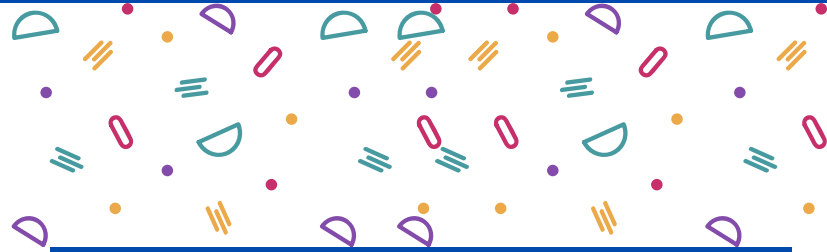


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A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year! It has been a wonderful start to the year, seeing all of the student's smiling faces and welcoming families into our building.

We are looking forward an amazing school year full of learning, laughter and experiences that students and families will remember!

Kerry Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES

September 12: Meet the Teacher 6:00pm
September 15: School Council AGM 7:00pm
September 21: Treaty 7 Day
September 23: Terry Fox Walk
September 29: Orange Shirt Day
September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School

Meet The Teacher

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! For the first time in a number of years, Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School will be hosting Meet the Teacher on Monday, September 12 at 6:00pm. Families of students from EEP to grade 5 are invited to join staff in the gym. This is a great opportunity to see all of the amazing teachers who work so hard to support your children each and every day. Following our brief large group meeting, families will be invited to take a walk through the school and visit their children's classrooms for an informal open house. We plan to keep the evening fairly short as we know how busy families are! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

School Council Annual General Meeting

September 15 - 7:00pm

Our Annual General Meeting will occur on September 15 at 7:00pm. This meeting is open to all families who have children attending Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School. This is a wonderful way for families to get involved in the school and meet other families. We hope you will join us in the Learning Commons and join our amazing School Council!



Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. With this in mind September 30 will be a non-operational day for Lethbridge School Division.

Terry Fox Walk/Toonies for Terry

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary school is excited to be participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk on **September 23, 2022**. Students in grades 1-5 will wear their yellow MMH T-shirts and join the three other westside elementary schools in walking around Nicholas Sheran Lake. Please watch for more information.

We will be collecting Toonies For Terry beginning September 12 with all donations raised being donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.



Seven Sacred Teachings

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School will be recognizing students through the Seven Sacred Teachings : Respect, Courage, Honesty, Love, Humility, Wisdom, and Truth. Families of students receiving recognition will be notified in advance by classroom teachers, and all families are invited to attend the monthly assemblies.

Reminders for Families

As we return to to a new school year, we would like to take a minute to remind families of the following:

- School starts at 8:35am. Please try to have students to school on time each day so they don't miss valuable learning opportunities.
- As the weather begins to cool off, please make sure students are dressed for the weather. All students go outside for up to 40 minutes each day. The only time we have indoor recess is if temperatures drop to -20 degrees Celsius.
- If morning temperatures are -20 or below, at 8:30am, students will be allowed to enter the building as they arrive.
- Please keep your child home if they show any symptoms of illness or express they are not feeling well. Students who come to school with symptoms of illness will be sent home.



Thank you families for trusting us and sending your children to school each and every day. We can't wait to meet each of our families and build strong community relationships to support families, students and teachers. If you ever have questions about your child's learning, their classroom teacher is your very best resource! Teaching staff is available via email to support families. Please check your child's agenda each evening as this is where you can find most information about exciting events in the school.

Our office is open daily to offer families additional support. Please ring the bell and someone will invite you to check in at the office. Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to an amazing school year!

Alberta Education Update

In Alberta, Curriculum or Programs of Study are determined by Alberta Education. It identifies what students are expected to learn and do in all subjects from Kindergarten to Grade 12. You can find the new **K–6 Curriculum** and the current **Gr. 7–12 Programs of Study** on the Alberta Education website.

Lethbridge School Division does not decide what is taught in our schools. However, our teachers decide how the curriculum is taught in their classrooms.

New K-6 Curriculum Development & Implementation

Alberta Education released its **new K-6 curriculum** in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness on April 13, 2022.

English Language Arts and Literature (K–3), Mathematics (K–3), and Physical Education and Wellness (K–6) will be used in classrooms across Alberta beginning in the fall of 2022. Additional curriculum will be implemented and/or piloted in 2022/2023.

Alberta Education has shared new curriculum resources for parents and school boards, as well as an **implementation plan**, on their new digital resource, [LearnAlberta](#).

Questions?

A Frequently Asked Questions document has been developed to provide more information for Division families.

The FAQs can be found here: [FAQs](#)