

WELCOME TO GRADE 1 CLASS OF 2011-2012!



We would like to take this opportunity to share some Grade 1 through 5 information with our new Grade 1 MMH families. We know it is a big year for both the students and the parents so we want to share our school procedures and our classroom expectations! Please let us know if you have any further questions....

- Class times are from 8:20 to 11:45 am and 12:25 to 3:05 pm. (There is no school for students on Friday afternoons.)
- Students should not arrive at the school before 8:10 am before school as there is no teacher supervision on the playground until this time.
- In terms of “what lunch will look like at MMH”, it will be as follows:
 - 11:45-12:25 40 minute lunch break
 - 11:45-12:05 “Play first” – students will head outside for some exercise; will be supervised by teams of five teachers
 - 12:05-12:25 “Lunch” – students will return to classrooms to eat their lunch; one teacher supervising each grade per day; 2-3 student “leaders” (grades 4-5 students) will help in each of the younger students’ classrooms (grades 1-3)
 - No microwaves will be available
- Classroom assignments for Grades 1 through 5 will be posted in all the entrances to MMH on the first day of school. You will not be notified of homeroom teachers in advance.
- Agenda costs are \$10.00 for each student. This is a valuable communication “tool” between home and school. This can be paid at the school office by either cash or cheque. There will be a table setup in the main foyer on the first day of school to pay for your agendas. (There are no school fees for students in Kindergarten to grade five in the Lethbridge School District No. 51.)
- If you arrive after the bell, you **MUST** come to the office for a LATE SLIP.
- As every year, if **your child is either sick or away from class, you need to contact our office to let us know.** We will call all of your contact information until we know that your child is accounted for. We have an answering machine that is always on so you can leave a message at any time, day or night, to let us know if your child is absent. **403-381-2211**
- If you are picking your child up early from school, you need to notify the main office so they can be marked as out of the building



- The Grade 1 door is the North front door by the Art Room. Children in Grade 1 must lineup outside of that door until they are invited in to their boot room. This applies in the morning, after lunch and at the end of both recesses. Also, they are only permitted to use their own door. If parents need to come in to the school before the bell, children are still required to stay outside and be invited in. Backpacks stay outside with them. On days that the weather is very poor, the teachers will be inviting the students into the boot rooms early.
- At the end of the day, we ask that all parents wait in the boot rooms for the students so as not to create noise and unnecessary congestion in our hallways. If your child is meeting you outside of the boot room, we ask that you ensure your child knows exactly where your special meeting place is or where they are to go after school.
- If your child is attending the Before School BLAST Program, please do not use the staff-only parking lot (located on the south side of the school). Student
- Parent parking is in the parking lot north of the school or on the street (or behind the school at the Atso park). Ask if you are not sure.
- Your child must have a pair of running shoes as their indoor shoes. Without them they are not allowed to participate in gym. Their indoor shoes will stay in their “desk basket” at recess, lunch and home time. Outdoor shoes are placed on our boot rack before entering our hallway in the morning, after recess and after lunch. The idea is that “if they have been outside, they can’t come in the classroom”. Special dress shoes (if they are clean) are an exception, but the indoor runners must be worn for use in the gym.
- Your child should be able to tie their own shoes in grade one. We allow some leeway in tying for them until about Thanksgiving. If your child cannot yet do this, please practice at home or bring Velcro or slip on shoes to keep at school.
- Monthly school newsletters are created by the main office. These are available online on the first day of each month – mmh.lethsd.ab.ca - they are NOT distributed to the students. If you do not have internet access, you can get a copy from the office.
- Hot Lunch! This is run by the School Council and is available for all the students in Grades 1 through 5. (Volunteer help is always welcome!) The order forms will be sent home approximately 1 ½ weeks before the actual hot lunch day. There is a deadline for ordering and the exact change must be sent with the order form (just in a zip-lock baggy or envelope). The day of the hot lunch all students are invited to stay at school for the entire lunch period and recess.

***Thanks for all your support for our school.
We know your child’s grade 1 year will be a great one!***

