

NEWSLETTER

June 2011

Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School



Important Dates....JUNE

- 1 — School Council AGM and meeting 6:30pm
- 1 — Miss MacDonald and Mrs. Peak-Vout's class to Galt Museum
- 1 — Mrs. Van Roon's class to SAAG 10am
- 1 — School Council AGM 6:30pm
- 1 — Bike to school day!
- 2 — Gr 5 Westside activity day
- 2 — Mr. Wever's class to Galt am
- 2 — Mrs. Neeve's class to SAAG 10am
- 2 — Miss Finnie's class swimming am
- 3 — Mrs. Johnston's class to Helen Schuler am
- 6 — Mrs. Payne's class swimming 1:45pm
- 7 — Pancake Breakfast 7am to 8:15am**
- 7 — Mrs. Craddock's class swimming 1:30pm
- 7 — Spirit Assembly 12:45pm**
- 8 — Mrs. Neeves' class swimming pm
- 8 — Mrs. Nelson's class swimming pm
- 9 — Mrs. Tsentouros' class swimming am
- 9 — Mrs. Van Roon's class swimming am
- 9 — Kindergarten Father's Day Celebrations 11am and 3pm
- 10 — Gr 3 Wetlands trip
- 13 — Mrs. Gast's class to Helen Schuler pm
- 13 — Mrs. Payne's class swimming pm
- 14 — Gr 3 PAT—LA Reading**
- 14 — Gr 4 to Crowsnest Pass
- 14 — Mrs. Payne's class to Helen Schuler am
- 14 — Mrs. Baker's class to Helen Schuler pm
- 14 — Miss Finnie's class swimming am
- 15 — Miss Finnie's class to Helen Schuler pm
- 16 — Gr 3 PAT — Math**
- 16 — Gr 2 boat launch N.S. am
- 16 — Gr 4 swimming am
- 20 — Gr 3 year end activity
- 21 — National Aboriginal Day
- 21 — Gr K-2 Sports Day
- 21 — Gr 5s to Calgary
- 22 — Pow Wow at N.S. Park 9:30am
- 23 — Last day of Kindergarten
- 23 — Kindergarten BBQ
- 23 — Gr 3-5 sports Day
- 24 — Gr 5 Wetlands trip
- 27 — Kindergarten Orientation for September 2011 students
- 27 — Farewell Assembly 9am
- 27 — Gr 2 Yr. end activity 11am-1:45pm
- 28 — Year End Assembly 10:30am
- 28 — LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS, dismissal at 11:45am**



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR THE 2011/2012 YEAR IS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011**

Lost and Found!

Please check the lost and found areas
throughout the school.

Any leftover items will be donated to
charity on June 29, 2011

Classroom Placement for 2011-2012

The process for establishing classroom lists for the 2011-2012 school year will begin soon. The teachers spend a great deal of time preparing the class lists for the next school year. There are a wide variety of factors that are taken into consideration that have a major impact on student learning.

Teachers are trying to create the best possible learning environment for all students, while at the same time considering learning styles, numbers of boys and girls in a class, and grouping students who work well together. Conversely, teachers must also consider those students who, for whatever reason, do not work well together and try to balance the number of behavioral concerns in a classroom.

At times, the parental requests may negate much of this preliminary work and create learning environments that are imbalanced. **PLEASE**, do not request a particular teacher unless you have an educational reason.

The teachers at Mike Mountain Horse continually strive to make the best possible educational decisions for all students. Staff will, if asked, simply [direct the parents to write a letter to Mr. Bryant outlining the specifics of the program they would like for their child. Letters need to reach Mr. Bryant by June 3rd.](#)

The following criteria will be used in setting class lists:

1. A balancing of boys and girls in each class.
2. A balancing of the learning and behavioral needs of children in each class. We want each class to be as heterogeneous as possible.
3. Recognition of the fact that there are some children who, for whatever reason, do not get along with one another and it is best to split them up.
4. Parental requests will be considered in the context of the above criteria. The Principal has the final say in deciding on placements.
5. Once established, it is recommended that the class lists be adhered to unless a situation emerges which is disruptive to the classroom setting and one which we have been unable to resolve. In this circumstance, the option of an inter-school transfer could occur.

STAFFING 2011-2012:

Kindergarten:	Mrs. Fallwell (am/pm), Mrs Morton (am/pm), and Mrs. Krista Seaman (am only)
Grade One:	Mrs. Jacquie Fleming, Mrs. Linda Payne, Mrs. Rita Johnston, Mrs. Sarah Neeve
Grade Two:	Ms. Kelly Jo Craddock, Mrs. Megan McMillan, Mrs. Lori Nelson and Mrs. Lois Van Roon
Grade Three:	Mrs. Jennifer Burke, Mrs. Lisa Prawdzik, Ms. Corrina Pickett, and Mr. Gary Pickering
Grade Four:	Ms. Erin Horvey, Mr. Mike Wevers, Mrs. Angie Kubik, and Mrs. Marla Bloudoff
Grade Five:	Mrs. Karen Bourassa, Mrs. Sheanne Cox, and Ms. Megan Peeke-Vout
Learning Support:	Mrs. Nicole Baker
Early Literacy:	Ms. Elizabeth Nevels
Grades 1-3 Music:	Ms. Elizabeth Nevels
Administration:	Principal: Mr. Paul Bryant, Assistant Principal: Mr. David Platt

(These assignments are subject to change at any time)



CONGRATULATIONS

Citizen of Tomorrow

May 2011 recipients...

Grade 2- Parker S.

Grade 3- Kaela F.

Grade 4- Tyler S.

Grade 5- Malcom F.

Mike Mountain Horse School has been chosen as a finalist in The Keg's *Thanks A Million* campaign! This means MMH could win \$25,000 from The Keg for our new playground and we need your help to make this happen!

Go to kegsteakhouse.com and vote for MMH's entry. You can vote once per day, every day, between May 16 and June 14. The more votes we receive the better our chances of winning.

- Send an email to all your email contacts. Ask them to vote for MMH's entry and to pass on this request to everyone they know.
- Post it on your Facebook page and ask all your Facebook friends to vote. Include a link to the website on your post so they can access the site with a simple click.
- Also, join our Facebook group, *Vote for Mike Mountain Horse for the Keg Grant Giveaway!!!*, to get a daily reminder to vote.
- Tweet about it.

With your help we could be \$25,000 closer to our new playground! Thank you!



BLAST School Year Program

Online Registration will be held from
June 1, 7am to June 2, 7pm for current
before/after children.

June 7th the remaining spots will be open to new registrations.

We still have a few spots available for the Summer Program!

Please go to our website

www.itsablastprogram.com

for more information and to register.





Oki, Tansi, Greetings!

June 2011

Now that winter is over, I hope we can see some more sun? As we gear down for the year and begin to have some fun, please take some time to read the following and consider the information when registering your children for the fall;

Is your child of First Nations, Metis or Inuit Heritage?

In 2004, after consulting with Aboriginal representatives, Alberta Education introduced the Aboriginal Learner Data Collection Initiative. It was introduced to identify First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students for the purpose of helping to improve education programs and achievement for FNMI learners. The information helps Alberta Education and our school district determine effectiveness of initiatives for FNMI students, target programs to address student needs, identify promising practices, and determine professional learning needs for teachers.

You will notice a section on your child's registration form that invites you to indicate if your child is of Aboriginal heritage. This question appears on all student registration forms in school jurisdictions across the province. The choice for an Aboriginal learner to provide this information is voluntary. As part of our on-going commitment to develop programming that reaches all students and to better serve the needs of our FNMI students, we ask that if your child is of First Nations (Status or Non-status), Métis, or Inuit heritage you check the appropriate box.

National Aboriginal Day - June 21st Activities

Every year our school district helps the schools celebrate a wonderful day and time of year June 21st! This day not only marks the first day of summer, but also is a time Canada celebrates National Aboriginal Day! All across Canada communities such as ours celebrates the rich and vibrant culture of Canada's First Nations, Metis and Inuit cultures by hosting different activities such as pow wow dancing and drumming, First Nations crafts, Historical information sharing and so forth!

Nicholas Sharan, Mike Mountain Horse, and Dr. Probe will host a **Mini Pow Wow** to take place on **Wednesday, June 22nd**(the day following National Aboriginal Day). The location will take place at the south end of lake at Nicholas Sharan Park, each school will arrive to the location by walking. The activities will begin at approximately at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:00 a.m. A detailed schedule will be available and posted at you school in the coming weeks. The information will also detail what is needed to prepare to attend such as sun block and water requirements.

EVERYONE is invited to attend! Parents, caregivers, family members, are all invited to come out and view the exciting dancing and performing. **Please note** that if the weather is not suitable this event will be cancelled and not rescheduled for the current year. Questions can be directed to your school or to me directly at 403-380-5316.

Have a great June, hope to see you at the Pow Wow!
Ira Provost

Student Transportation

Students that are eligible for transportation (living 2.4 km and beyond of their boundary school) will be placed on a bus route in August. The bus routes and times for the 2011-2012 school year will be available on the Lethbridge School District website www.lethsd.ab.ca in August or if you do not have access to a computer or if you have any questions please call Nellie Atchison, Transportation Coordinator at (403) 380-5303 or email Nellie.atchison@lethsd.ab.ca.

We do not anticipate any route changes for the coming year however the morning pickup times may be revised slightly. If you are planning to move over the summer or have moved please contact Nellie Atchison with your new address



MMH LIBRARY NEWS...

The school library will be closed as of Friday, June 10. All library books need to be back by that date so that Mrs. Renner can do inventory. Thank you!



School Council AGM – June 1st, 6:30 pm

Did you know that your School Council generates about \$10,000 each year through fundraising and that you can help determine how to use this money to directly benefit your kids?

We need your ideas!! Your chance to share them is at the School Council AGM on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

- The meeting will only be about 30 minutes long, so feel free to bring your kids.
- Be the first to learn about ordering School Supplies on-line.
- Get the most up to date information about the new playground.
- See what events are being planned for next year and help create new ones.

Please come out and get involved in making your child's school experience the best it can be.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

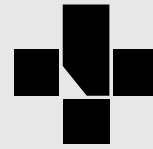
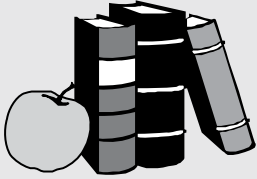
7:00am to 8:15am

All MMH families are invited to celebrate a great year and to thank you for your continued support.

Breakfast is free!

Come and enjoy pancakes, coffee and juice!





Wheel to Day! June 1, 2011

Bike to School Day has been changed to “Wheel to Day” starting in 2011. Active transportation of students promotes student health, benefits the environment and reduces traffic congestion in and around schools. Get your bike, scooter, roller blades, skateboard or whatever has wheels and wheel to school, work, a friend’s house, the library, the store or anywhere.

Get on your safety gear...

Plan your best route... And GET WHEELIN!

Tips and links for ideas and resources to help get you wheelin can be found at: www.shapeab.com

Insect Bites

At best, insect bites are annoying. At worst, they can be dangerous. Mosquitoes and biting flies can carry disease. There are several ways to avoid insect bites:

- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts outdoors
- Avoid places where mosquitoes breed and live, like standing water
- Stay inside when mosquitoes are most active: sunrise, sunset and early evening
- Use insect repellent containing DEET, a chemical which keeps flies and mosquitoes away

Always follow the instruction on the label of the insect repellent.

For more information: go to www.caringforkids.cps.ca/
And search for insect repellents

WATER SAFETY

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. To keep yourself safe around water:

Learn to swim

Buddy up – swim with a partner

Always swim in a safe place that has been designed for swimming

Never dive into a lake or river – under water tree stumps, rocks, or floating logs can cause injuries

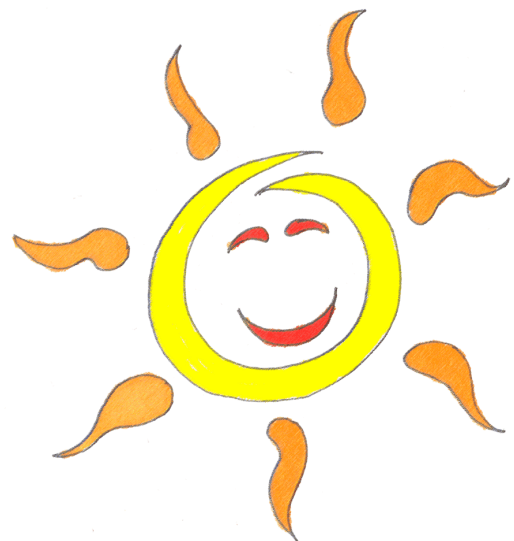
Do not push or jump on others

Reapply sunscreen frequently

Never leave your child unattended near water Visual contact is required constantly

For more information www.kidshealth.org

Have a Happy Healthy Summer



Garage Sale News

Mike Mountain Horse Parent Council, The Playground Committee, and Friends of Mike Mountain Horse Society would like to express sincere THANKS to all of the Students, Parents, and Staff who helped make the Garage Sale a tremendous success!!!!

You helped to raise over
\$8000.00
for our playground!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Parents, Thank you for the wonderful items you generously donated which brought in \$5500.00! Thank you also for the time and support you have given to this event. We had almost 80 parent volunteers for this event! That's amazing!

Staff, Thank you for helping to promote this event, and for the time and support you have given throughout. We appreciate all that you day to day for our children.

Students, Thank you for donating your toys, and other belongings to the sale, and thank you for attending the sale to work shifts and share in this special day.

Thank you to the Kinettes Club of Lethbridge, and the Lions Club of Lethbridge for their financial donations to cover the cost of the rental of the Exhibition Pavilion.

Thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations towards our Raffle, and Silent Auction Portion of the Garage Sale event.

ABBA Mini Storage & Storage 2 You	London Drugs
Top 5 Real Estate	Ricki's Clothing
Meerkerk Stone Work	Ashley Furniture Homestore
Bakers Appliances	Michaels
City of Lethbridge	Ramada Inn
New West Theater	Anna Banana
Astro Jump Chinook Country	United Furniture Warehouse
Party Central Party Supplies	The Cheesecake Café
Westwinds Gymnastics	Lethbridge Hurricanes Hockey Club
University of Lethbridge Recreation Department	Bert & Macs Source for Sports
Beaners Haircuts for Kids	Heritage Makers Stories & More
Classic Dance & Activewear	Canadian Tire
The Painted Cottage	Tolley Tire Center Ltd.
Lethbridge Soccer Association	Pasta Fresco
Sun Seekers	Home Hardware
The Oak Market	Crazy Cakes
Fire Stone Restaurant	Best Buy
Gas King	West Edmonton Mall
Another Pretty Face	Edible Elegance
Panda Flowers	KEG restaurant
Land o' Lakes Golf Club	AMEC Earth & Environmental'
Galaxy Bowling	Steeped Tea Inc.
Harold's Auto Service Ltd.	COUNTRY 95 & B-93 f.m
BOS SOD	Delta Calgary South Hotel
Calaway Park	Calgary Zoo
Sears	Chinook Mall
Rick's Grill	Lethbridge Country Club
	Jennifer Alexander Photography

THANK YOU