
Muheim Communiqué

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Muheim Student Land Acknowledgement

Hadih. Je m'appelle Isla. Je suis en sixième année à École Muheim. I appreciate living on the traditional lands of the Gidimt'en (Bear Wolf Clan) territory, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation. I was born in Smithers. I am grateful to live in a town that is beautiful and safe. I enjoy activities such as running, hiking, swimming and biking. I look after the land by not littering and by having a garden with. Lots of blooms for the bees.
~Isla, Grade 6

Principal's Message

Happy Spring! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break. After a very busy February and March, both students and staff were grateful for the two-week pause to rest and recharge. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families and friends in our Muheim community who helped support major events and classroom activities at our school. We also appreciate everyone who assisted with skiing and skating trips, supervised gymnastics walks, supported art activities, presented in classrooms, assisted with sewing projects, organized hot lunches and helped create fun jars for our 2025 Jar Raffle. Your involvement and enthusiasm make these events special and memorable for our students.

In a couple of weeks, students will have the chance to present their achievements during Student-Led Conferences. Please check the information in this newsletter for guidance on scheduling a session with your child's teacher(s). We hope you have taken some time to carefully look over your child's Learning Summary, which was sent home before the break. Take time to acknowledge their accomplishments and support them in setting new goals for the final term. Encouraging your child to reflect on their learning journey will help them continue to build confidence and make meaningful progress.

As we move through our third term at school, we will continue supporting students in their learning and we will continue to create even more opportunities for them to grow and shine. We remain dedicated to offering hands-on, engaging experiences that inspire creativity and curiosity. Let's work together to make the remainder of the school year positive, productive and fun!

School Website & Facebook

Please visit the Muheim School website at:

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

Like us on the Muheim Elementary School Facebook page



Hold & Secure Drill

On Monday, April 20th at 9:50 a.m., our school will be conducting a Hold and Secure drill. This is a practice exercise designed to help staff and students become familiar with procedures used during certain types of emergency situations.

A Hold and Secure is not the same as a lockdown. It is used when there is a situation occurring outside of the school that is not directly related to the school itself. During this procedure, all exterior doors are locked and monitored, and everyone remains inside the building. Classroom activities continue as normally as possible.

Please note that this drill is not intended to alarm or scare students. It is an important part of ensuring that our school community is prepared and able to respond calmly and effectively in the event of an actual situation. If you have any questions, before or after this Hold & Secure drill, please reach out to Sean Levenson at sean.levenson@sd54.bc.ca.

Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences will be on **April 22nd and 23rd**. We are excited to see all our Muheim family members come through the school to celebrate learning. We will be using the online booking system again. Your child's classroom teachers and the office will be sending home the link to book on Monday, April 13th.

Please remember that there will be early dismissal on both days.

- **2:00pm on Wednesday**
- **12:00pm on Thursday**

Parking Safety



- Please do not park in unmarked spots too close to the crosswalk as students cannot see when crossing the road.
- Please do not park in the staff parking lot for drop off or pick up.

Student Safety Reminders

Please help us keep our students safe by reminding them of two important safety measures. We ask that our family members also help by modelling these two rules:

- 1) Do not use the staff parking lot as a shortcut by walking, biking, or using a scooter. This area is not safe for through traffic, and there have been multiple instances of students moving through it in unsafe ways.
- 2) Bikes/scooters/skateboards need to be walked off school grounds before hopping on.

Scholastic Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Muheim Memorial Elementary School on Tuesday, April 21st from 8:30am-6:00pm, Wednesday, April 22nd from 8:30am-6:00pm and Thursday, April 23rd from 8:30am-4:00pm. Family members will have the opportunity to join us after school each afternoon for our book fair this spring. The virtual book fair extension is no longer offered by Scholastic, so our spring fair will be in-person only. All our classes will be given an opportunity to visit the book fair at some point between Tuesday, April 21st and Thursday, April 23rd, and students will have a chance to purchase books at that time if they would like (a schedule will be sent home prior to the book fair). Posters, pencils, pens, erasers, bookmarks and other small items will also be available for purchase during the book fair. A volunteer form will be sent home in early April for family members who are interested in volunteering at the book fair. Interested family members may also contact Tina Sikkes by email at tsikkes@sd54.bc.ca if they would like.



Reduce, Reuse

Please send report cards envelopes back to school so that they can be used next term.

Playdates

We ask that family members and students please make after-school plans while at home. We are discouraging making playdate phone calls from the office, especially during class time. If students need to clarify bus plans and reach out to family members, they will be supported. However, making playdates from school will be discouraged. At the end of the day, we are monitoring busses and the office and the phone lines are quite occupied. Please support us by having a conversation with your child about when/how to plan time with friends.

Student/Parent Learning Survey 2026

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus on improvement. We sent detailed information about this survey last month. We would love to have as many responses from family members as possible – **the deadline is April 30th**.

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To complete the survey:

- 1) Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access.
- 2) Goto www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm OR... in your search bar type in BC Ministry Student Learning Survey

Under the section **Direct Access – no logon number required** select:

- Take the Survey
- PARENTS
- District: #54 Bulkley Valley
- School: Muheim Memorial Elementary
- Language: the language of your choice

Reminders:

- Parents, please report student absences on the Safe Arrival App
- Please have your child bring extra clothes, socks & shoes to school as our field is very wet this time of year.
- **Please check-in at the office before proceeding to a classroom or elsewhere in the building. Visitor tags must be worn while inside the building if you are volunteering.**
- Please ensure your child/children have signed out at the office if they are leaving for an appointment, a lesson or leaving early for the day.

PAC News

Bravo to a wonderfully successful jar raffle just before Spring Break! We made just shy of \$1500. Thank you for all your participation!

Spring is here! If you are doing spring cleaning, please keep our upcoming Muheim School-Wide Garage Sale in mind! We will be having a garage sale that will take place on May 1st (3-6pm) and May 2nd (9am-noon) and this will be a school fundraiser. We are happy to take your clean and gently used items off your hands! (Please NO clothing or blankets.) If you are willing to help with organizing set-up, clean-up or our concession stand for this event, please reach out!

Outdoor recess play bins, spring flower fundraiser and Bike-to-School Week are just a few things that we will be discussing at this month's PAC meeting. We would love to see you there! Monday, April 20th at 6pm in the library.

~Jen Mio

Career Day

Muheim will be having our annual school-wide Career Day on Thursday, May 21st. This event takes place from 9-noon. If you are interested in presenting three sessions to students (approx. 40 minutes each), please contact Liliana Pesce at liliana.pesce@sd54.bc.ca. We are in need of a few more presenters as we finalize our Career Day plans. We are accepting ideas until the end of next week.

Calendar

Apr 16	Spirit Day – Whacky Hair or Hat Day
Apr 17	Choir Event in Burns Lake
Apr 20	PAC Meeting 6pm in Library
Apr 20	Hold & Secure Drill
Apr 21-23	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
Apr 22	Student-Led Conferences 2:00pm dismissal
April 22	Earth Day
Apr 23	Student-Led Conferences 12:00pm dismissal
Apr 24	Pro-D (no school for students)
Apr 27	Pizza Forms Due by 3:05pm
Apr 28	Spring Town Clean-up
Apr 30	Pizza Lunch
May 4	Hot Dog Forms Due by 3:05pm
May 7	Hot Dog Lunch
May 15	Pro-D (no classes for students)
May 18	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 21	Career Day
May 25	Welcome to Kindergarten Event
May 27	Muheim's Got Talent (Show)
May 29	Muheim Track Meet at SSS

Sincerely,

Liliana Pesce
Principal