

JANUARY 2025

A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2025! How the school year is flying by! I hope everyone had an enjoyable, restful winter break full of fun, family and making memories. Believe it or not, January has always been one of my favorite months. The holiday magic seems to carry on with students and January often becomes a month of deep learning and tremendous growth for students. Regular classes resume on January 6th, with a comfy first day back wearing our pajamas. Grade 5 basketball will begin in January, our Honesty Spirit assembly will take place and we will have a teacher professional learning day on January 31st. Please continue to dress students for cold weather as we will continue to spend time outside as long the temperature is above -20. Please continue to check the school website, your email and teacher communication for the most up to date information! Welcome back!!

Kerry Taylor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT 2025-2026 New and Returning Student Registration Dates

As we move toward the opening of West Coulee Station Elementary School it is important for families to register early to provide the school division with information on upcoming enrollment in each of the 5 Westside Elementary schools. This information is vital in order to proceed with ensuring that all schools have an appropriate number of staff to support the greatest success for all students in each of the five schools.

Knowing that enrollment numbers at MMH will be impacted, Mike Mountain Horse Elementary school will begin accepting new and returning Kindergarten - Grade 5 student registrations at 9:00am on January 20, 2025. If you are registering your child for kindergarten, they *MUST* be five years old as of December 31, 2025. Registrations must be completed online. We will not accept any registrations for returning students or new kindergarten students prior to January 20 at 9:00am.

Please also note, as approved by the Lethbridge School Division School Board, any children who are currently in grade 4 (entering grade 5 for the 2025-2026 school year) who would like to complete their elementary school years at MMH have the ability to register in our school. Siblings of students making this choice also have the option of completing the 2025-2026 school year at Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School. Should you have any questions about registration for the upcoming year, please contact the MMH school office or email me directly, kerry.taylor@lethsd.ab.ca

Upcoming Events

January 6: School Resumes

Pajama Day

January 9: Ribbon Skirt and Ribbon Shirt Day

School Council Meeting 6:30pm in Art Room

January 7: Grade 5 Baking Day

January 14: Mrs. Palmer & Ms. Petkau Classes to Helen Schuler Coulee Centre

January 15: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Speelman classes to Helen
Schuler Coulee Centre

January 20: Kindergarten to Grade 5 Student Registration Opens

January 23: HONESTY Spirit Assembly 9:00am in the gym

January 28: Tu/Th Kindergarten, Grs. 1, 2, 3 Hot Lunch

January 29 : M/W Kindergarten, Grs. 4 &5 Hot Lunch

January 30: No school for EEP students only

January 31: PL Day - No School for Students

February 4: Town Hall

February 6: **Tentative School Council Mtg. 6:30 pm art room*

February 7: Grade 5 Voyageur Day



Winter Gala

December 11 was an incredibly exciting evening as we hosted our second annual Winter Gala! Families were invited to the school to enjoy face painting, Christmas stories, games and even a visit from Santa! We served over 600 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!

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 around the corner from the office. Items not claimed by the end of the month will be collected and donated to those in need. Families are always welcome to pop and have a look for any of their children's missing items.

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 23 at 9:00am in the gym. All families are welcome to join us.



LEARNING COMMONS CORNER

December was a fun-filled month in the learning common! Students experienced the joy of a winter wonderland complete with a HUGE gingerbread house, Life sized Grinch characters and a season of giving. Students in multiple grades created cards for senior citizens in care facilities to brighten the holiday season. Thank you Mrs. McAulay for delivering the cards. We are still seeking clean, washed 4 litre milk jugs for a building project. If you have any, please send them with your child!

University of Lethbridge Intern Teachers

We would like to welcome Calyn Ross, Erica Andrews, Tierra Roblin and Tricia Anvik to our Mike Mountain Horse staff. Calyn, Erica, Tierra and Tricia 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.

Ms. Ross will be joining Mrs. Fahey's grade four class, Ms. Andrews will be joining Mrs. Fisher's grade one class, Ms. Anvik will be joining Mrs. Lacanilao's grade one class and Ms. Roblin will be joining Mrs. Lowe's grade one class. If you see them in the hall please say hello!

Ms. Ross



Ms. Andrews



Ms. Anvik



Ms. Roblin



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 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, 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.

Bussing Reminders

“Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right”



Students' Responsibilities - MUST

- Adhere to Drivers' instructions or directions
- Remain seated at all times (while bus is stopped or in motion)
- Be responsible for personal property (backpacks, books, clothing, etc.)

Students' Responsibilities - MUST NOT

- Throw objects inside or outside of the bus windows
- Have any body part or object extend out of the bus windows
- Display disruptive behaviour (yell, scream, bully, push, spit, fight, hit, use profane gestures or language.) Use cell phones, cameras or recording devices while on board the bus.

Please see [Student Transportation Handbook](#) for more information.