
Muheim Communiqué

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Student Land Acknowledgement

Hadih, my name is Stevie. I am grateful to learn, play and live on the unceded Gidimt'en Clan territory, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation. I was born in Smithers. I am grateful for everything I get to do in the parks, fields, mountains, lakes and rivers. I will take care of this land by keeping it clean.

~Stevie, Grade 3

Principal's Message

Throughout December, Muheim will take part in a few events that celebrate the spirit of giving and help bring our school community closer together. We value building a sense of belonging while fostering compassion and empathy. Providing students with meaningful opportunities to give back and support our community is central to our core beliefs as a school. All classes are currently getting ready for the Muheim Craft Fair. Students are contributing by creating handmade items and by helping during the event itself. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Neiser are organizing the fair, and the rest of the staff is working hard to support our Muheim Marmot Christmas Elves. Every dollar raised will be donated to a local organization (High Roads). You can help by attending the craft fair and purchasing items that will make thoughtful gifts for friends, family, and neighbours! Mrs. Curley's Grade 4/5 class will also be exercising leadership skills as they organize a community donation drive. There is more information about this in our newsletter under "Community Fundraiser."

Our staff and students are also preparing for the Muheim Winter Concert 2025. We ask that attendees bring either a cash donation or non-perishable food items. All contributions will be delivered to our local food bank.

We are grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by our staff, students, and their families. Our elementary school community can be proud of the significant and heartfelt contributions that help spread joy and compassion.



Muheim Winter Concert:

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

We are thrilled to be organizing a Muheim Winter Concert. We will have two performance times: one at **1:00pm-2:00pm** and one at **6:00pm-7:00pm**. For the evening performance, students should arrive at 5:40pm and go to their classrooms. Parents can then find their seats in the gym. If you are unable to attend either performance, you are invited to attend the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 16th at 11:00pm. All classes will be performing a winter/Christmas-themed song for families. Our Muheim Witsuwit'en drummers will open our show, followed by English as well as French performances. Guests are asked to donate non-perishable items that we will donate to our local food bank (Salvation Army). A ticket request notice will be sent home soon. If you do not receive it by the end of this week, please let your child's teacher know. We will be distributing requested tickets to families before the concert. **Tickets are required** and limited due to allowable seating in our gym.

Carolfest

Carolfest will be on December 3rd this year and will be held at Smithers Secondary School. There will be two showtimes; 5pm and 7pm. CHOIR students need to arrive at Smithers Secondary at 4:30 pm. Tickets are required and limited due to space. Students in choir were given two tickets each on Monday (today). Extra tickets will be held at the high school and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact Wendy at the high school if you are inquiring about extra tickets as we **will not** have any at Muheim. Your child brought home a permission form with additional information. You can also contact Mrs. L'Orsa if you have further question.

December Christmas Spirit Days

We have school wide spirit days coming up!
PJ Day: Friday, December 12th

Christmas Colors & Sparkle: Monday, December 15th

Christmas Sweaters: Thursday, December 18th.

Learning Summaries

Learning Summaries will be coming home with your child on December 19th. These reports will update you on your child's progress in both Language Arts and Mathematics. Teachers will continue to use a variety of ways to communicate how your child is doing across the curriculum. Emails, paper portfolios, assignments, criteria-based performance standards and phone calls are all ways that teachers may be communicating student learning. If at any time you feel you need more information, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. They will be happy to fill you in!

Report Card Envelopes

Students are given new envelopes for their report cards each school year. Please sign the label and return it to the school, removing the report card and any other correspondence. In an effort to reduce waste and re-printing new envelopes each term, we ask that you send it back to school as soon as you have signed it.

Skating/Cross-Country Skiing

Our skating and cross-country ski programs are in full swing. Students will be enjoying skiing in our beautiful local landscape and getting on the ice to have some fun. Permission notices have gone out for a number of divisions. If you are able to help out with these field trips, please let your child's teacher know. If you have any skates or helmets around the house that you no longer need, we are happy to add them to our gym equipment room for Muheim students to use.

Community Fundraiser: Div. 5, Mrs. Curley's Class

Hi everyone! This is Hannah. My class is hosting a fundraiser for the new homeless shelter this winter. If you would like to help us out, we would appreciate it. From December 1st until December 15th, you may bring any of the following items to place in the boxes that are located outside of our classroom: mitts, tuques, gloves, socks, sweaters/hoodies, hygiene items, pants, scarves, jackets, boots, blankets, new undergarments (any of these items should be adult sizes).

Volleyball

Last week our Muheim Marmots represented our school at a tournament in Houston. A great big MERCI to our coaches, Mrs. Young, Ms. Hoffman and Mrs. Eller! Thank you for making this experience possible for the large number of grade 5-7 students who participated. Our students played well and had a great time!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

This year, kindergarten registrations will take place the week of **January 12-16**, 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 31st, 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 give me a call. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Reminders!!

A few reminders for parents:

- Many divisions have planned to go up cross-country skiing and/or skating over the next couple of months. Please watch for permission slips so they can be signed and returned PRIOR to the day's event!
- Safe Arrival – **Parents, please remember to call the school at 250-847-2688 or email mmeoffice@sd54.bc.ca** if your child will be late or absent. Even if you have informed the classroom teacher. In doing so, we can be sure all children are accounted for. In the event that your child is absent and we have not received a call, the secretary will attempt to telephone your home, your workplace, and your emergency contact(s) to confirm the whereabouts of your child.
- Students are required to stay outside until the bell rings in the morning. Once dropped off, it is extremely important for children to walk around the school to the playground area where there is supervision. We do not have supervision at the front of the school or in the building prior to 8:55. Please remind your child as you drop them off to make their way to the back of the school. Teachers will be doing a reminder in classrooms as well.

- Labeling student winter clothing and other personal belongings is recommended so that your child's items will find their way back to you.
- Please have students bring back any overdue library books that they may have at home before Christmas break.
- Please refrain from parking in/near our Learner Support Center parking lot, our Muheim staff lot, the Roi Theatre parking lot and/or our surrounding business lots. We have been asked to convey this message to our families. This may mean that you have to park and walk with children, as parking is quite limited. We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation.

PAC

It is FANTASTIC that PAC can provide hot lunch services, outdoor recess & lunch equipment, support special events, provide bussing funds for each classroom (to keep cost affordable for our kiddos to have such great experiences off school property) and so much more! I from the bottom of my heart appreciate each parent/guardian who has volunteered this year. It takes a village! That being said, we do have some pretty big events to pull off in the new year which require many hands! Without volunteers, we cannot make these things happen. Stay tuned for Breakfast & Books as well as Carnaval de Muheim/Muheim Winter Carnival volunteer signups!

Our last PAC meeting of the year will be held December 8th, at 6pm in the school library. Our first one of the New Year will be January 19th. See you at the craft fair, where we will be providing hot chocolate by donation. All proceeds will go to High Roads Services. PAC is wishing you all a wonderful Christmas Season!

Jen Mio
PAC Chair

Bus Safety

Please have your child(ren) waiting for the bus at least 5 minutes before their scheduled pickup time. Also remind your child(ren) to not rush up to the bus while it's moving.

Students should be back 3ft from the edge of the road and should not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the doors are open. Thank you for your support in communicating bus safety with your child(ren).

YMCA (a message from the YMCA)

The YMCA is excited to share that additional spaces have opened up in our Before and After School Care program! We also have available spots for Winter Break care which will be: December 22nd , 23rd , 24th as well as January 2nd (closed@2pm). If you're interested in registering or would like more information on our before/after school care program or our Winter Break care, please contact north.childcare@bc.ymca.

We look forward to supporting more families from Muheim.

Calendar

- Dec. 1 Subway Lunch forms due by 3pm
- Dec. 3 Carolfest Concert 5:00pm & 7:00pm
- Dec. 4 Subway Lunch
- Dec. 8 PAC Meeting Library 6pm
- Dec. 11 Muheim Christmas Craft Fair (4pm-6pm)
- Dec. 12 Bake Sale (Div. 5 Fundraiser)
- Dec. 12 Spirit Day - PJs
- Dec. 15 Pizza Forms Due by 3pm
- Dec. 15 Spirit Day – Christmas/Winter colours
- Dec. 16 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 11am
- Dec. 17 Winter Concerts 1pm & 6pm
- Dec. 18 Pizza Hot Lunch
- Dec. 18 Spirit Day – Christmas/Winter Sweaters
- Dec. 19 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break** (Learning Summaries sent home with students)
- Dec. 20 – Jan. 4 Christmas Break (School Closed)**
- Jan. 5 First Day of Classes after Christmas Break

Yours sincerely,

Liliana Pesce,
Principal

