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# Muheim Communiqué

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## Principal's Message

Welcome Muheim school community! This is the initial newsletter of the 2020/2021 school year. It is that time of year when mornings and evenings are getting cooler, the leaves are changing colours, and we cling to the last few weeks of great weather before winter makes an appearance.

It is a unique start to the school year, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we attempt to navigate our way through endless policy and guidelines. We are doing what we can to stay safe and healthy, and appreciate the support we have received from our school community.

## Staff 2020/2021

Teacher
Mme Tessier (Gr. 2/3)
Mrs. Schelter/Ms McKnight (Gr. 3/4)
Mme Dubeau/Ms Doerksen (Gr. 5/6)
Mr. Richmond (Gr.5/6)
Ms. Hoffman/Ms Doerksen (Gr. 7)
Mr. Dufresne (Gr. 7)
Ms. Dufresne – Learner Support
Ms. Harrop – Learner Support
Mme Pesce/Ms Doerksen (Gr. 4/5)
M Gagnon (Gr. 3/4)
Ms. Page/Ms. L'Orsa (Gr. K)
Mme Watson (Gr. K)
Mrs. Stokes – Strong Start
Ms. L'Orsa/Ms. Eller (Gr.1)
Ms. Sikkes – Teacher Librarian
Mme Dow (Gr. K/1)
Ms. Love (Gr. 2/3)
Mme Leblanc (Gr 1/2)
Ms. Belanger – Support Staff
Mme Dumont – Support Staff/French Language Support
Mme D'Andrea – French Language Support
Ms. Markert – Support Staff
Ms. Moodie – Support Staff
Mme Lapointe – Support Staff
Mrs. Woroniuk – Support Staff
Mrs. Nadeau – Clerical staff
Ms. Connors – Clerical staff/library
Ms Wyllie - Custodial
Ms Trinh- Custodial
Ms Alfred – Indigenous Support Worker
Vice Principal's – Mme Pesce
Principal – Mr. McAulay

## Mornings and After School

Drop off and pick up of students looks a bit different this year. When dropping off in the morning, please remember that our supervision is largely in the back of the school where the playground is. We are asking parents to avoid, if possible, dropping students off too early. Once students arrive, they should head to the back of the school until the warning bell rings at 8:55. A lot of students are congregating at the front well before 8:55 which could lead to a number of safety issues. Similarly, after school, we are asking parents to wait for their students on the sidewalk at the front. Our younger students will be brought out front by their teachers, while our older students will be dismissed and walk around to meet their parents/rides on their own.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will look different this time around. Because we can't safely accommodate parents in our building, teachers will be reaching out to parents next week. There will still be early dismissal times to allow teachers to contact parents.

On Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will dismiss at 1:50. On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be dismissing at 12 noon. Teachers will contact you and provide an update on students' progress, and in some cases, contact you directly via phone or a Zoom call.

## COVID Interruptions

Our typical Fall sports seasons – Cross Country and Soccer – have been cancelled as a result of not being able to participate in either event safely at this time. While the future of school sports this year remains unclear, we are hopeful that we can participate in these school district events soon. Stay tuned for future announcements.

## **FSAs**

This year the grade fours and sevens will still be taking part in the FSAs, or Foundation Skills Assessments. However, the Ministry of Education has decided to postpone this year's assessment period until January 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have a student in either Grade 4 or 7, you will receive additional info closer to that date.

## **Book Fair**

Our first book fair would normally coincide with P/T conferences. It has been rescheduled for Nov 19 and 20. There will be more details provided closer to the date. Scholastic is working on developing a hybrid program where books can be viewed virtually and students can purchase the books in library without parents needing to be in the building.

## **PAC News**

We had a great turnout for our September PAC meeting. PAC is very active in supporting students and student initiatives at Muheim. If you'd like to

become involved with PAC, you can contact them at [mme-pac@sd54.bc.ca](mailto:mme-pac@sd54.bc.ca) The next meeting is scheduled for late October, the exact date is TBD. For now, the PAC meetings are happening via Zoom.

## **Calendar**

Oct7/8	P/T Conferences
Oct 12	Thanksgiving – no classes
Oct 15	Gr 6 Immunization
Oct 21	Photo Retakes
Oct 23	Pro D Day – no classes
Oct 27	Board Meeting
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – no classes

Yours sincerely,



Craig McAulay