
Muheim Communiqué

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Student Land Acknowledgement

I was born in Penticton and raised in Smithers and Telkwa. I am a grade 7 student at Muheim. I am happy to learn, play and live on the unceded Gidimt'en Clan territory, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation. I appreciate how beautiful the mountains are and I love skiing. When I am skiing on the mountains, I feel happy and excited.

~Aveyah (Grade 7)

Principal's Message

Happy New Year, Muheim community! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing two-week break. Our students have transitioned smoothly back into their routines and are excited to engage in new learning experiences. It has been wonderful for our staff to reconnect with our awesome Marmots and hear about students' winter break adventures. Muheim truly is a special place where students and staff work together to create a caring and supportive environment. We foster a love of learning and encourage everyone to play an active role in our nurturing school community. We continually highlight and reinforce our five Core Values: **compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, and fairness**. We encourage families to notice when children demonstrate these values at home and use those moments as opportunities to celebrate and reinforce positive behaviors. At school, we acknowledge students who exemplify these values during assemblies as well as our Monday Morning Messages. I am extremely proud of our school community and look forward to all the wonderful memories we will continue creating together in 2026!

MERCI! 😊

On behalf of the entire Muheim staff, we would like to extend a heartfelt *merci* to our very generous school community! Thank you for playing a role in making our community support initiatives such a success. Your attendance at our concert, generous donations to the local food bank, support at the Muheim Student Craft Fair as well as donations to Mrs. Curley's class project for the community shelter, were ALL truly appreciated.



We would like to sincerely thank our dedicated staff and our talented students for the beautiful handmade crafts. In addition, we appreciate that many family members came out to support and donate at our craft fair event. The money raised was all donated to High Roads Services Society. Together, we raised **\$2,158.80**. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



Kindergarten Registration

This year, kindergarten registration will take place the week of **January 12-16**, for children who will be five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2026. Registration during this time is required to assist in the planning and organization of our community schools. Proof of age (original birth certificate) and BC Care Card must be presented at the time of registration. 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 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. Picking up a "Visitor" tag helps staff and students identify adults in the hallway. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please sign them out at the office prior to leaving the school with them.

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate winter wear. Label your child's clothing as we have many Lost & Found items that pile up.
- 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. Thank you for your understanding.
- Parents, please report student absences on the SafeArrival app when your child/children will be absent. If you are unable to access the app, please call the office (250 847 2688).
- There are a lot of overdue library books out there. Please ensure they are returned to our school library as soon as possible.

Learning Summary Envelopes

Learning Summary 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. 26th – Jan. 30th**.

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

Selfie to the Shelfie

Students will have an opportunity to guess which book our staff members enjoyed when they were children by matching a staff member to their favourite childhood book.

Meet the Author

We will have a visit from a local author who will talk to students about their personal experiences and read the book they have written to classes.

Thursday, Jan. 29th 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). Students are welcome to join, even if a parent/guardian is

not able to attend with them. We are grateful to have this event organized by our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Friday, Jan. 31st 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. (No cell phone flashlights please.)

Friday, Jan. 31st Dress-Up Day

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

For more information on Family Literacy Day, please visit: <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/programs/family-literacy-day/>

PAC News & CARNAVAL de MUHEIM 2025

2026 is here! PAC will be hosting our yearly Breakfast and Books morning on Thursday, January 29th. All parents/guardians are welcome to come down to the school gym anytime between 8:30-9:10am to enjoy a light breakfast and reading with child(ren). This is a wonderful event! Please consider volunteering to help to ensure this event happens. This is a call out to anyone able to help on Jan. 28th & 29th with various set up, food prep, serving & clean up opportunities. Please reach out by email to **muheimpacchair@gmail.com**. If you are interested in coordinating this event, please let me know!

We are also in the planning stages for next month's *Carnaval de Muheim*! In order for this yearly event to happen, we need your help! We are looking for a coordinator to collaborate with Mme Pesce. Muheim staff has already worked on an outline for our February 20th *Carnaval de Muheim* day. Your support will be mainly to help with set-up and clean-up, as well as serving hot chocolate at one of the stations, ensure that the activity stations are equipped with the supplies we already have at the school, and ensure that teachers move from station to station in a timely manner with their classes. We would also like to have our traditional pancake breakfast on either February 18th or 19th (Wednesday or Thursday). This event requires volunteers as well.

We will be emailing a link with various volunteer tasks listed and we encourage you to support our *Carnaval de Muheim* in whatever capacity you can.

At this time, if you would like to volunteer to help out with some of the activities planned, before our email of specific tasks is sent out, please reach out by email to **muheimpacchair@gmail.com**. (We need a pancake breakfast coordinator for either Feb. 18 or 19th, helpers for our *Carnaval de Muheim* Friday (Feb 20th).

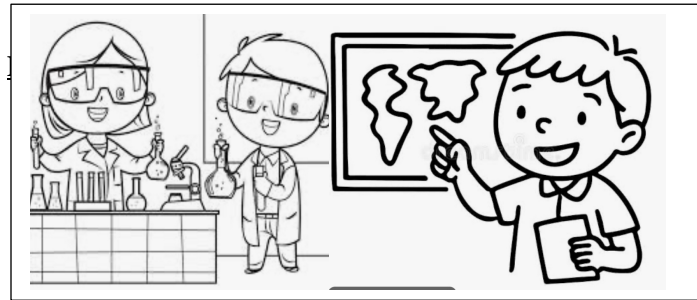
PAC Meetings... a message from your president

Our monthly PAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 19th at 6pm in the school library. We are looking for new PAC members and executives. To be blunt, without PAC we are at risk of losing funding and many incredible supports that benefit our kids, and school community. With a school of over 300 students, it would be my hope to have more than 6 parents in attendance at our monthly PAC meetings. We are looking forward to a great 2026! Come out to our monthly meetings and share your opinions and ideas, receive updates, learn about volunteer opportunities, and have some snacks. Babysitting is provided! If you have a child that will be coming with you, let me know and we will ensure that one of our student babysitters is present to help. You do not have to be (or become) an executive member to attend PAC meetings... anyone is welcome to attend. 😊

Science Fair & Learning Fair

Muheim will be holding a school learning fair on Thursday February 26th and Friday February 27th. The Learning Fair is a combination of Science Fair and Heritage Fair projects. Muheim families and all the classes will be invited to see the projects on these dates. M. Gagnon will be inviting any interested students to a lunch meeting soon to share information and help them get started. Heritage Fair projects are only being done in Mr. Levenson’s class.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair will be held at Smithers Secondary School on March 7th. M. Gagnon will distribute an information package to interested students, but families will be responsible for registering and getting projects to the fair. Participation in the Muheim Science Fair is not required in order to participate in the regional fair. If you have any questions at this time, about either of these project initiatives, please reach out to our Vice-Principal, Mr. Levenson at (250) 874 2688.



The Board of Education is currently requesting feedback from its stakeholders on the following draft policy: *Policy 6.930 Unexpected Health Emergencies* The consultation letter and draft policies can be found on the District’s website located at www.sd54.bc.ca.

The current policy consultation period will run from December 2, 2025, to February 6, 2026.

School Facebook

Like us on the Muheim Elementary School FaceBook page.



YMCA – Before/After School Care at Muheim

There are still spots available

Calendar Dates

- Jan. 12 Subway Order Forms Due by 3:05
- Jan. 12 Kindergarten Registration 12th-16th
- Jan. 15 Subway Lunch
- Jan. 19 Pizza Order Forms Due by 3:05
- Jan. 19 PAC Meeting 6pm – Library
- Jan. 22 Pizza Hot Lunch
- Jan. 26 Literacy Week Starts
- Jan. 26 Hot Dog Forms Due!
- Jan. 29 Breakfast & Books
- Jan. 29 Hot Dog Lunch
- Jan. 30 Flashlight Reading and Dress-up day

Save the dates:

- Feb. 13 Pro-D (No Classes for Students)
- Feb. 16 Family Day (School Closed)
- Feb. 17-20 Carnival Week/*Carnaval de Muheim*
- Feb. 26 Pink Shirt Day/ Kindness Assembly

Yours sincerely,

Liliana Pesce
Principal