



## **Mundare School - November 2018**

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### **Principal's Message**

October was a busy month at Mundare School. If you haven't had a chance to take a quick peek at some of the events hosted on our social media pages (Twitter/Facebook), please take a few minutes to check it out. It was great to see all of the parents and guardians out for Parent-Teacher interviews. We work as a team at our school and parents are an important part of that team. We want to ensure that optimum student progress can be achieved each year. With your support each day, we can help students move forward towards their goals.

November brings forward colder weather, beards for Movember and most notably, bright red poppies pinned to our jackets. We are planning our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday November 9 at 10:30. As always, families are welcome.

Athletics are also in full swing. Well done to our Mundare School runners for their strong performances! All our young athletes demonstrated good sportsmanship and had successful runs. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Muscarella for taking on this initiative, for your positive energy and encouragement. Volleyball is also going strong and the Dragons are living up to their namesake. GO DRAGONS! We are proud of your achievements so far!

A special thank you to our Grade 7 and 8 leadership students, Mrs. Doerksen, Mrs. Bartsch, Mr. McGregor and Mr. Lafrance who hosted the annual Hallowe'en activities for the students in the afternoon and tied together literacy, numeracy, science, physical movement and the arts. A lot of fun was happening at the school before trick-or-treating! Special thanks for the safety visit from our RCMP community partners and reminding everyone to be safe at all times.

First term progress reports will be issued digitally on Friday November 30. This is a change and parents often forget to watch for them on Friday November 30 via the parent portal. Please take the time to access the reports, to go over the progress report with your child and celebrate their strengths and accomplishments. Also, discuss some possible goals, write those in their agenda and help them make a plan of action to succeed.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful School Advisory volunteers who have been hard at work supporting the school and students with fundraisers and providing input. Thank you, our wonderful families, for continuing to support both your child and the Mundare School community.

William Korec, Principal  
Mundare School

## **upcoming events**

### **Upcoming November Dates to Remember**

1	Grade 3-4 swim 11-12
4	Daylight Savings Time ends- "Fall" behind one hour
7	Early dismissal @ 2:35
9	Formal Day Remembrance Day Ceremony Special Person's Lunch
11	Remembrance Day
12-16	November Break- no school
19	Classes resume Hot lunch orders due- additional order forms are available on the school website calendar. Click on the due date and the forms will pop up
18-24	Bullying Awareness Week
22	Grilled cheese and veggie lunch
26	School Advisory Council meeting @ 6:00
29	Boston Pizza lunch
30	Report cards available on line at 3:30

## **the news**

### **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

Mundare School is hosting a Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:30 am on Friday, November 9. Families and their guests are invited to join the students and staff in the gymnasium.

### **Special Person's Lunch**

Come and join us on Friday, November 9 at 12:00 pm for our Special Person's Lunch. This person could be a parent, grandparent, babysitter, aunt, uncle, neighbour or anyone else who is special to your child. Families are to provide a lunch and beverage for both their child and guest. Tables and chairs will be set up in the gymnasium. Please be reminded that all Elk Island schools are Nut Aware. We ask that all families refrain from bringing nuts into our school as we have several people affected by severe nut allergies.

### **Bullying Awareness Week: "Stand Up to Bullying"**

This annual event promotes bullying awareness and positivity. Let's work together to create a civil society built on healthy and respectful relationships. "Stand Up" against bullying and promote healthy relationships. Resources available @ [www.Bullyingawareness.org](http://www.Bullyingawareness.org) & <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca>  
Some of the special activities in our school include:

- Constable J - SRO to present a session in the Learning Commons about bullying on the school playground and when walking home (K-6)
- Random Act of Kindness Day on Thursday
- Dress up like your favorite Superhero on Friday!

We are also asking for students to bring in something for the foodbank this week. All donations are appreciated!

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## Report Cards (CSL)

A detailed reminder letter will be sent to all parents of students at Mundare school on Monday, November 26 reminding them about how to access the digital report card. Please watch for it by the end of that school day.

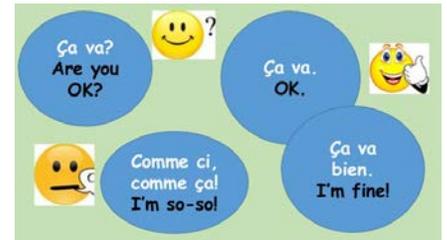
## Leadership

The junior high worked very hard this month organizing the Halloween activities. The students brainstorm and select the activities they would like to see on Halloween. They then create a supply list of materials needed and or make the items themselves. They use their leadership classes to prepare everything! They enjoyed working with the elementary students all afternoon.

## Francais

Elementary French classes have been working on simple greetings. Ask your child, "Comment ca va?" or "Ca va?" See if they can answer en francais! Here are some sample answers.

We also learned about items in our classroom and around the school. This month we will be learning a song in French!



## Athletics

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams for very successful seasons. The Boys ranked 4th overall and host Lamont on Nov. 8th for their first playoff game. The Girls ranked 1st overall and will get a bye week until after November break. Good luck Dragons! Basketball tryouts for grade 6, 7, 8 are scheduled to be held the week after the Volleyball finals.

## New SchoolMessenger Call-display Number

Effective November 1, all phone calls going out through SchoolMessenger will display one of the following toll-free numbers rather than the school or Division number.

- Messages programmed from Student Transportation: 1-833-298-5234
- Messages programmed from schools and the Division office: 1-833-202-1419

With this change, parents/guardians have the ability to call back to this number to replay all recent phone messages they've received through SchoolMessenger. If you've missed a call or would like to replay a message to confirm you have all the details, simply call back the applicable 1-833 number and follow the prompts to repeat any recent messages. EIPS has created a guide to walk parent/guardians through the process of setting up an account in SchoolMessenger and manage their phone and email preferences. Go to <http://www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe> for more information.



## 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.

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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](http://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](http://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.

### **Caregiver Education Series**

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students’ mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting. Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

### **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](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gr 3-4 Swim ECS Day	2	3
4	5 ECS Day	6	7 Early Dismissal @ 2:35	8 ECS Day	9 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 Formal Day Special Persons Lunch @ 12:00	10
11	12 November Break School Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Classes resume Bullying Awareness Week Activities ECS Day Hot lunch orders due	20	21 ECS Day	22 Grilled cheese and veggie lunch ECS Day	23	24
25	26 ECS Day School Advisory Council @ 6:00 PM	27	28	29 ECS Day Boston Pizza	30 Report Cards available on-line @ 3:45PM	

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