
Muheim Communiqué

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Principal's Message

Resilience...

"resilience is the capacity of a system, enterprise or person to maintain its core purpose and integrity in the face of dramatically changed circumstances" (A.Zolli). Staff and students at Muheim have completed Terms 1 & 2 during a school year that has required us to be flexible and patient. We have had to consider creative manners in which to navigate day-to-day as well as special events and activities that have had to be adapted this school year. We are so very proud of our students for appreciating the special events, athletic activities and field trips that are still organized amidst safety protocols. We appreciate the understanding and support we continue to receive from our Muheim families. Staff at Muheim are confident that we will continue to work and grow as a team, as we all strengthen our resiliency skills together.

We hope that you have all enjoyed some relaxing and fun outdoor time with family and friends over Spring Break and recently, the Easter long weekend. Students have shared stories of local excursions and it is evident that we live in a community that has so much to offer! At Muheim, classes have been spending more time outdoors as the weather warms up and as our giant lake-sized puddles begin to shrink. Please remember to ensure that your child is dressing for the weather, as they may be spending more time outdoors as we move through Spring, going for neighborhood walks, exploring nature around our school and participating in outdoor education experiences.

There are a few important dates worthy of including on your family calendars. Next week there are two early dismissal dates to accommodate Parent-Teacher Conferences. A notice was sent home with your child earlier this week sharing some details about how conferences may be carried out this month. We will also be hosting a Book Fair in our Muheim library, for students to purchase books from. If you are interested in purchasing books

online, there will also be a Virtual Book Fair that family members can check out.

And finally, it is time to ask for your feedback. The Ministry of Education 2021 Student Learning Survey Information has been received by our district and we are currently supporting students in Grades 4 and 7 as they complete the student feedback portion of the survey. It would be very helpful for us to receive information from our Muheim parent community. Below you will find a link that will help you access the Parent Satisfaction Survey. Once you have clicked on the link below, please scroll to the "parent" section then login at the portion that reads "parent direct access." You will not require a login code. Surveys will be available online until April 30.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Reminders:

- Parents, please call the school at 250-847-2688 or email the office at mneoffice@sd54.bc.ca if your child will be late or absent.
- Please have your child bring extra clothes, socks & shoes to school as our field is very wet this time of year.
- If you are dropping items off at the school or picking your child up for an appointment, please call the office upon arrival and we will meet you at the front doors to deliver items or call your child out of their classroom to meet you. Due to Covid restrictions, we are trying to limit the number of adults entering the building. If you must enter, please ensure that you are wearing a mask.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – April 14th & 15th

Parent/Teacher conferences have again needed to be adjusted because of COVID-19. We are not in a position where we can safely have parents in our building en masse, so communication with teachers will look different on April 14/15. You should expect to

hear from teachers either in an *email, newsletter*, and/or *a phone call* soon. This communication should give you a pretty good understanding of how students are doing. If there are concerns from the teacher's perspective, they will be contacting you, likely via a phone call, on Wednesday or Thursday, to go over these issues. If you have parental concerns or questions, then please call the school and arrange to speak to the teacher.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held Thurs. April 15th (9:00am-12:00pm) and Fri. April 16th (9:00am-3:00pm). Classes have been booked in to view the book fair on Thursday and Friday. Students are asked to purchase books when they visit the book fair with their class if possible. Parents will not be able to view books in person due to COVID safety protocols, but will be able to view the virtual book fair online. Family and friends are invited to visit our **Virtual Scholastic Book Fair** which will be open from Wednesday, April 14th at 9:00pm until Friday, April 16th at 8:59pm (virtual fair runs on Eastern Standard Time) using the following link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5147102>

Spring Plant Fundraiser

Our annual Spring plant fundraiser is well underway.

Orders are due by April 16th and plant pick up is scheduled for May 6 & 7th. Right on time for you to purchase a beautiful hanging basket for your mom as a Mother's Day gift on May 9th. Order online by visiting our team website at:

<https://muheimmemorial.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

School Website & Facebook

Please visit the Muheim School website at:

<http://mmeweb.sd54.bc.ca/>

Like us on the Muheim Elementary School FaceBook page



BV Soccer Registration

It is that time of year again for Soccer Registration. Bulkley Valley Youth Soccer registration is open March 22nd to April 11th. All the details can be found on our website (www.bvsoccer.ca). We will be following all guidelines and restrictions outlined by BC Health

Authority, ViaSport and BC Soccer to run our programs safely.

CPF Virtual Concours 2021

Deadline for 2021 CPF Concours Virtuel is **11:59pm May 1st, 2021** . **Winners announced June 1st**. **All Canadian students in K to 12 are welcome to participate.**

- Entries are encouraged to be creative. Video editing and music is allowed, if you have the capabilities.
- Entries must be 1-3 minutes long, with at least one (1) minute of French speaking.
- **The Submission Form can be found at [ConcoursVirtuel.ca](https://bc-vk.cpf.ca/en/concours-virtuel-eng/)**

For more details, video instructions and judging criteria go to:

<https://bc-vk.cpf.ca/en/concours-virtuel-eng/>

PAC News

To keep up to date on PAC news please like "Muheim Memorial Elementary School PAC" on Facebook and/or email muheimpacchair@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Highlights from the past month:

- The PAC purchased board and card games to be used on cold inside days.
- The PAC purchased sidewalk chalk for students looking to "beautify" the school yard at recess and lunch.

What's ahead:

- The Muheim Outdoor Space Planning Committee is looking for more committee members to make the outdoor classroom, refreshed garden and new play spaces dreams a reality. Please contact muheimpacchair@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.
- The Muheim PAC is always looking for more parent participation. Our next virtual meeting will be **Tuesday, May 4th at 5:30 pm** on Zoom. Watch facebook for the link or email muheimpacchair@gmail.com Ideas and enthusiasm are most welcome.

PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- *providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;*
- *involving parents in volunteer activities; and*
- *openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.*

Calendar

Apr. 13	Subway order forms & pymts due by 3:00pm. No late orders please
Apr. 14	Parent-Teacher Interviews Early dismissal at 2:05pm
Apr. 15	Parent-Teacher Interviews Early dismissal at 12:00pm
Apr. 15	Scholastic Book Fair (9:00 – 12:00)
Apr. 16	Scholastic Book Fair (9:00 – 3:00)
Apr. 16	Subway Lunch
Apr. 16	Spring Plant Orders & payments due in the office by 3:00pm
Apr. 23	Non-Instructional Day. No school for students.

Yours sincerely,



Craig McAulay,
Principal

