

OCTOBER 2023

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A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that September has come and gone. It feels like we just started school yesterday. Staff and students have spent the past month building connections, learning and practicing routines and expectations and getting to know one another.

Students enjoyed a number of engaging activities in September including our Welcome Back Assembly, the westside elementary schools Terry Fox walk, the first Reconciliation Run and Orange Shirt Day. Please check the upcoming events page to see the exciting events we have planned for October!

Kerry Taylor, Principal

Upcoming Events

October 5: Indigenous Family Bingo Night - MMH Gym

October 5: Deadline to Order Hot Lunch

October 9: Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

October 17 & 18: Subway Hot Lunch

October 19: RESPECT Assembly 9:10am - MMH Gym

October 24: Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews -

NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY

October 25: School Based Professional Learning - AM

Kindergarten-Grade 5 Parent Teacher Interviews -

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

October 26: School Based Professional Learning -

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

October 27: Professional Learning - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

October 31: Halloween Dance-A-Thon & Halloween Celebrations

November 7: School Council Meeting 6:30 - MMH Art Room

November 9: Remembrance Day Assembly - MMH Gym

November 10: No School for Students

November 13: Divisional Professional Learning NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



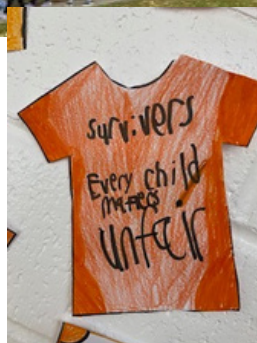
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten students will take place on Tuesday, October 24 from 8:35 - 3:45 and Wednesday, October 25 from 1:00pm - 8:00pm. There will be NO SCHOOL for kindergarten students on these days. Students in grade 1- 5 will attend regular classes on October 24.

Parent Teacher Interviews for Students in Grade 1 - 5 will take place on Wednesday, October 25 from 1:00pm - 8:00pm. Parent Teacher conferences can be held either in person or through TEAMS this year. Please indicate your preference when booking your time. Conference bookings will open on Tuesday, October 10 and can be accessed on the school website. Please call the office for any assistance booking your interview

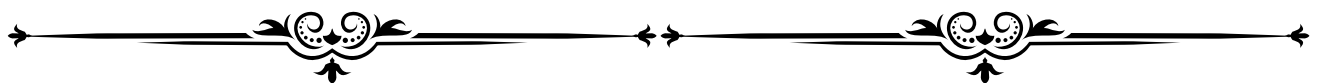
Orange Shirt Day

MMH students recognized Orange Shirt Day and The National Day For Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 29. Students participated in a number of activities in class to learn about the impacts of residential schools. Students also participated in the school division Run for Reconciliation, walking a 1.5 km walk with our school community. Students learned about Napi's Run and the community members who ran 5514km across Canada.



Terry Fox Walk/Toonies for Terry

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Toonies for Terry collection. Our MMH community raised almost \$1000.00 to donate to further Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. Well done! Students once again participated in our Westside Elementary Schools Terry Fox Walk around Nicholas Sheran Lake, along with the three other westside elementary schools.



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. Our First Recognition Assembly will be on October 19 at 9:10am in the gym.



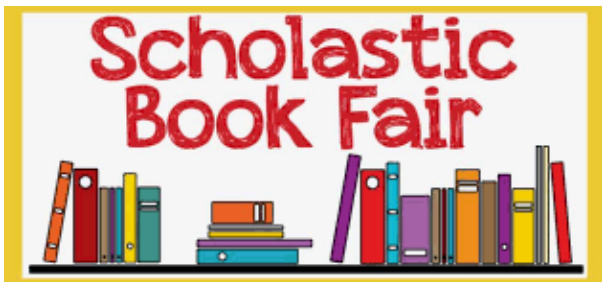


Lost and Found



As we begin October, we would like to take the time to remind all families that our Lost and Found will be collected and donated on Friday, October 13th. Please feel free to come to the school and look through the lost and found for any of your child's missing articles. Staff will also have students check the lost and found during the school day. At the end of the day on Friday, October 13, any remaining unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to MyCityCare, a local charity serving families in Lethbridge with no cost clothing. We will send this message home each month, reminding families to check for lost items. Lost and Found clothing will be donated at the end of each month this year.

To support students identifying their items, we ask that families label easily misplaced items (mitts/gloves, hats, water bottles, shoes and hoodies). Ordering labels from Mable's Labels to support our fundraiser is a quick and easy solution, but a sharpie works too!



Mark your Calendar! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MMH!

Our book fair will be taking place **IN PERSON** from **October 23 - 30!** The book fair will be set up in the Learning Commons.

Please watch for more information!

Picture Retakes

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Lifetouch Photography will be returning to MMH on Wednesday, November 1 to offer retakes to any students in our school.



MMH FALL FUNDRAISER

October 31st is going to be a SPOOKTACULAR day at MMH! We will be hosting our @nd annual Halloween Dance -A-Thon! Students are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes to celebrate the day!

Students are asked to collect donations which will be used to purchase flipForm risers for the school!

All donations can be submitted through the [Donate link](#) on our website or sent back to school in the pledge envelope. Donations **MUST** be returned by October 31st. The 3 classes with the highest participation rate will earn a pizza party from Little Caesars pizza.

Keep your eyes open for the upcoming dance schedule and plan to join your children in the gym! For a small donation at the door, families are invited to join their children throughout the day to dance and celebrate! We are so excited and can't wait to see your moves!

