



Mundare School Newsletter

May 2024

BE BRAVE – BE BOLD

Principal's Message



As May arrives, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment in the school year – a time to reflect on the incredible journey of growth, learning, and leadership that our students have undertaken. This month, we celebrate not only the academic progress achieved but also the vital role of our dedicated volunteers who have selflessly contributed to our school's success.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our community, and during National Volunteer Week, we will take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for their unwavering support. Their dedication helps create an environment where our students can flourish and thrive. It's a testament to the power of collective effort and the difference that can be made when we come together with a shared vision for a brighter future.

We would like to recognize our volunteers at a Morning Muffin Volunteer Appreciation on Monday, May 13 from 9:30-10:30 am in the library. Email invitations will be sent out.

May is also a time to recognize the incredible journey of growth our students have undergone throughout the year. From the first day of school, they have embraced new challenges, honed their skills, and exhibited remarkable leadership qualities. As we near the end of the academic year, let's encourage our students to reflect on the knowledge gained, the friendships formed, and the leadership roles they've taken on. These experiences not only shape their academic journey but also pave the way for responsible citizenship in the wider world.

In the coming weeks, let's take the skills we've learned throughout the year and apply them to make meaningful contributions to our school and community. By embodying leadership, embracing growth, and embodying the values of good citizenship, we demonstrate that the lessons we've learned here extend far beyond our classrooms.

I would like all families to save the date, for Friday, May 24, as we are planning our Special Persons Lunch. We will be having a Bring Your Own Lunch picnic style luncheon for the special people in our students' lives. Click here for the [invitation](#) and embedded RSVP link.

We will be hosting our next School Council meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 5:30pm, with our Mundare Parent Society (fundraising group) at 6:30pm. All parents and guardians are

invited to attend. This is an important opportunity to stay connected to the goals of Mundare School. To see previous meetings and agendas, be sure to check our school website. Please regularly visit our school website www.mundareschool.ca to see all school related information.

Ms. Melissa Kerr

Upcoming events and important dates:

- **May 1:** Early dismissal
 - **May 3:** Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)
 - **May 5:** [Red Dress Day](#)
 - **May 6:** [Bus Driver Appreciation Day](#)
 - **May 6-12:** [Mental Health Week](#)
 - **May 13:** Muffin Morning Volunteer Appreciation
 - **May 10:** [Bear Witness Day](#)
 - **May 16:** [Moose Hide Campaign Day](#)
 - **May 16 and 17:** School closure days (schools closed to staff and students)
 - **May 20:** Victoria Day
 - **May 23:** Parent Council Meeting
 - **May 24:** Special Person Lunch
 - **May 29:** [Red Shirt Day](#)
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Absence Check

Parents/guardians are asked to inform the school, whenever possible, if their child is going to be absent. Messages may be left on the school's main number 24 hours a day, or by a note. If a child is absent and no reason has been received in the office by **9:30 AM**, then the office staff will attempt to contact parents/guardians or emergency contacts.

Bell Schedule

- [Mundare School Bell Schedule 2023-24](#)

Division Calendar 2023-24

- [EIPS DIVISION CALENDAR 2023-24](#)
- [EIPS Kindergarten Calendar](#)

To view the 2023-24 calendar, visit www.eips.ca.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

May Spotlight: the [EIPS Annual Education Results Report: Overview](#).

Learn about EIPS':

- mission and belief statements
 - Alberta Education Assurance Measures results
 - successes and challenges;
 - four-year education plan;
 - plus, more.
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THANK YOU! Bus Driver Appreciation Day is May 6

Join us on May 6 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond 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.

Compassion Connects: Mental Health Week runs May 6-12

Mental Health Week takes place May 6-12. To mark the week, Mundare School has a series of activities and lessons planned for students, all centered on Mental Health Week's theme, "Compassion Connects." We all have the capacity to be compassionate, and we know that doing so can make an enormous difference. Some of the school activities planned include:

- **Monday:** Dress up for your happy place/ Beach Day
- **Tuesday:** Monochrome Day, wear a color that matches your emotion
- **Wednesday:** Hats on for Mental Health Day
- **Thursday:** School Spirit or Purple Day
- **Friday:** Cozy Day and bring your Teddy Bear to School

Throughout the week students will hear announcements about compassion and mental health, can show a regulation strategy in exchange for candy, practice mindful art, create collaborative kindness chains, and engage in story time and discussion with the book *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld.

Collectively, students will learn about community-based mental health care champions, programs and communities while showcasing the importance of securing universal mental health care, what it can look like and how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured, such as within art, music and dance. In addition to school activities, students and staff can also share messages about their personal journey on various social media platforms using the hashtag *#CompassionConnects*.

For more information:

- [Mental Health Week](#)
- [Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times](#)

May calendar below

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ECS Day Hat Day Early Dismissal: One hour earlier	2	3	4
5	6 ECS Day	7	8 ECS Day	9	10 ECS Day	11
12	13 ECS Day Muffin Morning Volunteer Appreciation	14	15 ECS Day	16 School Closure Day	17 School Closure Day	18
19	20 Victoria Day - Stat. Holiday	21	22 ECS Day	23	24 ECS Day Special Person's Lunch	25
26	27 ECS Day	28	29 ECS Day	30	31	