



## **Mundare School - February 2019**

**A school of dignity and respect**

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### **Principal's Message**

What a great couple of months we've had!! Mundare students have had many opportunities to explore their learning in different ways. Our students have the opportunity to learn with their teacher, their big or little buddy, our librarian, or our support teachers and helpers. Learning can occur anywhere! There have been many diverse learning opportunities provided this year to encourage creativity and collaboration, such as STEM activities and a variety of technology and coding opportunities. We are all busy learning together!

In February, we are entering in to a month where we focus on social responsibility and kindness. Students are using Valentine's Day as a theme to explore how we can be caring and compassionate to each other. This will culminate in February 28th – Pink Shirt Day. This is a day where communities come together to encourage and celebrate prosocial activities. In 2007, two senior students at a school in Nova Scotia saw a grade 9 boy being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They took action and encouraged others in their school to wear something pink to school and to take a stand against bullying. Within a year, the story had gone viral and schools across Canada had joined the cause. We strive to be kind, be respectful, be responsible and be safe at Mundare School. Please feel free to use this same language at home while solving conflicts. We are encouraging all Mundare students to wear a Pink Shirt to school on February 28th to show your support for making our school a safe place for all students.

February has begun and so has the countdown to spring. On February 2nd, we will find out if we have six more weeks of winter or if spring is just around the corner. Either way, things aren't slowing down at Mundare School. Please make sure to check our website, and Twitter/Facebook feed for upcoming events. During the month of January students worked on goal setting and how to achieve their goals. Goal setting is key to help students improve in so many different ways. If you have any concerns and/or wish to discuss your child's progress, please call the school to arrange a date and time. We look forward to continually working with you and your child.

Thank you to our wonderful and dedicated parent council for their work bringing families together for our first annual Snow Ball. As well, thank you to our dedicated teachers who are busy preparing our students for both the Wendy Brook Festival and for our Speak Your Mind public speaking initiative. It's amazing that all of these great options are provided at our community school. I am looking forward to a very rewarding February!

William Korec, Principal

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 5 Basketball game @ Fort Christian
- 6 Early dismissal
- 7-8 Teacher Convention – School closed
- 14 Basketball game @ home
- 15 Professional Learning Day – School closed
- 18 Family Day- School closed
- 19-22 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 20 Hot lunch orders due
- 21 Basketball game @ Rudolph Henning
- 22-23 Basketball Tournament @ Fort Christian
- 23 Young Authors Conference @ F.R. Haythorne
- 25 School Advisory Council meeting @ 6:00pm
- 27 Pink Shirt Day  
Grades 5-6 swim lesson @ 11:00am
- 28 Boston Pizza lunch  
Speak Your Mind competition



## Accountability Surveys

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning. From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 4-8 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

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## Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten). To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten)—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. Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.mundareschool.ca](http://www.mundareschool.ca).

## Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Returning Student Registration Process is now open. On February 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. **All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2019.** If you do not have a portal account or are having difficulties accessing your account, please call the school and will happily assist you.

## Junior High Raffle

Mundare Junior High students would like to thank everyone who made a donation and supported the Christmas Raffle this year. It was a successful fundraiser and without your support it would not have happened. THANK YOU!

## FSLW

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Tammy Seney and I am fulfilling the role as Family School Liaison Worker at Mundare School. My availability will be every afternoon from 12:45 to 3:45. My extensive experience has been in educating students by building character and positive relationships. I have been employed with Mundare School for 13 years and have volunteered on many committees. I am excited to be an advocate in this school and community. Please feel free to call me or drop in to talk if you have any concerns.

Tammy Seney, Mundare School FSLW

## upcoming events

### Dragon Athletics

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team on taking home gold from the EIPS small school basketball tournament for the second year in a row! Coming up, both boys and girls basketball teams will play in the Fort Christian Tournament on the weekend of February 22-23rd. Good luck, Dragons!

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## **Inclement weather policy**

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.

**Please note:** If your child is staying home because of illness, weather or bus service, please **contact the school and leave a message.** We have our answering machine on all of the time and it is a definite time saver for us. We thank you, in advance, for this kindness.

## **School Council/ School Society**

The next Mundare School Advisory Council and School Society will be held on Monday February 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Mundare Art Room. This is a focused meeting about school fees for the upcoming school year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Summer Camps**

If you are interested in some supplementary and creative learning opportunities your child this summer, please visit the following link to the summer programs offered to students at the University of Alberta. Spots fill up quickly, so please take a peek and see if this is something that you may feel is beneficial for your child. <https://www.ualberta.ca/camps>

## **Caregiver Education Series**

The Division, in partnership with Alberta Health Services and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' addiction and mental health challenges. The sessions are free and open to parents, caregivers, teachers and community members. Session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, sleep and how it impacts the developing brain, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, and building problem-solving and goal-directed skills. Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

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## **Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camps Registration opens March 11**

### **Summer School**

Open to students entering grades 10-12. With more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses. *Courses include:*

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience

### **Summer Youth Camps**

Open to participants in grades 5-9. From sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

*Camps include:*

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball — new

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# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Basketball @ Fort Christian	6 Early dismissal @ 2:35	7 Teacher Convention- no school	8 Teacher Convention- no school	9
10	11 Elder Wilson visit	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Basketball- home game Pink Pancake Lunch	15 P L Day- no school	16
17	18 Family Day- no school	19	20 Hot lunch orders due	21 Basketball @ Rudolph Hennig	22 Basketball tournament @ Fort Christian	23 Basketball tournament @ Fort Christian Young Authors Conference
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