



Mundare School - September 2018

A school of dignity and respect
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Principal's Message

It was great to see so many happy, smiling faces on the first of school. Welcome back, everyone! I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I received since coming to Mundare School. I have both worked and lived in Lamont and Vegreville for many years, so it wasn't a surprise to me - just so very reassuring to see that Lamont County hospitality and friendliness is alive and well in Mundare. Thank you, for that!

I am thrilled to be in Mundare in the capacity of Principal of your child's school. This is the 24th year that I have served as an educator, the last 13 as an Assistant Principal, but my first as Principal. I look forward to working with your child and with the staff to ensure that our students have the very best year possible and surpass our expectations. Mundare School is blessed with such a dedicated and talented staff who love what they do and this shines through each and every day. I am thrilled to be working alongside them.

Communication between home and school is essential for the success of your child. Teachers will be sharing the different ways that they can accomplish this. Parents will also need to share with the teachers how best to communicate with them - whether it is email, phone, etc.

I would encourage all families to join us for Meet the Teacher Night on Monday September 24, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM.

The evening will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to begin that discussion which will support your child throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Mundare School team -
Welcome back!

Mr. William Korec, Principal

Mundare School Staff List

Principal	Mr. William Korec
Assistant Principal	Mrs. Tracy Doerksen
ECS/PALS	Mr. Eric Boyd
Grade 1/2	Miss Vanessa Austin
Grade 2	Mrs. Maritta White
Grade 3	Mrs. Nellie Sobkow
Grade 4	Ms. Wendy Muscarella
Grade 5	Mrs. Kristyn McGregor
Grade 6	Allison Moroz/Music
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Matt McGregor
Grade 7/8	Mr. Jason Lafrance
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Michele Fisher Mrs. Doris Bradley Mrs. Tammy Seney Mrs. Bernadine Horne Mrs. Marie Bartsch
Library Technician	Mrs. Sian Vadnais
Office Staff	Mrs. Lisa McNeely Mrs. Tanya Suprovich



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upcoming events

Upcoming Dates to Remember

4	First day of classes
5	Early dismissal at 2:35 ECS Intake Day 1
6	ECS Intake Day 2
10	ECS Intake Day 3
18	Jr High MADD presentation @ 12:45
19	EIPS Cross Country @ Gold Bar
20-22	EIPS Volleyball Tournament @ FRH and SAL
24	Meet the Teacher and School Advisory Council meeting @ 6:00
26	Cross Country Zones @ Gold Bar
27	Terry Fox Run

the news

Terry Fox Run

The annual Terry Fox School Run is coming up on **Thursday September 27th**. This year, our school has a community goal of helping raise **\$1,000.00**. The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation, with \$.82 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research. If you would like to support this national initiative, you can very kindly donate online by visiting their fundraising page <http://www.terryfox.ca/Mundare>. For more information visit www.terryfox.org. We thank you for your anticipated support of this annual event.

Mrs. Sobkow

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.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Several years ago, Williams Lake, BC hosted a memorial event for the St. Joseph Mission School. Former students were given a chance to share their memories from their time in residential school and their community to a step forward toward reconciliation by acknowledging and honouring their experiences. One student, Phyllis, told a story of having her brand new orange shirt taken away on the first day at the residential school. Since sharing this story, students across Canada put on Orange Shirts on **September 28, 2018** to demonstrate their learning and to open up discussion on all aspects of residential schools. Students are encouraged to wear something orange and parents are encouraged to support this learning initiative within the community.

Dear Mundare School Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 Mundare School athletic year. I look forward to another year of success for all of our athletes on the playing surface, in the classroom, and as ambassadors for Mundare School in and out of the community. Our teams are proud members of the Elk Island Public School Athletics Association. MUNDARE Dragon athletics had another successful year in 2017-2018. I would like to congratulate all of our teams on an outstanding year. We are pleased to continue to offer Cross Country Running for our 4, 5, and 6 grade students and Volleyball, Golf, Basketball, Badminton, and Handball for our Junior High Students to try out for.



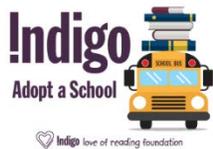
As we move into a new year, the athletic department has two main goals. We strive to be an extension of the classroom by displaying our dedication, great sportsmanship, and all around strong effort put into our sports teams. We expect our coaches to have integrity and character as they lead our student athletes in competition. We also want to be a competitive force in the Elk Island area while still maintaining our character base. In order to accomplish this, it is important that our coaches, athletes, teachers, administration, and parents all work together and pull in the same direction. Our coaches and athletes work very hard in preparation for their upcoming seasons.

I want to thank the coaches for all of the extra time they spend with our children outside of the classroom to accommodate for our students and make our athletics program possible. It is during these countless hours of volunteer work that our athletes see the most improvement and growth. Thank you parents for your continued support of the Mundare School athletic department and our student athletes as we leap into a new school year and a new year of athletics.

GO DRAGONS!

Mrs. Kristyn McGregor
Grade 5 Teacher/Athletic Director

Library News



Welcome back everyone! It's so amazing to see how much our little bookworms have grown over the summer and how their eyes sparkle with excitement and enthusiasm for a new school year! It's going to be another fantastic year in the library with all your favourite things and maybe even a few surprises.☺

New books will be ready to go on the shelves by next week so you can dive right in to your next adventure.

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Just as the excitement of the first week of school slows down, we'll kick it back up a notch when we start our participation with the Chapters/Indigo Adopt a School program.

The program will run online from September 15th to October 7th and you can support us right from the website: <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/220> . Be sure to check out the "Tell a Story" contest! EIPS "Read In Week" runs from October 1st to the 5th and the theme this year is "Bringing Stories to Life!" That sounds pretty exciting to me. ☺ We'll have some cross grade reading, some special guest readers and much more... Our fall Scholastic Book Fair will run from October 19-25th and in the evenings during PTI's. Here's to a wonderful year! Yours in literacy,
Mrs. Vadnais, Library Technician



Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit <http://mundaeschool.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar. Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of Mundare School's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end of September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018. For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact Tanya Suprovich or Lisa McNeely at Mundare School at 780-764-3962.



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Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference—all email subscription are being transferred so, there is no need to subscribe again.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.



Enhancing literacy and numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administer the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies. For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the Director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

Quick Facts: EIPS buses are all equipped with video surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter. For more

information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP coordinator at 780-464-3477.

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 youth 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.

Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at www.eips.ca/download/40981.



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September 2018

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