

Mundare School - May 2022

Be Brave! Be Bold!

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope that you are enjoying the much-needed warmer weather and longer daylight hours. Students are certainly excited about the weather and all the opportunities to spend time outside with family and new friends. With exams coming soon, we all still need to stay focused to demonstrate our very best work.

Next year, there will be a change in administration at Mundare School. I am off to Win Ferguson Elementary School in Fort Saskatchewan and the new Principal at Mundare School will be Ms. Melissa Kerr, who is currently Principal at Andrew School.

I will be leaving at the end of June with many happy memories of my time at Mundare School and I am proud of how staff, students and parents juggled school life and handled the pandemic with such kindness, understanding, and support. Mundare School truly lived to the motto – be brave, be strong. A new adventure awaits me at my new school, and I will miss my time here.

Have a great month everyone!

William Korec, MEd
Principal

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week takes place May 2-6. Throughout the week, students, and staff from Mundare School are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education. The theme of Education Week continues to be ***Learning is a Journey*** highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more. Mundare School is excited to celebrate Education Week and has several activities planned.

ECS OPEN HOUSE

As you are aware, our registration is now completely online. Parents have been busy registering and updating personal information. We will be hosting an ECS Open House on **Thursday May 26, 2022, from 1-2 PM**. Please contact the office if you require information or know of a family that is interested in registering.

PREPARING FOR KINDEGARTEN

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for families with children starting kindergarten in the fall to help prepare them for the year ahead. Sessions will take place throughout May and June. We invite you to join us for any or all the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option. Upcoming sessions include:

- Supporting a Successful Transition to School
- Self Help: Building independence
- Speech Sound Development
- Fine-Motor Development in Young Children
- Literacy in Kindergarten

[Preparing for Kindergarten Series: Sessions and Schedule](#)

NOTE: Links to register were sent to all families with children registered to start kindergarten in 2022-23. Presenters will send the links to join the actual sessions directly to all registered families closer to each event.

VOLUNTEERS

The staff and students at Mundare School would like to acknowledge the hard work put forward by our parent and community volunteers this year. Thank you for juggling your busy schedules to assist us on field trips, special events, Council and Society meetings. Thank you to everyone for caring about our school community and for volunteering on some many different levels. A small coffee and cake get together is planned for **Thursday May 12, 2022**, from 1-2. An invitation will be sent out shortly. See you there!

THANK YOU!

Join us this month as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their 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 our school bus operators for a job well done. You do a great job getting students to their destinations safely each day!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Addison in Kindergarten and to Julieanna in Grade 6 for winning a prize this month in our Positive Referral draw. We are so proud of everyone for exhibiting great citizenship skills in school and in our community. Way to go!

PALS SCREENING

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 and 5? Do you have questions or concerns about their development? Please contact our school counsellor, Miss Giebelhaus. She will help set up a screening process for your child's speech sounds, language skills, fine-motor and emergent academic skills. The screening may help determine your child's eligibility for our preschool program (PALS). Pre-kindergarten programming supports children in reaching emotional, social, intellectual, and physical developmental milestones.

SAVE THE DATE

On **Wednesday June 8**, we are planning a school-wide field trip to Elk Island Park! How exciting! The day will have many activities celebrating literacy, numeracy, First Nations, art, and physical education/movement. More information will be provided in the very near future about this opportunity. We will need parents to help with groups and to prepare the hot dog luncheon for all our students. Watch for the information package soon!

SCHOOL ADVISORY AND SCHOOL SOCIETY AGM

Please be advised that the Mundare School Advisory Council and the Mundare School Society will be holding their AGMs on **Tuesday May 31, 2022**, starting at 6PM. We will be holding elections for the Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary. For details about the updated SAC and Society Charters, please look under the Parent tab on the school website. We hope to see you there!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

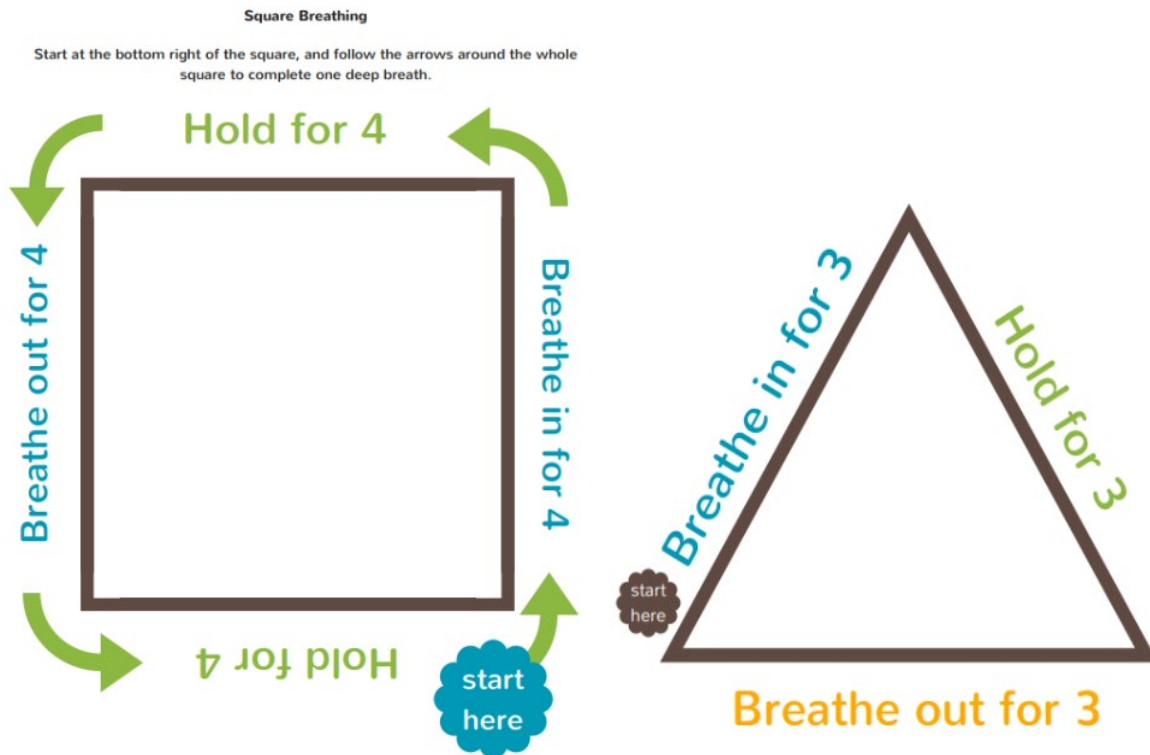
This year, Mundare School staff and students are excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart! On Wednesday April 27th, the school enjoyed a kick-off assembly filled with information and fun. Jace won the jump off, and his classmates won their own skipping rope. This year, the school's fundraising goal is \$1000. The school-wide jump event will be on **Wednesday May 11th**. Please go to **www.jumpropeforheart.ca** and scroll down to "Join your school." Enter in Mundare School and set up a fundraising account. You can send the link to your fundraising page to friends and family through email. This year, students will fundraise for gift cards depending on the amount collected. Any student that fundraises will have their name put into a draw for additional prizes. Thanks for your support in this important fundraiser and health initiative. I encourage you to get out there and get jumping!

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ZONES OF REGULATION

This month we focused on calming regulation strategies, specifically deep breathing. Deep breathing is proven to decrease stress, relieve pain, improve immunity, increase energy among other health benefits. In class, students practiced breathing in like they are smelling a flower and breathing out like they are blowing out a candle. Students reported that they felt calmer and more relaxed after deep breathing. This is an effective strategy in times of frustration, anger, sadness, or even in a content state. Mindful breathing is an effective tool that can be practiced in school, at home, or even in the car!



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school. All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2022. For those students who did not indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca. For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.



NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

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TOWN MEETING

TOWN HALL MEETING
MAY 9, 2022
7:00PM

Regarding 
By-Law 939.22
"Urban Bee Keeping Bylaw"
This Bylaw is available on the
 Town Web Site
www.mundare.ca
or at the Town Office

THE MEETING IS AT THE
MRC(CURLING RINK)
5116-50 AVENUE

Some Mundare School parents have expressed both interest and concern about this topic after a recent article was posted in the local news. There is a possibility of a business setting up not very far from the school. If you are interested in this conversation or in acquiring more information, please consider attending. I will be asking for parental feedback after the community meeting.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This is Empathy: Mental Health Week runs May 2-8 Mental Health Week takes place May 2-8. This year, the Mental Health Week's theme is, "This is Empathy"—particularly fitting, especially this year. Empathy helps connect us, feel less isolated, and shows us how we can help others. There will be daily morning announcements on mental health education and strategies and on Wednesday it will be hat day! Collectively, students will learn when we do something good for others, we lift both their spirits and our own. In addition to school activities, students and staff can also share messages about empathy and kindness on various social media platforms using the hashtag #GetReal. For more information: Mental Health Week Mental health and well-being: Supports and resources available through EIPS Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times.

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May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Early Dismissal Star Wars Day	5	6 PD DAY CLOSURE DAY	7
8 Mother's Day	8	10	11 Jump Rope for Heart Day	12 Volunteer Tea Jr High FNMI Trip	13 Black Friday Ophelia Project	14
15	16	17	18 Grade 6 PAT LA (A)	19	20 CLOSURE DAY	21
22	23 VICTORIA DAY CLOSURE DAY	24	25 Grade 7 FINAL LA (A)	26 ECS Open House 1-2 PM	27 Go Hawaiian Day! Grade 8 FINAL LA (A) Ophelia Project	28
29	30	31 SAC and Society AGM 6PM				

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