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# Muheim Communiqué

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## Student Land Acknowledgement

*I am happy to learn, play and live on the unceded Gidimt'en Clan territory, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation. I was born here and my family enjoys spending time outside. I like to hunt with my dad and brother. When I am on the land with my family I feel happy. My family looks after this land by not littering and we recycle too.*

~Jace (Grade 3)

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year Muheim community! We hope you have all had a wonderful two-week break. The students have settled back into their routines and seem happy to become engaged in new school experiences. Our staff is happy to see the smiling faces return and hear all about their winter break experiences. Muheim is a very special place; students and staff collaborate to build a supportive and compassionate atmosphere that encourages a love for learning and dedication to being an active part of our nurturing team. As a staff we consistently notice, name and nurture 5 Core Values at school: **compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility & fairness.** Observe and point out instances when your child displays these values at home, using their actions as a teaching opportunity and to reinforce these positive qualities. We have been recognizing students who exhibit and practice these core values, during our assemblies as well as during our Monday Morning Messages. I am incredibly proud of everyone, and I look forward to so many new memories that will be created in 2025.

## MERCI! 🙏

On behalf of our Muheim staff, we would like to extend a "MERCI" to all of you for being such an integral part of our "Gifting from the Heart" initiatives. Your presence at our concert, donations to our local food bank as well as your contributions at our Muheim Student Craft Fair, were so appreciated. We would like to thank each of our students who contributed their hand-made crafts and thank our families for attending and donating to our event. Donations have been divided in half and will be given to High Roads Services Society and The Northern Society for Domestic Peace. Together we raised \$2550!

## Kindergarten Registration

This year, kindergarten registrations will take place the week of **January 20-24**, for children who will be five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2025. Registration during this time is required to assist in the planning and organization of our schools. Proof of age (original birth certificate) and BC Care Card must be presented at the time of registration. Registration in regular school programs should take place at the resident's neighbourhood school. If you have any questions, please call the school. If you know of families that have kindergarten age children for next year, please pass this information on. Please note, that although your child may be 5 prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, many families that have children born in the latter months of the year choose to enter their child into kindergarten the following September. If this is the case for you, and you are contemplating what entry date is best suited to your child, feel free to pop in and discuss this with me. It can be a challenging decision but one that should be well informed.

If you have any questions you are hoping to have answered about registering a new student, feel free to reach out to Mme Pesce @ 250 847 2688.

## Student Safety

We take student safety very seriously at our school. If you enter our building for any reason, **please check in at the office first.** We would appreciate you checking in prior to heading down the halls to drop off items to your child's classroom. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please sign them out at the office prior to connecting with them.

## Reminders:

- Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate winter wear. Label your child's clothing.
- Please ensure your child comes prepared for class field trips. ie. permission slips signed and handed in to classroom teacher, money paid if applicable, equipment needed for the trip sent to school with your child along with a lunch,

snacks water bottle etc. When kids have to phone home the day of the field trip, it causes hold ups for the rest of the class & buses being delayed from their tight schedules.

- Parents, please call the school at 250-847-2688 or email the office at [mmeoffice@sd54.bc.ca](mailto:mmeoffice@sd54.bc.ca) if your child will be late or absent.
- There are a lot of overdue library books out there. Please ensure they are returned to our school library as soon as possible.

Report card envelopes: “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!” We try to re-use the same report card envelopes for the entire school year. If you still have them at home, please sign the front and send them back to school with your child as soon as possible so that we can use them for the next term’s learning summaries.

### Literacy Week

Each January, families, schools, libraries and communities across BC celebrate Family Literacy Week. Muheim will participate in a variety of fun Literacy Week activities from Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Here are a few dates you can add to your calendars:

#### **Daily Quotes:**

Each morning, teachers will read out a quote (from an easy read/picture book or early-reader chapter book for primary students and from a novel for intermediate students). Students will have a chance to guess what book the quote is from. Each afternoon, a winner for both primary and intermediate will be announced and those two winners will be awarded a \$10 gift certificate to the next Scholastic Book Fair in April.

#### Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Breakfast & Books

Families are welcome to join us by dropping into the school gym anytime between 8:30–9:10am for some healthy morning treats and reading with their child(ren).

#### Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Flashlight Reading

Our whole school will cozy up in the afternoon, dim the lights and read. If your child could bring a flashlight or headlamp that would be great.

#### Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Dress-Up Day

This of course is optional. If your child wished to dress up as a favorite book character or an author, they are welcome to.

This year marks the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Family Literacy Day as it began in 1999 (<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>).

### School Facebook

Like us on the Muheim Elementary School FaceBook page



### PAC News

2025 is here and we are off with a bang! PAC will be hosting our yearly *Breakfast and Books* morning on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>. All parents are welcome down to the school gym anytime between 8:30-9:10am to enjoy some breakfast and reading with your child(ren). This is a wonderful event and is so well received. We are excited to be able to make it happen again this year. We will be putting a call out for parent volunteers in the coming week. If this is something you are interested in helping with, please reach out by email to [muheimpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:muheimpacchair@gmail.com). We are also in the planning stages for next month’s Carnival! Make sure to keep an eye out for emails with updates on this great event. Lastly, our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the school library. We will be discussing some of these upcoming events as well as a few other items. We would love to have you join us. Children are always welcome but if you would prefer a babysitter to watch your child(ren) in the school while you are at the meeting, please let us know and we can have one there. No charge of course!

### Calendar Dates

Jan. 13	PAC Meeting 6pm (Library)
Jan. 20	Kindergarten Registration 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>
Jan. 20	Pizza Order Forms Due by 3:05
Jan. 23	Pizza Hot Lunch
Jan. 23	Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
Jan. 27	Literacy Week Starts
Jan. 30	Breakfast & Books
Jan. 31	Flashlight Reading and Dress-up day

#### **Save the dates:**

- Feb. 14 – Pro-D (No Classes for Students)
- Feb. 17 – Family Day (School Closed)

Yours sincerely,

Liliana Pesce

