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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 February! A short, sweet month full of love and kindness. This month, we will be celebrating Lunar New Year, Valentines Day, Pink Shirt Day, the 100th day of School, Family Day and Black History Month While we will all enjoy a few days of rest and recharging, school staff is excited to attend Teachers' Convention, two days of professional learning to better support our students. Enjoy the family week break!

Kerry Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES

February 10&11: MMH Casino Fundraiser

February 14: Valentine's Day

Donut Day

February 15: Pink Shirt Day



Gr. 1-2 100th Day of School

February 16: Grade 4 Board Game Cafe

February 19: Family Day - No School

February 20-23: No School for students

February 22-23: Teachers' Convention

February 26: School Resumes

February 29: Spirit Assembly - LOVE

March 8: Report Cards

Donut Day Fundraiser



The Friends of Mike Mountain Horse Society is excited to once again offer Donut Day! Thank you to everyone who has purchased Texas sized donuts for their children and families. Donuts will be delivered to the school on February 14th. Classroom teachers will make decisions on whether students are able to enjoy their donut at school or if they would like students to take them home to enjoy! Thank you to Bootsma Bakery for once again supporting MMH!

Kindergarten Registration

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary school continues to accept Kindergarten registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Students MUST be five years old as of December 31, 2024. Registrations must be completed online. MMH will offer full day Monday/Wednesday, scheduled Fridays or full day Tuesday/Thursday, scheduled Fridays kindergarten programs. Please contact the school office should you require support.



Pink Shirt Day

On February 15, students and staff across the division will be donning pink shirts to recognize Pink Shirt Day, a national event dedicated to raising awareness about bullying. Pink Shirt day is recognized nationally on February 28. Pink Shirt Day started in 2007, by two students who organized a high school protest in support of a fellow student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. It is now a nationally recognized day, with children and adults across the country wearing pink to show they stand up to bullying.



Seven Sacred Teachings



Our Sacred Teaching for January focused on HONESTY. Congratulations to our students who were recognized for demonstrating Honesty. This month our teaching will focus on LOVE. Students are recognized at our school-wide Spirit assemblies and on our digital review on the TV in the front foyer. Our LOVE assembly will be held in the school gym on Thursday, February 29 at 9:00am. All are welcome!

MMH School Council & Friends of MMH Society

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30pm, in the school art room. Everyone is welcome to join! This is a fantastic opportunity to find out about all the exciting things happening in the school as well as an opportunity to have a voice in the different fundraisers and activities that directly impact the children in our school. We hope to see you there!

MMH Grade Four Students to Host a Board Game Cafe

Students in grade four have spent the last month learning about board games. Students explored and played a variety of types of games in preparation for designing their own game. Through this highly engaging project, students have engaged in reading and writing activities as they write instructions for their games and read and test the instructions of others. This exciting project will culminate on February 16th with the Grade 4 Board Game Cafe. Families are invited to join students in the gym from 10:30am- 11:15am to play a few new and amazing games! We hope you are able to pop in and play a few games with our very excited grade 4 students!





Valentine's Day Celebrations

As with Halloween and other fun days, we are supportive of having students deliver Valentine's to their classmates and know this is an exciting day for children.

Festivities will take place on Tuesday, February 14th within classrooms and students are welcome to deliver valentines to their classmates. Every classroom teacher makes decisions about how the day is celebrated so please note children may experience differences during the day, depending on the grade level of needs of the children in the class.. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you have any questions about Valentines day.

One School, One Book Returns to MMH

We are excited to announce that Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School will be participating in One School, One Book in April. As a school, we will choose a book to engage our school community in a shared reading experience. Each family in our school will be gifted a copy of the chosen book to read at home, along with every other family in our school. At school, students will celebrate and explore fun and exciting activities throughout the month. This amazing opportunity reinforces the joy of reading, bridges home-school connections and builds a true community of readers.

The book selection committee is hard at work reading a number of titles to ensure we choose a book that will meet the interests of all students, Kindergarten to Grade 5 and will reveal our selection to students and community on April 9 at a school wide assembly. On this day, the oldest student in the family will receive the family copy of the book to bring home. Reading guides and a calendar of events will also be shared on that day.

Fundraising Assembly

A huge thank you to our Friends of Mike Mountain School Council Society for organizing our wild and very crazy fundraising assembly! On February 6, students gathered in the gym for what may have been the best assembly of the school year! Mrs. Taylor, Miss Wehrwein and Mr. Jesse were well prepared for the barrage that was to take place ... carefully dressed in black garbage bags and seated on plastic chairs. Ms. Kaira Cale announced the top fundraisers from our fall Dance-a-thon and invited them to the front to throw a whip cream filled plate at the staff member of their choosing! Keenan St Jean was the top fundraiser, earning just over \$500.00 and accepted the opportunity to pie Mrs. Taylor. Thomas Figueroa, Mila St. Amand and Rylan Nicholson were in the top five fundraisers. The 3 classes with the highest participation rate, Mrs. Morris, Miss Liddle and Mr. Page, also participated in class pizza parties that day.

THANK YOU to all of our families and friends for the incredible support of our Halloween dance-a-thon which raised just over \$10,000.00 dollars for our school. We can't thank you enough for your continued support.

