

DECEMBER 2023

A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello MMH families!
As December begins we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Winter Gala event on December 13. We hope everyone stays well throughout the holidays and enjoys a restful and relaxing time with family and friends. Happy Holidays!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 8: Tinsel Time Dress Sparkly!
December 13: Winter Gala 5:30 - 7:00
December 14: Sock It To 'Em ends
December 15: Ugly Sweater/Socks Day
December 19: Hot Lunch Grades 1 & 2
Choir/Handbells to Hospital
December 20: Hot Lunch Grades 3, 4 & 5
Grade 4 Swimming
December 21: Grade 5 Swimming
December 22: Pajama Day
Last Day Before Break
January 8: School Resumes

Winter Gala

The staff at Mike Mountain Horse are excited to invite you to join us on the evening of December 13, 2023 for a family Winter Gala event. Students are invited to come to the school with their families to enjoy a variety of activities organized by teaching teams. Families are welcome to come and go as best works for their family, anytime between 5:30 and 7:00pm. Families are invited to participate in as many of the planned activities as they have time to enjoy. Please note this is a family event and we ask that all students come with an adult family member! And for an extra special treat, the Mike Mountain Horse School Council has generously donated hot chocolate and candy canes to be served throughout the evening! We can't wait to see you!



School Wide Caroling

December 18th - 9:00am

December 19th - 1:00pm

December 20th - 9:00am

December 21st - 1:00pm

December 22nd - 9:00am

All classes will meet in the gymnasium for 15 - 20 minutes of caroling as a school community.

Seven Sacred Teachings

Our Sacred Teaching for January will be focused on HONESTY. Students who demonstrate the characteristics of honesty will be recognized at our next Spirit Assembly on January 25 at 9:00am.

Sock It To 'Em

Caretakers, Maintenance, and Support Staff of Lethbridge



and area schools are still collecting socks to be donated to local charities and those less fortunate until December 14. If you are able to donate a pair of new, unworn socks help us make someone's winter a little warmer this year!

Lost and Found

As we move into December, we would like to take the time to remind all families that our Lost and Found will be collected and donated on Friday, December 15th. 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, December 15, any remaining unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to MyCityCare, a local charity serving families in Lethbridge with no cost clothing. To support students identifying there 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!

MMH is Caring and Sharing

As is tradition, our school will be participating in a school wide service project throughout the holiday season, supporting Angel Tree. We are encouraging any families of MMH who are able to consider donating to those who are less fortunate in our school and around our community. We will be collecting both unwrapped Christmas gifts and gift cards for families in need until Friday, December 15th . Gifts will be donated to the Angel Tree project. Donations can be sent to school with your child at any time and submitted to their classroom teacher or to Mrs. Baker.

Friends of MMH School Society

The Friends of Mike Mountain Horse School Society is please to announce that we will be the charitable organization hosting the The Lethbridge Casino on February 10 and 11, 2024. This is a major fundraiser for the school, but requires a number of volunteers for a variety of shifts throughout the weekend. If you are interested in donating your time to support this incredible fundraiser, please [email friendsofmmh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmmh@gmail.com)

Author Visit

On December 5, students in grade 3, 4, and 5 spent an engaging hour with Sigmund Brouwer, an Alberta author who has published over 100 books! Mr. Brouwer, a resident of Red Deer, spent an hour engaging students in the importance of and the joy that comes with writing. Students learned that writing literally allows them to take control of their teachers' thoughts. (Who wouldn't want to do that!) And they learned that delivering great content with their writing— fiction or non-fiction — is the perfect opportunity to mess with their teachers' feelings. (Again, who wouldn't want to do that!)



**MIKE MOUNTAIN HORSE ELEMENTARY WILL BE CLOSED
FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK: DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 8.
CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023.**