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A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School



Students in grades 3, 4, 5 enjoy a presentation from Alberta author Sigmund Brouwer. Brouwer is the best selling author of nearly 30 novels including the Timberwolf series and the Justine McKeen series.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024! I hope everyone had an enjoyable, restful winter break. Believe it or not, January has always been one of my favorite months. The holiday magic seems to carry on with students returning to school prepared to face new learning and challenges. Please continue to check the school website for the most up to date information! Welcome back!!

Kerry Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES

January 25: Spirit Assembly - HONESTY

January 30: Grade 1-2 Hot Lunch

January 31: Grade 3-5 Hot Lunch

February 2: School PL Day - No School
For Students

February 10 & 11: MMH Casino
Fundraiser

February 14: Valentine's Celebrations
Donut Day!

February 15: Pink Shirt Day

February 19 - 23: No School for Students

February 22&23: Teachers' Convention

February 29: Spirit Assembly - LOVE

Winter Gala

December 13 was an incredibly exciting evening as we returned to hosting our Winter Gala! Families were invited to the school to enjoy face painting, Christmas stories, games and even a visit from Santa! We served over 500 cups of hot chocolate. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and community members in our school, supporting our students! Thank you to our amazing school council for supplying the hot chocolate and candy canes and thank you all for attending!



Kindergarten Registration

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary school will begin accepting Kindergarten registrations at 8:00am on January 22, 2024. Students **MUST** be five years old as of December 31, 2024. Registrations can be completed online. We will not accept any registrations prior to January 22 at 8:00am. We will not be accepting any new kindergarten registrations for Out-of-Boundary students.



Lost and Found

If you have noticed your child is missing clothing, boots etc., please remind your child to stop by the lost and found table in the EEP hall. Items not claimed by the end of the month will be collected and donated to those in need.

University of Lethbridge Intern Teachers

We would like to welcome to Hana Bissett, Vivian Ou, and Abbigail Salter to our Mike Mountain Horse staff. Hana, Vivian and Abbigail are University of Lethbridge teaching interns and will be teaching and learning in our school for the next four months. We are so lucky to be able to support the growth and development of our future teachers through a partnership with the University of Lethbridge.

Abbigail will be joining Mrs. Lowe's grade one class, Vivian will be joining Mrs. Lacanilao's grade one class and Hana will be joining Mrs. Seaman's grade 4 class. If you see them in the hall please say hello!



Ms. Bissett



Ms. Ou



Ms. Salter

MMH School Council Society Fundraising Casino

The Friends of Mike Mountain Horse School Council Society are excited to announce that we have received the dates for our Casino fundraiser. This fundraiser is an incredible opportunity and is a major fundraiser with no expectation from families to support financially. Our casino will take place February 10 and 11. We do require a number of volunteers to support this fundraiser. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please email friendsofmmh@gmail.com for more information.

One School, One Book

MMH is very excited to announce that our school will be participating in One School, One Book in the spring! With One School, One Book, our school committee will select a book and each family in our school will receive a copy to read at home as a family. At school, students will have opportunities to celebrate and explore the novel with their classmates. Given the size of our school, purchasing books for each family in our school is quite an expense and so we are seeking donations for book purchases. If you are interested or know of individuals or businesses who may be interested in making a donation to the school to support the purchase of books, please email kerry.taylor@lethsd.ab.ca

Seven Sacred Teachings

Our Sacred Teaching for November focused on COURAGE. Congratulations to all of our students who were recognized for demonstrating Courage. This month our teaching will focus on HONESTY and our celebration assembly will take place on Thursday, January 25 at 9:00am in the gym. All families are welcome to join us.



Reminders for Families

As we return to school after the holiday break, 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 cools 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, students will be allowed to enter the building as they arrive. Please DO NOT come to school before 8:25am.
- 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.