



# MM WEEKLY PARENT PLANNER

WEEK OF JAN 13-17



MONDAY	<b>A Great Day Of Learning</b>
TUESDAY	Glee Club 12:05-12:35pm <b>RRIG - 1st girls Tryout 7:30-8:30am</b>
WEDNESDAY	Safe Spaces Club - Picinc & Games inthe gym 12:05 Jr. Choir -music room 12:05-12:35 <b>RRIG - Boys Tryouts 7:30-8:30am</b> Gr. 3's & 3/4C - Field Trip Telus World of Science 9-3
THURSDAY	<b>HOT LUNCH -PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA</b> Glee Club 12:05-12:35pm <b>RRIG - 2nd Girls Tryout 7:30-8:30am</b>
FRIDAY	Honour Band Practice 12:05-12:35 <b>RRIG - 2nd Boys Tryout 7:30-8:30am</b> KLF - Field Trip to Musee Heritage 9:10-11:25am KWF - Field Trip Musee Heritage 12:50-2:45pm

## Looking Ahead

Jan 31 - PD Day & Report Cards  
Released at 4pm

## Contact Info



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780-458-0205

## MM School Office Notices:

School Fees are now due, please log into your powerschool parent portal to see your balance owing and to pay online. The office will accept cash and cheques.

Please sign the MM Deer Ridge Waiver online, this is for students to walk around the neighborhood with their teacher/class. This is found under the fee section.

Please click on the link below to get into powerschool

[Powerschool Parent Portal Log in](#)

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open!

Click on the link to register:

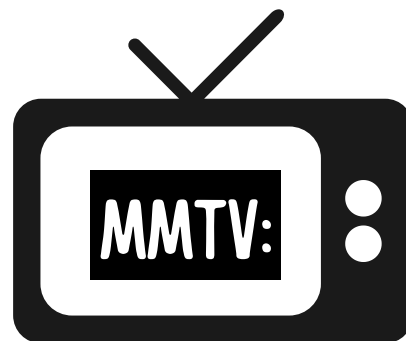
<https://murielmartin.spschools.org/information/registration>

Kindergarten Fair Jan 11 @ Paul Kane High School, doors open at 9:30am

Kindergarten Information Evening @ Muriel Martin Jan 30 6-8pm

## Waste free Lunches

The office will no longer be providing plastic cups or cutlery for students to use. Please make sure your student has packed a water bottle and the necessary utensils for their lunch.



Welcome to another year of MMTV! You can catch our weekly news on Mondays by subscribing to our [Muriel Martin TV Youtube](#) channel. Our news is hosted by our talented grade 6 students and produced by Mr. Grice.

# MM Musical Moments



Music Moments: January 10th, 2025

In addition to beginning the soprano recorder, our grade four students are getting ready to embark on an exciting journey around the world through music, games, and culture! They'll explore songs, stick games, and hand-clapping games from various cultures, discovering the fascinating differences and similarities between traditions from around the globe and those we know and enjoy here in the West.

We warmly invite families in our school community who identify with or have roots in another cultural background to share something special with our students. Whether it's a song, game, or tradition, your time and teaching would be a treasured addition to our learning adventure. If you're interested, please feel free to reach out to me at [caroline.crispin@spschools.org](mailto:caroline.crispin@spschools.org)

Thank you.

Honour band begins its regular scheduled lunch practices starting this Friday, January 10th. Please ensure students have their instrument at school if it is not their regularly scheduled music day.

District Choir will begin practicing every other Friday starting on Friday, January 17th, 2025 with Mrs. Grant. Junior choir has also begun their regularly scheduled practices this week. Look for permission slips to be coming home soon.

Our Glee students and Grade 6 band are putting the final touches on their music and are excited to present to everyone on Thursday, January 23rd at 7pm in the Muriel Martin gym. Students will need to be at the school for 6:20. Band students will need to meet Mme Crispin in the library and Glee Club students will need to meet Mme Laura in room 118 for a quick practice prior the concert. Concert will begin at 7pm sharp - NO TICKETS required. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you all for your ongoing support in the music department,

Mme Crispin and Mrs. Grant

## Muriel Martin Running Room Relays

Tryout Schedule – January, 2025

Students **MUST BE** at school by 7:40 and **READY FOR**

**THEIR TRYOUT** by 7:50 am.

Your son/daughter has expressed interest in trying out for the Muriel Martin **RUNNING ROOM** Games Relay Team. The **RUNNING ROOM** Games Event is a relay competition between many schools in the Edmonton area. Due to student interest, we require all potential runners to try out as we are limited to selecting 40 students (4 teams of 8, each with 2 alternates). For students who make the team, practices will be in the mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the final competition on March 8th (which is a Saturday).

For tryouts, Please make arrangements to have your son/daughter at Muriel Martin at 7:40 am on the morning of their tryout. Our tryouts will begin promptly at 7:50 am. Please also send a snack for your child to have after practice prior to classes.

January 14 Tuesday 1 st GIRLS tryout (Gym)  
January 15 Wednesday 1 st BOYS tryout (Gym)  
January 16 Thursday 2 nd GIRLS tryout (Gym)  
January 17 Friday 2 nd BOYS tryout (Gym)

A field trip form for the one practice at **SERVUS PLACE** and the qualifying race at the **BUTTERDOME** will be sent home to students who make the team.

Thanks for supporting our **DINOS!**

Dave McNicoll  
Joel Grice

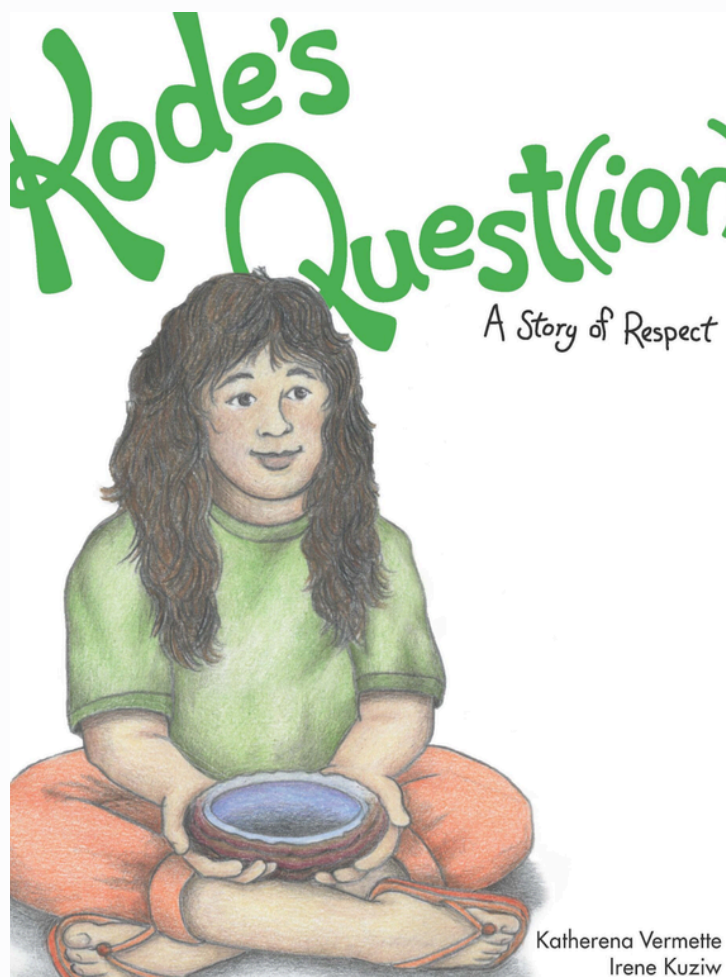


## Inclusion Spotlight

Our mandate in schools is to provide a safe, caring, and welcoming learning environment for all students, staff and the MM community. We would like to promote inclusion through love, kindness and understanding. Inclusion means that we choose to be kind, and that we try to understand the feelings of others. It means that we encourage and support others, and that we are open to learning about others' differences. Whether we realize it or not, members of our school community still face prejudice and inequality, discrimination and injustice. At MM we RAWR: we choose respect and responsibility, and we can choose to be inclusive.

This Inclusion Spotlight is a collaborative effort by parents, staff and students of MM to be more inclusive and to develop empathy. We plan to share tools, tips, and books that will encourage reflection and conversation, and provide support for all of us to create a safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive community at our school

As we begin the new year, we have decided to highlight Indigenous ways of knowing and celebrating Indigenous culture. Students and staff will explore the Sacred Teaching of Respect this month and so we choose to share the read aloud "Kode's Quest(ion)" written by Katherena Vermette. We love the title of this book that can be 'Kode's Quest' if we drop the (ion). Our hope for your family is to go on your own 'quest' about what the teaching of respect means to you. Enjoy listening to the story together by clicking on the image below and remember the authors' message that respect is about being good to the earth, your people, your Elders, and yourself.



## Cell Phones:

We would like to remind families that student cell phones or Smart watches are not to be used on the school property during the school day from beginning at 8:40 when supervision starts. This includes recess & lunch. When students bring these devices to school, they are expected to have them turned off and in their backpack / locker. Should your student need to contact you during the day, or you them, the school phone system is available. Please have this conversation with your student. Your cooperation and partnership are greatly appreciated.



## Absence Reporting:

To report an absence, we prefer you use our online absence reporting form and fill it out with as much detail as possible. You can find it on the Muriel Martin Website or go directly to it using the following link

<https://murielmartin.spschools.org/parents/absence-reporting>

## Late/Leaving Early

If your student is late please bring them to the office to be signed in. If you need to pick up your student during the day, please notify the office before you come. This way we can have your student ready and waiting. When you arrive at the school come into the office to sign them out. Please note, students are not allowed to walk home alone during school hours.

## Parking:

Between 8 AM and 4 PM, please do not use the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up your student. There is plenty of parking in the neighborhood and around the school where you can park and walk your student to their designated door. The other option is to use our drop off / bus lane in front of the school. Please note, you should not be parking in the drop off / bus lane. This area is meant for students to quickly exit or enter your vehicle. Busses get priority in this lane, if you see them coming please make room for them as quickly as possible.

**Accessible Parking:** We have two designated accessible parking areas, one in the staff parking lot, and one in the drop off / bus lane. Only families who have handicap parking permits are allowed to use these areas.



# Kindergarten Fair

## Do you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall?

Please join us for the St. Albert Public Schools Kindergarten Fair, where you can find out more about our programs, full and half-day Kindergarten, yellow busing, school boundaries, speech and occupational therapy and more. Visit our displays and have your questions answered by division staff.

**Free admission and free parking!**

Paul Kane High School  
12 Cunningham Road

**JAN 11, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN  
9:30 AM**

### Who should attend?

Families with children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2025.

Please note that children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 to enroll in Kindergarten for the fall of 2025.

### SESSIONS

**10:00 - 11:50 am**

Sessions run concurrently  
at 10:00, 10:40  
and 11:20 am

Preparing your Child for Kindergarten  
English Kindergarten Program  
Logos Christian Kindergarten Program  
French Immersion Kindergarten Program  
Capita Kindergarten Program



For more Kindergarten Fair info go to:  
[www.spschools.org/programs/kindergarten/kindergarten-fair](http://www.spschools.org/programs/kindergarten/kindergarten-fair)



## READING BUDDIES - ST. ALBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you have students who could benefit from extra reading support? We are now accepting applications for our upcoming Reading Buddies session. This free program is for students who are in grades 2-4.

Reading Buddies pairs children who could benefit from a little support and guidance with their reading with a trained teen Reading Buddy volunteer. The goal is to help the young buddy improve their confidence and develop a positive attitude toward reading.

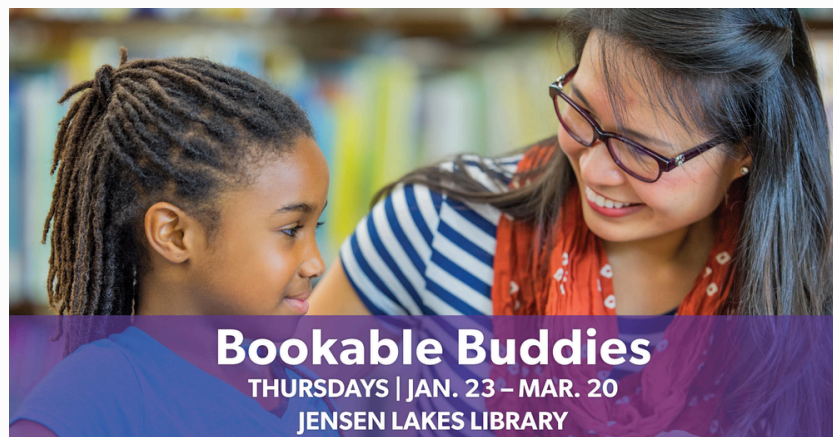
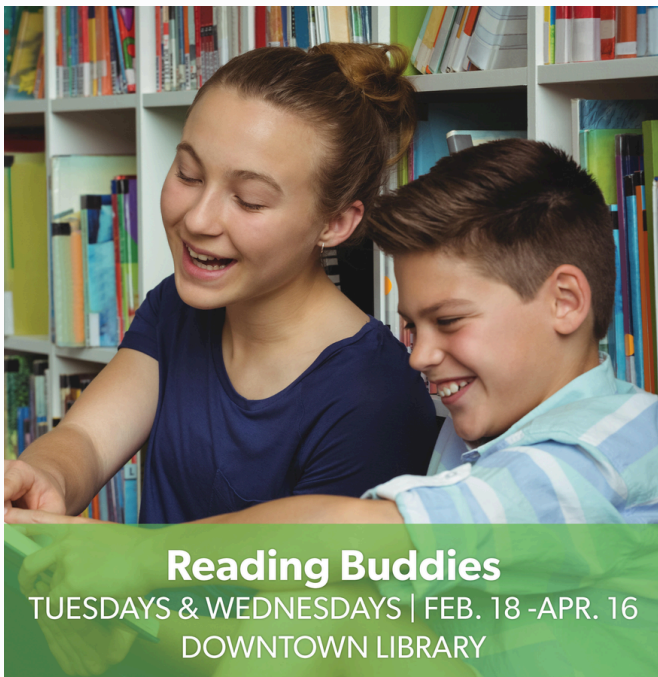
We are offering two in-person program options:

Tuesdays, February 18 - April 15, 4:00-5:00 pm (No class March 25)

Wednesdays, February 19 - April 16, 6:30-7:30 pm (No class March 26)

Another option is our Bookable Buddies program, a shorter option with adult volunteers.

We encourage teachers to pass on the message to anyone who could benefit from this program. The application form can be found under the School Age Programs tab on our website. Parents are asked to please apply for Reading Buddies by January 17, 2025.





# Unplugged St. Albert

*A Smartphone-Free Childhood*

## ***PARENT SESSION***



**JAN 23, 2025**

6:30PM-8:00PM

Sturgeon Heights  
School Gym

*Sturgeon Heights School Council invites you to attend an informative session with the St. Albert chapter of Unplugged Canada.*

*Join us as we discuss the latest research on the risks of early smartphone use, local trends developing on social media platforms and how the Unplugged Pledge can make a positive difference in restoring a smartphone-free childhood for our kids and young teens.*

