### Fill a Fire Truck- Food Bank Success!

Staff and students teamed up with the Town of Mundare as well as Mundare Fire and Rescue in a collaborative effort to collect food items for the Lamont Food Bank. We are proud to announce that the total collection weighed 435.45 kilograms (960 pounds)!

### Health Fair Presentation

On January 25 the grade 6-8 will be involved in a health fair presented by the Primary Care Network. The Primary Care Network has a variety of health care professionals working out of

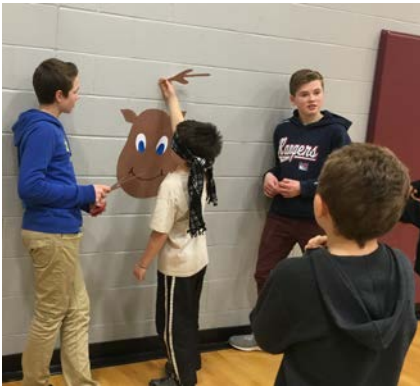
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Fort Saskatchewan and area. Thursday, January 25 we will have Celene Winterton RD BSc. a Registered Dietitian, to discuss healthy lifestyles. Ciara Kallal BScKin, an Exercise Specialist will talk about an active lifestyle and Jennifer DeHaan will talk about anxiety.

### Fundraising Success

The grade 8 class organized a raffle to raise money for their Moving on Celebration. A dozen items were raffled off during the Christmas concert which raised \$792.00. Thank you to everyone that donated and purchased tickets.



### Leadership

The junior high leadership enjoyed planning and implementing activities for the elementary students. The grade 7 students organized scavenger hunt for the grades 4-6. The grade 8 students prepared a pin the nose on the reindeer activity for the kindergarten-grade 3 students.



### VCHS Band

We were treated to the wonderful sounds of the Vegreville Composite High School Band when they came to perform for us on December 19th. They played some old Christmas favourites like *Jingle Bells* and *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* that had everyone singing along; and then got jazzy with some swinging trumpets and sassy saxophones. Musical merriment was enjoyed by all! Thanks to Ms. Maureen Yule for coming on 'tour' with her talented students and giving our own music students a chance to hear how they'll sound in a few years! Ms. Yule teaches and directs both our music program, the VCHS Band program and A.L. Hortons Grade 5/6 Band.

### Dragon Athletics

Basketball season is upon us. Our athletes have already been training and practicing their strategic game play and are gearing up for the tournament and league games.

Their first tournament is this week/weekend; January 11th - 13th.

Parents, please be advised that you are responsible for arranging transportation to and from tournament games.

A tournament and league schedule has been sent home and sent via the remind 101 app. Please ask your child for this information or sign up on the app to get up to date information sent directly to you. Please contact Miss Mikitka for the class code. Also note, this is a new code and not the same as the volleyball code



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Information will also be posted on our school calendar.

Miss Mikitka (Athletics Director)



## **the news**

### **From the Pages of the Library**

Santa came early to our library in December as long awaited new Christmas books, bought with book fair profits and Chapters adopt a school monies, were put on the shelves and enjoyed by many students and staff! Just this week I have filled our new book shelves again with even more new books to jump into 2018 with a Large Literary Leap! The new titles have something for every level and genre of reading enjoyment; from *Wandmakers* to *Feed the World* and *Pete the Cat* to *Miss Peregrines* graphic novels, every book has its reader. Thanks to our lovely and dedicated library volunteer parents who make my world and your school library a whole lot better.

Check out next month's newsletter or our Facebook page for information on the EIPS Young Author's Conference coming up on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Keep Calm and Keep Reading!

### **Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's 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](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

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 is sent to the given email address.

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

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>.

### **Pink Shirt Day**

Mundare School is joining with Elk Island Public Schools and many communities to help raise awareness of bullying. As many students and staff have in the past, we will wear pink shirts on

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Wednesday, February 28, 2018 to show support for this important cause. This year, Pink Shirt Day has a special focus on Cyberbullying.

“In today’s digital world, it can be impossible to escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information or threats. This year, Pink Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness - because we know that Nice Needs No Filter!”

If you wish to help show support and fundraise for anti-bullying programs in Western Canada you may purchase an official Pink Shirt Day t-shirt, bracelet, or pin at a London Drugs location beginning February 1, 2018 or you may shop online at: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca>. Information and resources are also available on-line.

### **Skating Equipment Donations**

Mundare School is requesting donations of gently used skates and helmets for our skating program. Items need to be CSA approved and less than 5 years old. Currently, we have a limited number available to offer students who may need to borrow equipment or forgot their own at home. If you have any skates or helmets you wish to donate please send them to school. Thank you for your donation!



### **Request To Attend A Non-Designated School**

Effective for the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing the way in which students apply to attend a non-designated school. From March 1 to 15, 2018, parents of all EIPS students are being asked to pre-enrol their children online and indicate whether their child will be attending their designated school or if they wish to register at a different school. Acceptance at a non-designated school is based on available space—families will be advised of the outcome by April 13, 2018. Because of high enrolment numbers, some schools won’t be accepting any non-designated students. Schools with closed boundaries will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process.

Please note that should you request a non-designated school for your child and need busing, there are fees associated with this choice. Visit [Transportation Services](#) for more information.

As part of the pre-enrolment process, parents are also asked to check and update phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and other important data – doing so will both make sure that the Division has the most current information available and eliminate the need to fill in the paper Correction Form that has traditionally been sent home every fall. Better yet, families will be able to go online and update their child’s data throughout the year as circumstances change.

To determine your child’s designated school, please check [EIPS school boundary maps](#).

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## **EIPS 2018-19 Division Calendar: Now available!**

The official 2018-19 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2018-19 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2018-19 EIPS calendar include:

- September 4 First day of classes (after long weekend)
- November 12-16 November break
- December 24 to January 4 Christmas break
- January 31 Second semester begins
- February 7-8 Teachers' Convention
- March 25-29 Spring break
- June 27 Last day of classes
- June 28 Schools close for the Summer break

To view the 2018-19 calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2019-20 calendar.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

## **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season well underway, 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) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

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 will 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.

## **Another way to stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook**

With 42 school and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk

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Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcase the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag *#EIPS*.

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

*NOTE: The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.*

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# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Classes resume	9 ECS Day Jump Rope for Heart kick off	10 Early dismissal @ 2:35	11 ECS Day	12 ECS Day	13
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