



A MMH MINUTE

The monthly newsletter for Mike Mountain Horse
Elementary School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ok! and welcome to the 2025-2026 school year and to our Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School Community! For those who are new to our school community, I'd like to introduce our amazing office staff: our Vice Principal, Ms. Lindsay Wehrwein; our Admin Assistant, Mrs. Alysse Stacey, our Admin Support Mrs. Crystal Ferguson and myself, Mrs. Kerry Taylor.

Our talented staff have been preparing for the first days of school with care and attention. We have amazing teachers, support staff, educational assistants and caretakers. With the opening of West Coulee Station Elementary School, we are seeing a much smaller school community! While most faces will be familiar to you, some will be new. If you are in the building, please take a minute to introduce yourself to our staff so we begin building the connections and relationships that are so important for student success. If you have any questions, concerns, or amazing ideas, please reach out to our staff.

I know that I can speak on behalf of our entire staff when I say: Welcome. Whether you are returning for a final year or this is your first day with our school, you belong here. All are welcome, and we look forward an amazing school year full of learning, laughter and experiences that students and families will remember!

Please know our entire staff is available to support you and your students. Our amazing office staff are always available, so don't hesitate to call, 403-381-2211 or pop in if you require any assistance. We can't wait to meet you.

Meet The Teacher

Thank you to all of our families who joined us on August 27th for Meet The Teacher.

This was the first time we have had students and families to come to the school BEFORE the school year begins. It provided students and families with the opportunity to meet their classroom teacher and see the classroom before the first day. We know that for many children, the first day of school comes with worries and concerns. The hope with having our Meet The Teacher before the first day, we would support families in soothing these worries and make the first few days of school better for all. As a wonderful addition to our Meet The Teacher Night, Kona Ice once again parked in front of the school selling delicious, cool treats and donating a percentage of all sales to the school!

School Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, September 9 - 6:30pm

We are in need of parents to join the MMH School Council and School Council Society. School Council offers an opportunity for parents to get involved in your child's education by volunteering in a variety of ways when you are able. Council representatives will be voted in and meeting dates and times will be determined at the first meeting. This meeting is open to all families who have children attending Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School. **We hope you will join us in the ART ROOM and be a part of our amazing School Council!**



Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. MMH will recognize and commemorate Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 29. **There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday, September 30th.**

Terry Fox Walk/Toonies for Terry

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary school is excited to be participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**. Students in grades 1-5 will don their yellow MMH T-shirts and join three other westside elementary schools in walking around Nicholas Sheran Lake. Please watch for more information.

We will also be collecting Toonies For Terry beginning September 8th, with all donations raised being donated to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. You can also donate online at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/MikeMountainHorse>
and designate MMH as your school of choice to donate.



Upcoming Events

September 4: Regular School Day for all grade 1 -5 students

Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students last name
begins with letters J-Z

September 6: Welcome Back Assembly 9:00am - Gym

Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten students last
name with letters J-Z

September 9: School Council AGM 6:30pm - Art Room

September 10: School Fire Drill Practice

September 18: School Fire Drill Practice

September 22: Buffalo Treaty Day

September 23: Terry Fox Westside School Community Walk

September 23: Hot Lunch M/W Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2

September 24: School Picture Day

September 24: Hot Lunch T/Th Kindergarten, Grade 3, 4 & 5

September 29: Orange Shirt Day

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation -

NO SCHOOL

October 2: Indigenous Family Bingo Night - Location TBD

October 8: School Fire Drill

October 13: Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL



Seven Sacred Teachings



Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School will continue to recognize 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 Spirit Assembly will take place on **Wednesday, October 29 at 9:00am in the gym.**

Reminders for Families

As we return to to a new school year, we would like to take a minute to remind families of the following:

- When dropping students off in the north lot, please remember that the drop off lane is **NOT FOR PARKING**. If you would like to walk your child to their door, please park in one of the parking stalls.
- There is **NO PARKING or DROP OFF** in front of the school - this is a bus lane. We have multiple busses stopping at various times in the morning. Please keep the front of the school free from all stopped traffic.
- Please do not send students to school before 8:20. There is **NO ADULT SUPERVISION BEFORE 8:20am**.
- Our warning bell rings at 8:30am - students are expected to be lined up and ready to enter the building.
- School starts at 8:35am. Please try to have students to school on time each day so they don't miss valuable learning opportunities.
- If students are late, please come to the front door and check in at the office.
- As the weather begins to cool 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.
- 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.

School Picture Day



SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

We have a new school phot provider! Mountain West Studios will coming to MMH on Wednesday, September 24 to offer school pictures to all students in our school. This is an optional service offered to all families. Kindergarten families who attend school on Tuesday/Thursday are welcome to come to the school at a convenient time for school pictures or can wait for our retake day which will take place on Wednesday, October 28th.



Thank you families for trusting us and sending your children to school each and every day. We can't wait to meet each of our families and build strong community relationships to support families, students and teachers. If you ever have questions about your child's learning, their classroom teacher is your very best resource! Teaching staff is available via email to support families. Please check your child's agenda each evening as this is where you can find most information about exciting events in the school. Teacher office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm. If you are picking children up early, please call the office as teachers may not have time to check email or DOJO during the teaching day. Our office is open daily from 8:00am-4:15pm to offer families additional support. Please ring the bell and someone will invite you to check in at the office. Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to an amazing school year!

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Volleyball

COACH ARD

Cubs to Kodiaks

"Intro to Volleyball"

9U (Grades 1-3) & 12U (Grades 4-6)

Starting October 1st

REGISTER TODAY AT STARSVBALL.CA