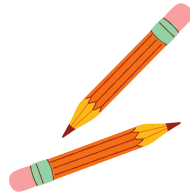




MM WEEKLY PARENT PLANNER

WEEK OF JAN 20-24



MONDAY	<p>MMHL - signup @ 12:05pm in the gym School Council meeting 7-9pm</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Glee Club 12:05-12:35pm RRIG Practice 7:40-8:30am MMHL - sign up @ 12:05pm</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Safe Spaces Club 12:05- Sharing Circle Jr. Choir - music room @ 12:05pm 2BF& 2SF - In class field trip - Inuit Printmaking MMHL Sign up @ 12:05pm</p>
THURSDAY	<p>HOT LUNCH EDO JAPAN Glee Club 12:05-12:35pm RRIG - practice 7:40-8:30am MMHL - sign up @ 12:05pm Gr 1's Teacher's Pet In school field trip Gr. 5' Alberta Aviation Museum Field Trip Glee Club/Band Concert 6:30-8pm</p>
FRIDAY	<p>District Choir Practice 12:05-12:35 RRIG - Practice at Servus Place 7-8am Glee club - Senior's residence tour</p>

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.

Powerschool Grades & Attendance have been closed off until Jan 31 while we work on the report cards. This will reopen at 4pm on Jan 31

Please click on the link below to get into powerschool

[Powerschool Parent Portal Log in](#)

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open!

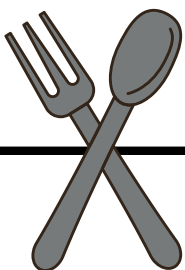
Click on the link to register:

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

Kindergarten 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



The Honour Band has begun rehearsing every Friday during lunch recess in preparation for the Jubilee Night of Music. Please ensure students bring their instruments to school on Fridays if it's not their regularly scheduled music day.

Junior Choir has also started their regularly scheduled practices. Permission slips have been sent home—please return them to Mrs. Grant as soon as possible.

Our Glee Club students and Grade 6 Band are putting the final touches on their music and are excited to perform next Thursday, January 23rd, at 7:00 PM in the Muriel Martin gym.

- Band students: Please arrive by 6:30 PM and meet Mme Crispin in the library for a quick practice.
 - Glee Club students: Please arrive by 6:45 PM and meet Mme Laura in Room 118 for a brief warm-up.
- The concert will begin promptly at 7:00 PM, and no tickets are required. We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening of music with you!

Thank you for your continued support of the music program!

Mme Crispin and Mrs. Grant

Muriel Martin Running Room Relays

January 21 - practice girls & boys in the gym at 7:40am

Jan 23 - practice girls & boys in the gym at 7:40am

Jan 24 - practice at Servus Place at 7am, students will be bussed back to the school at 8:30am

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.

MM Hockey League - signs up in the gym at 12:05 Jan 20-23

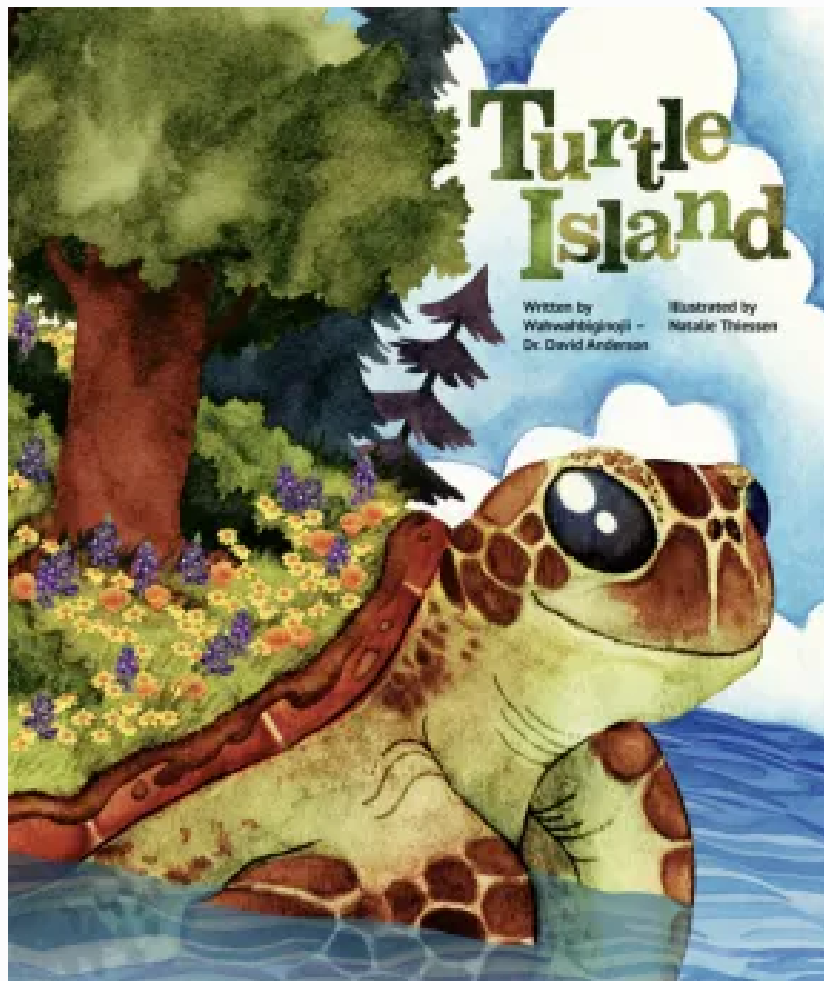


Inclusion Spotlight

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 continue to highlight Indigenous ways of knowing and celebrating Indigenous culture this month, we want to share the legend of the creation of Turtle Island. Did you know that for some Indigenous peoples, Turtle Island refers to the continent of North America? Many Indigenous oral histories tell the story of a turtle who holds the world on its back. This week we share the read aloud of the book called 'Turtle Island' written by David Anderson Wahwahbiginojii. We hope that you enjoy your conversation about this creation story about North America and the cooperation of all of Mother Nature's creations.



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.



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.

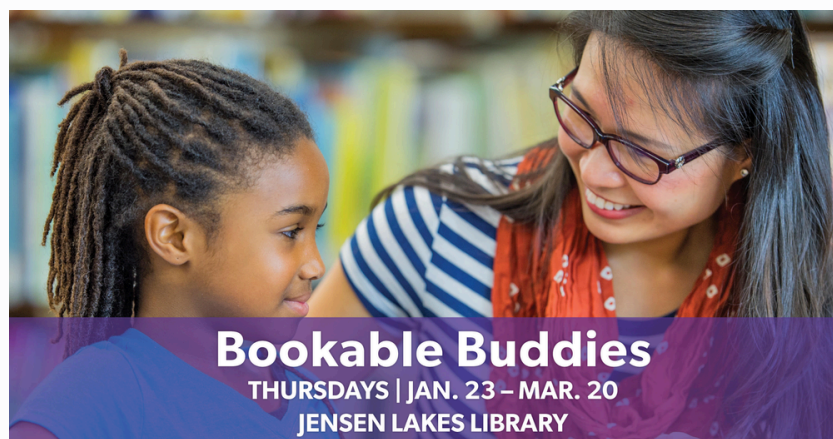
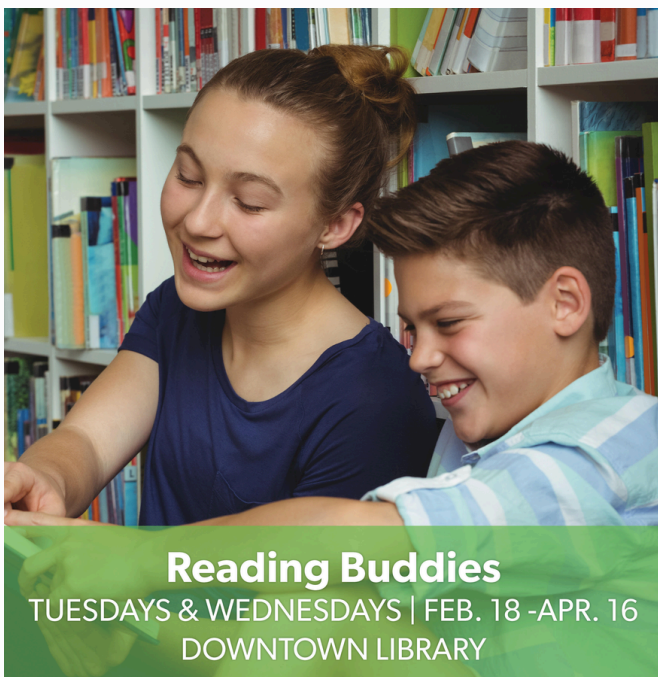
We are offering two in-person program options:

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.

