



MUNDARE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2021

BE BRAVE – BE BOLD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to start off by thanking parents for participating in the recent parent-teacher interview nights. As you know, we would prefer meeting face-face, but this was the safest option, given the ongoing situation. Your meaningful conversations with teachers are an integral part of your child's success in school.

This year, we will be acknowledging Remembrance Day virtually. Because of the Fall Break, it will be a few days before the actual national observance. Please remember to take time as a family to honor those who helped and continue to help make Canada the safe and prosperous place that it is.

Later this month and into December, students will be participating in three skating opportunities. During the last scheduled skate before Christmas, we are hoping to have members of the Sherwood Park Crusaders join us on the ice. Take some time over the break and get skates, helmets, and carrying cases ready. Helmets must be **CSA approved** (not bike helmets). A note will be coming home right after the Fall Break.

Thank you to Mrs. Bartsch and Mrs. Trish Koch for running our Book Fair this fall. It's a great opportunity and a reminder to everyone that slowly, things are getting back to "normal".

The School Advisory Council will meet this month, as well as the School Society. Our

meetings are virtual and continue to be well attended. All parents are welcome.

Plan for some fun family activities during the fall break with the kids. Before you know it, the rustling of wrapping paper will be in the air... Enjoy the brisk weather and a pumpkin spice latte!

Mr. William Korec, MEd

NEW STAFF

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new temporary staff members to Mundare School. Mrs. Delores Smith is working as an Educational Assistant in our PALS program. As well, we have hired an additional Noon Hour Supervisor. Mrs. Maria Dytiuk will serve in this capacity, as well assisting as our library technologist. Welcome aboard!

POSITIVE REFERRAL WINNERS

Our positive referral draw was conducted for the month of October. The two lucky winners are Sawyer (grade 2) and Mayzee (grade 4). Congratulations! They both won a pizza lunch this week. The next draw is in early December. Keep up the great work! We are proud of the wonderful citizenship our students exhibit each day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Mundare School will be hosting a short Remembrance Day Observance on Friday November 5, 2021, at 10:55 in each classroom.

Unfortunately, parents and guests are not allowed to join us in commemorating those who have served our country.



MUNDARE SCHOOL LIBRARY SUCCEEDS

Mundare School students will soon realize the benefits of being part of an incentive to promote literacy. Mundare School partnered with Indigo’s Cross Iron Mills store and the community response was amazing! Some of our own families were part of this wonderful promotion, as well. Our school received \$1,735.95 to purchase new books to add to our school collection. That is awesome news! Thank you for your kind support.

LIBRARY NEWS

We were pleased to hold an in-school book fair this year! Students were so excited to go shopping and check out some new titles! Thank you to everyone who purchased books. Between our virtual link and our in-school book fair experience, we had over **\$2000** in sales. Scholastic will now credit us with just over **\$1000** to purchase new books for our library and classrooms. Thank you for your support!



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.

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

On November 15th -19th, Mundare School will be recognizing Bullying Awareness Week. The focus of this week is on kindness, encouragement, and building healthy relationships. Each day will feature different activities that promote healthy relationships with each other and oneself. Mundare School prides itself in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all staff and students. Each morning, a kindness quote gathered by the Junior High Leadership team will be read to the school. See the schedule below for more information on how students will learn about and participate in anti-bullying.

Monday	Mayor Talk Monday	Our newly elected Mayor will come in to read and there will be a surprise for students!
Tuesday	Quest Tuesday	Students will be challenged to complete the Healthy Relationship Bingo sheet throughout the week.
Wednesday	We Wednesday	Read and craft with Miss Giebelhaus, Mrs. Seney, and Mr. Korec
Thursday	Thankful Thursday	Students will express gratitude for others and themselves.
Friday	Unified Friday	School Spirit Day Wear purple or your school swag!

While we are often quick to use the word bullying and label others as bullies, it is important to understand what bullying is. **Bullying is repeated mean, cruel, hurtful behaviors done on purpose by someone with more power.** We are looking forward to the conversations about character and positive citizenship at our community school.

ZONES OF REGULATION

Just as students learn their basic math facts, and alphabet sounds, it is fundamental for students to learn about their emotions and how to self-regulate. Based on the Zones of Regulation, this month the focus is for students to recognize emotions within themselves. For many, it is easy to recognize when someone else is upset or sad, but it may be difficult to identify their emotions in the heat of the moment. Studies show that verbalizing your emotions during moments of anger, anxiety, or sadness improves self-regulation and the ability to take control of your emotions. I challenge you to model this in your home by identifying and verbalizing your emotions. For example, I feel elated when the Oilers win!



LOOKING FOR STAFF CONTACT INFO?

We've recently made changes to how families can contact Mundare School staff. If you'd like to reach out to your child's teacher directly, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account. From the Grades and Attendance page, you can click on the name of any of your child's teachers to email them directly.

To connect with school administration and main office staff, refer to the **online contact form on our school webpage** to send an email to the applicable person directly. From the online

contact form, you can also send an email to the school to report your child's absence.

If you're having trouble with your PowerSchool account, contact the school office. And, of course, we're always just a phone call away if you have questions or need assistance, **780-764-3962**.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, which may include automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, through the Bus Status app, Twitter, Facebook and on Versatrans My Stop. Morning bus cancellations are posted on 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 families 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.

SAFFRON CENTRE

Google Family Link is a free service that allows you to monitor and control usage on your devices and your kids' devices. It can be used to see what apps they use

and for how long, lock their devices for a certain time, and get notifications about their activity.

<https://families.google.com/familylink/>

YOUR FUTURE

Thinking about attending post-secondary school after graduation? Exploring career options? Not sure on the career or sector? Plan to attend this year's hybrid Your Future: Post-Secondary and Career Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is excited to once again be partnering with the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta for the event.

The in-person portion of the event brings together a wide variety of colleges, universities, polytechnic and private schools, and sector experts in one place. The event is free and open to all students in grades 9 through 12. The event will follow the provincial Restrictions Exemption Program, as well as adhere to Alberta Health Services and local guidelines.

The virtual component will include additional opportunities to attend sessions from numerous colleges, universities, and sector experts. Participation is free and open to all grades 9 through 12 students.

Participating students and family members in either the in-person or virtual sessions will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from each attending post-secondary institutions, ask questions, talk to experts about various career sectors, learn about future career trends and much more.

Event Details:

Date: Nov. 23, 2021
In-person: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Strathcona County Agora
401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park
Virtual: Times and schedule to be confirmed

Visit www.eips.ca/students/your-future for a detailed list of vendors once finalized.

FREE MEDIC-ALERTS

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for students, Mundare School is registered 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 of four and 14 years—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, the 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. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DAY 5 ECS Day	2 DAY 6	3 DAY 1 ECS Day Early dismissal day	4 DAY 2	5 DAY 3 ECS Day Remembrance Day Observance Black and white day	6
7	8 FALL BREAK	9 FALL BREAK	10 FALL BREAK	11 FALL BREAK REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 FALL BREAK	13
14 Bullying Awareness Week Begins	15 DAY 4 ECS Day Classes resume	16 DAY 5 MUNDARE SAC MEETING 6PM	17 DAY 6 ECS Day	18 DAY 1	19 DAY 2 School swag or Purple day!	20
21	22 DAY 3 ECS Day	23 DAY 4	24 DAY 5 ECS Day	25 DAY 6	26 DAY 1 ECS Day Report cards issued	27
28	29 DAY 2 ECS Day	30 DAY 3				