



# Mundare School

A school of dignity and respect  
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## May 2018

### **upcoming events**

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 1 ECS Day
- 2 Early dismissal @ 2:35pm
- 3 ECS Day
- 4 ECS Day  
Star Wars Day
- 8 ECS Day
- 10 ECS Day  
Grade 6 Language Arts PAT- Part A
- 11 PALS Screening 12:00pm - 3:00pm
- 15 ECS Day  
Hot Dog and Veggies lunch
- 16 Grades 6, 7 and 8 @ WEM Waterpark
- 17-18 School closed to staff and students
- 21 Victoria Day- no school
- 22 ECS Day  
EIPS Jr High Track Meet (rainout May 24)
- 24 ECS Day
- 25 ECS Day  
Volunteer Tea
- 28 Golf tournament- details TBA  
School Advisory Council meeting @ 6:30pm
- 29 ECS Day  
K and Gr 1 to Ukrainian Village
- 31 ECS Day  
Boston Pizza lunch

**Now that the weather is getting warmer, students are coming to school earlier. We are responsible for student safety and well-being beginning at 9:10 am when our supervisors begin in the morning. Also, there is not any supervision at the back of the school by the playground. Thank you for speaking to your children about safe and responsible play.**

## Principal's Message

### The Importance of Parents as Partners

After each School Advisory Council meeting, I always feel grateful for the wonderful group of parents and guardians that we work with at the school. The meetings are very positive and constructive just as these meetings should be. Parents/guardians always give useful feedback that we bring back to the school staff to see if we can put these suggestions in to action. Please know that we appreciate having the conversation about how we can better support your children.

Volunteers in the school offer a tremendous amount of support and knowledge. It also reinforces that together we are partners in this journey of education. Volunteers help get the positive word out about what is happening inside the school on a daily basis and often they can speak knowledgeably about some misconceptions or misunderstandings that may linger in the learning community.

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and at Mundare School we are celebrating on Friday, May 25. This year, we have extended an invitation to over 40 volunteers that have given their time and their energies to supporting our school. This positive learning environment can only happen with your support. So thank you to all parents/guardians who help out on fieldtrips, who tie student skates, who cook hot lunch, who read to students, who photocopy and make bulletin boards, who drive their children to sports/festivals, who help out in the classroom and who get their children to school each and every day. We appreciate you.

Thank you from the staff at Mundare School.

Liane Schultz

## student news

### Grade 5/6 Drumheller Trip



On April 25 and 26th the grade 5 and 6 classes went on their overnight field trip to Drumheller. The students enthusiastically participated in many educational and engaging activities throughout

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the trip. Some of the activities included: Hiking through the Badlands, seeing the Hoodoos, visiting the suspension bridge, fossil casting, learning about rocks, plants and raptors through games and interactive activities. We also enjoyed seeing the many fossil and dinosaur displays throughout the museum and swimming at the local pool. Of course the most memorable event of all was the chance to sleep next to the dinosaurs overnight in the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

The students and staff would like to thank the Student Advisory Council for all their hard work put into fundraising for the 2018 Drumheller Trip. We are all extremely grateful for the opportunity to participate in such an amazing field trip.



### **Dragon Athletics**

#### **Badminton season is a wrap!**

The athletes participated in two tournaments, as well as exhibition games at Andrew School. Thank you to Mr. Regehr and Mr. Hazelhurst (Andrew School) for organizing this event for the athletes to practice their skills.



Congratulations to our team for bringing home the following medals:

Silver in Mixed Doubles- Mya S. and Dylan B.

Silver in Women's Singles- Emerson J.

Bronze in Women's Doubles- Tatianna P. and Jordan M.

#### **Time to gear up for Track and Field and Golf Season!**

Junior High Track and Field Day is May 9 at Vegreville Composite High School and the EIPS Jr. High Track Meet is May 22. More information regarding these events will be sent to you by Mr. Lafrance. Please note that all junior high students participate on May 9 in Vegreville and fieldtrip forms have already been sent home. Only the top performers will move on to the EIPS Track Meet on May 22.

The Junior High Golf tournament is tentatively scheduled for May 28 with the location to be determined.



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Check the calendar or contact me (Jennifer Mikitka) at [jennifer.mikitka@eips.ca](mailto:jennifer.mikitka@eips.ca) with any questions.

### **Junior High Leadership**

This month the students developed and implemented numeracy lessons for the kindergarten and grade two students. They used books, games, and paper activities to engage the students and bring numeracy to life. They have also been working on organizing the assembly for May. The students have planned everything from the announcements to the game at the end!



### **World Water Park**

On Wednesday, May 16 grades 6, 7 and 8 will be travelling to West Edmonton Mall for the day to swim and enjoy the beach at the World Waterpark. The bus will depart at 9:30 am and return at 5:30 pm. This trip was started ten years ago to meet some of the alternative environment expectations in the junior high physical education curriculum because they don't do swimming lessons. After planning the trip I realized that this was a fantastic opportunity to cover the wave theory outcomes in grade 8 science as well. Topics like the formation of white caps and undertows, as well as, ocean currents can be experienced firsthand in the wave pool.

A few years ago we started including the grade 6's in this trip as it provides an opportunity for them to interact with the junior high students and helps them transition into the next school year. The grade 6 curriculum also discusses waves and tides and how they relate to moon phases. Overall, this has become a decade long tradition prior to the May long weekend. Staff, students and parents all look forward to this trip every spring.

### **Dessert Theatre**

The Junior High students will be presenting their drama productions at the Dessert Theatre on June 12. Seating and desserts will take place at 6:00 with the Grade 7 production of 'The Girl Who Cried Werewolf' at 6:30. It is the wild story of a group of junior high students who start to believe their teacher is a werewolf! The Grade 8 production of 'No Body to Murder' will follow after a 15 minute intermission. This play features an escaped convict threatening the guests of the Come On Inn in Nova Scotia! It is an exciting murder mystery that



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has you guessing until the end. A handout will be sent home regarding desserts. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Scratch Day

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Grade 7 Programming class took a trip down to the Agora in Sherwood Park to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Scratch Day. Students were given programming tasks that they had to collectively solve in order to earn points for their school. Out of the five schools who attended, Mundare finished first with an average of 117 points-per-student. Way to go, Dragons!



### Jump Rope for Heart



The final tally is in! This year Mundare School raised an amazing total of \$2,175.00 for the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Thank you for all your support to make this one of the most successful events over the 15 year period students have participated. It is wonderful to see the school community come together to demonstrate a strong commitment to health!

### News from the Band Room

I'm so proud of these grade 6's! They played really, really well and it was a packed full house. Way to represent Mundare and show how talented our musicians are.

All Mundare students and families are invited to come watch a band performance at the sausage on Wednesday, May 23 right after school. The band from Austin O'Brien High School in Edmonton is planning a tour with a stop in our town and it is a great chance to see a large band of 60 play. The concert will be over by 4:00 pm, so please come and watch before you head home!



## the news

### PALS Screening

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 and 5? Do you have questions or concerns about his or her development? If so, please come attend a fun and play based screening session on May 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00-3:00 pm. The team will include a speech language pathologist, occupational therapist and a teacher. They will screen your child's speech sounds, language skills, fine-motor and emergent academic skills. The screening may help determine your child's eligibility for our preschool program (PALS) or if your child may benefit from additional supports in kindergarten.



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What is Pre-Kindergarten (PALS)?

Pre-Kindergarten programming at supports children between the ages of 3 and 5 (by Sept. 1 annually) in reaching emotional, social, intellectual and physical developmental milestones. Typically children registered in PALS have been assessed with mild/moderate or severe disabilities/delays in one or more developmental areas.

### **ECS Information Night**

The ECS information night was a great success! It was great meeting all of our new kinder friends and their families. We hope they enjoy their grab bags from Lamont County's Family & Community Support Services. If you have any questions or missed the event please do not hesitate to call the school at (780) 764-3962.

### **THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 7**

Join us on May 7 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 7, we encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—all of whom go above and beyond the call of duty to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of Mundare School *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

### **Education Week: April 30 to May 4, 2018**

Education Week takes place April 30 to May 4. Throughout the week, students and staff from Mundare School, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities province wide with activities focused around the importance of education.

Today, more than ever, our teachers and schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools, are focused on providing students with optimal learning opportunities. As a result, students are honing a broad range of learning experiences that go beyond the core subjects of math, language arts, science and social studies. They're becoming lifelong learners and developing valuable skills such as ingenuity, creativity, critical thinking and citizenship. Education Week celebrates their learning journey.



### **Literacy and Numeracy**

In alignment with our school goal; to increase literacy skills through targeted and focused instruction, we use screening tools and diagnostic assessments to identify and support students with their reading. The leveled literacy intervention program at Mundare School is an excellent program that helps students continue to grow in literacy. 75% of students have already successfully met their goals this year. 82% of the leveled literacy intervention students have also met their goals this year. We continue to focus on reading and writing across the grades.

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We continue to work on numeracy with small pullout sessions to target specific skills. We use screening tools and benchmarking kits which show us areas that require support. Students are able to work on these identified skills and once they are successful they move out of the group. 100% of the students who have had the second benchmark have already made one year's growth.

**Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for *first-time school bus riders*.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for *first-time school bus riders* entering the 2018-19 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	10 a.m.
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EIPS Central Office	August 27	6 p.m.
Mundare School	August 28	10 a.m.
SouthPointe School	August 28	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 29	6 p.m.

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park  
 SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/b0svKmWAOqHRSvZs2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: [www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).

**Student Transportation: 2018-19 registration is now open**

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2018-19 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2018.

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For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

*NOTE:* Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as Central Administration.



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