

SEPTEMBER 2023



A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The first days of school are filled with so much excitement, for families and teachers. It has been a wonderful start to the year, seeing all of the student's smiling faces and welcoming families into our building. Students were ready to jump right back into learning!

We are looking forward an amazing school year full of learning, laughter and experiences that students and families will remember! Please remember our amazing office staff are available to support you, so don't hesitate to call, 403-381-2211 or pop in if you require any assistance. We can't wait to meet you.

Kerry Taylor, Principal

Meet The Teacher

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School will be hosting Meet the Teacher on Monday, September 11 at 6:00pm. Families of students from EEP to grade 5 are invited to join staff in the gym for a brief introduction. 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 wrap up the evening by 7:15pm, 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

**Tuesday, September 12 -
6:30pm**

Our Annual General Meeting will occur on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30pm. 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. As September 30 falls on a Saturday, MMH will recognize and celebrate Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29.

Lethbridge Schools Run for Reconciliation



Inspired by Terry Fox and Napi's Run

Lethbridge Schools Run for Reconciliation.

The longest distance from the East to the West of Canada is 5,514 km. Can Lethbridge Schools run across Canada together to support Terry Fox and Reconciliation?

From September 18-29

- Count your individual class or school km's on the provided tracking sheet
- Send your week 1 KM totals on September 22nd to your Run for Reconciliation Rep
- Send your week 2 KM totals on September 29th to your Run for Reconciliation Rep
- Run for Reconciliations Reps
 - Lethbrige School Division- melanie.morrow@lethsd.ab.ca
 - Palliser School Division- kylie.fineday@pallisersd.ab.ca
 - Holy Spirit Catholic School Division- kirkvolds@holyspirit.ab.ca



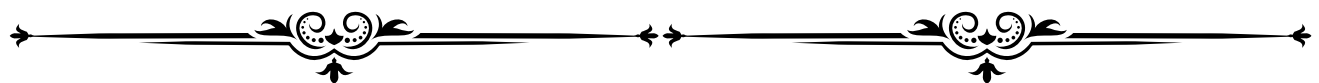
#DEAR TERRY



Terry Fox Walk/Toonies for Terry

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary school is excited to be participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk on **September 22, 2023**. Students in grades 1-5 will don 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 11 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 a minimum of 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. Teacher office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm. If you are picking children up early, please call the office as teachers may not have time to check email or DOJO during the teaching day.

Our office is open daily from 8:00am-4:15pm 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!

Upcoming Events

September 7: Regular School Day for all grade 1 -5 students

Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students last name
begins with letters K - Z

September 8: Welcome Back Assembly 9:00am - Gym

Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten students last
name with letters A - J

September 11: Meet The Teacher 6:00 - 7:15pm - Gym

September 12: School Council AGM 6:30pm - Learning Commons

September 13: School Fire Drill Practice 11:45am

September 18-29: Run for Reconciliation

September 22: Treaty 7 Day

Terry Fox Run

September 26: School Fire Drill Practice 2:30pm

September 29: Orange Shirt Day

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 2: Division School Council

October 5: Indigenous Family Bingo Night - MMH Gym

October 9: Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

