



Mundare School Newsletter

September 2021

BE BRAVE – BE BOLD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! I had the opportunity to see many parents on the first day back – even though it was behind a mask! The students have started to quickly settle into their new routines and grade expectations. It's good to be back! I would like to welcome the families that are new to Mundare. I know that you will enjoy your time at Mundare School.

As I shared last week, things will continue to change, and some things will look a lot like last year. On Friday, the province announced changes to health and safety guidelines. What will be different from the previous update is that our School Advisory Council, Meet the Teacher and Terry Fox Run will be run virtually, just like we did last year, for the next little while. I had tinkered with the suggestion to have a parent coffee meeting on the first day, but the provincial case numbers were already on the rise - so we shelved that idea for now.

I hope that you can make time to drop in for the **virtual Meet the Teacher** next week. This is a great time to forge new partnerships with the adults who work with your child. We have the same goal in mind – to help the student team build the best possible educational experience for your child at our school. Teachers will communicate times and e-links later this week.

As always, I would like to thank parents and guardians for your continued support and flexibility as we chart our path through this pandemic. If you are out harvesting, I hope it all goes well for you. If you are not, enjoy the

shorter days and don't forget to take some wonderful family photos when the leaves start to turn in about 2-3 weeks. All the best to you.

Mr. William Korec, MEd
Principal

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.

SCHOOL SWAG

[Get 15% OFF Mundare School's Customized School Wear \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

MUNDARE SCHOOL STAFF 2021-2022

Principal	Mr. William Korec
Counsellor	Miss Kristy Giebelhaus
PALS Teacher	Mrs. Zoe Anderson
ECS-Grade 1	Mrs. Maritta White
Grade 2/3	Mr. Eric Boyd
Grade 4/5	Mr. Matthew McGregor
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Allison Moroz
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Alissa Roy
Secretary	Mrs. Marie Bartsch
Educational	Mrs. Doris Bradley
Assistants	Mrs. Bernadine Horne
	Mrs. Tammy Seney
	Mrs. Delores Smith
Custodian	Mr. Ruslan Fedorouk

UPDATE POWERSCHOOL PORTAL

The "Correction and Verification Form" is now available online through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Families can use the form to access and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and any medical information. Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Please pay close attention to all phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. If you have not already done so, we ask all Mundare School families to review their PowerSchool information by **September 17, 2021**.

SCHOOL FEES



School fee information for the 2021-22 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 debit card—when available from your financial institution. Do not 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're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an *Application for a Waiver of Fees*. The application deadline is December 15, 2021. ([Microsoft Word - 2021-22 Waiver application form \(eips.ca\)](#))

For more information about school fees, and payment deadlines contact Marie Bartsch at **780-764-3962**.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit <http://mundareshool.ca/about/calendar> and click on the applicable subscription option:

- 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 Mundare School's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.



TERRY FOX RUN

The annual Terry Fox School Run is coming up on **Monday September 27, 2021**. This year because of the restrictions in place, it will be a virtual walk/run during physical education classes on school property. By keeping this tradition alive, we unite in spirit and not necessarily in person. Terry asked us to try and so we will! It is also the 41st anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. Please consider donating to this worthy cause in support of

cancer research. It will also be RED day at school.

COUNSELLING CORNER

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to have the students back in the building! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Miss Kristy Giebelhaus, and I am the new counsellor at Mundare School. I was born and raised on a farm near Vegreville, and I have loved growing up in a strong small-town community. I enjoy helping students learn and encourage them to become the best versions of themselves. I have a passion for mental health, and I look forward to providing mental health tips and resources throughout the year! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out through phone, email or make an appointment so we can meet in person!

For some, the start of the new school year is exciting and joyous, however, others may feel anxious or apprehensive. The transition from summer break to back to school can be difficult for both students and parents. [Triple P Parenting](#) is a free resource provided by the Government of Alberta to provide helpful parenting tips. You can explore the website at your leisure or sign up for sessions starting on October 13th from 1-3 p.m. Call (780) 632-2912 to register. Here are the five steps to positive parenting, from the Triple P parenting website:

CREATE A SAFE, INTERESTING ENVIRONMENT

Bored kids are likely to misbehave. Bored teenagers may find trouble. So, create an environment that allows kids to explore safely and develop their skills.

HAVE A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

If a child or teenager comes to you for help or a chat, they're ready to learn. Give them positive attention, even if only for a minute or so. Encourage their ideas and opinions.

USE ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE

Set clear rules and boundaries and follow through with fair consequences. You can negotiate some of these with older kids and decide on the rules and consequences together. Praise little and big kids to encourage the behavior you like.

HAVE REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Nobody's perfect – kids, teenagers, or adults – so don't expect your child to do more (or less) than they're capable of. And remember, we all make mistakes sometimes.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AS A PARENT

It's all about balance. You've got to look after your own needs too, so make sure you're getting some support, time with friends, and maybe even a little time to yourself!

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

Alberta Health Services hosts a variety of virtual caregiver information sessions throughout the year focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more Visit Caregiver Education to see the monthly caregiver sessions.

[Home \(cyfcaregivereducation.ca\)](https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca)

ENHANCING LITERACY & 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 administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools for all in-school learners in the 2021-22 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.

At three points throughout the year, EIPS in-school students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and is administered on a digital device. At least once throughout the year, in-school 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 offer the teacher a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools 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 is 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 EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The Mundare SAC provides parents and the school community with a means to consult with and provide advice on school policies to the principal on matters pertaining to the school and its operations. A separate part of the Council – The Mundare School Society, which meets right after the School Advisory Council, facilitates all fundraising activity for the school that can enhance the educational programming for our students. Mundare SAC meetings begin at 6PM and have been scheduled for the third Tuesday of most months.

Please note that both the Mundare School Advisory Council and Mundare School Society will be hosting their first meeting on **Tuesday September 22** at 6:00 PM. There are a few open positions on both executives that are still open for the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing some new faces around the table this year. All Mundare School parents are automatically members of SAC.

Join September Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96384598024?pwd=VHJ2Vm1hNDZwOGM2cEtyc2N1UzNNZz09>

Meeting ID: 963 8459 8024

Passcode: hAGv1f

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please note that the September 2021 newsletter is the only school newsletter that we will print. Our community school endeavors to be as environmentally friendly as possible. The school newsletter is posted on our Mundare school website each month and via Twitter link for your reading pleasure and convenience.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE



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

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers, and property; and
- discourage 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.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 DAY 1 First day of school	2 DAY 2	3 DAY 3	4
5	6 School Closed Statutory Holiday	7 DAY 4	8 DAY 5 ECS Day Early Dismissal Day	9 DAY 6	10 DAY 1	11
12	13 DAY 2 ECS Day Meet the Teacher Grade 2/3 Grade ECS-1	14 DAY 3 Meet the Teacher Grade 4/5 Grade 5/6	15 DAY 4 ECS Day Meet the Teacher Grade 7/8	16 DAY 5	17 DAY 6 ECS Day	18
19	20 DAY 1 ECS Day	21 DAY 2 SAC @ 6:00 PM Society @ 7:00 PM	22 DAY 3 ECS Day	23 DAY 4 MADD Presentation Grade 7/8	24 DAY 5 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY	25
26	27 DAY 6 ECS Day Terry Fox Run RED DAY	28 DAY 1	29 DAY 2 ECS Day ORANGE SHIRT DAY	30 School Closed Statutory Holiday		