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# Muheim Communiqué

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## Student Land Acknowledgement

*My name is Willow. I was born in Smithers. I am in Grade 5 at École Muheim. I am happy to learn, play and live on the unceded Gidimt'en Clan territory, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation. I have always lived very close to Hudson Bay Mountain on a big property covered in trees. Being able to ski outdoors and being surrounded by the silence of the trees, makes me feel happy.*

~Willow (Grade 5)

## Principal's Message

February was a busy and exciting month at Muheim School! You may have already heard about the many activities and special events that made the month both meaningful and fun. Students took part in seasonal activities, celebrated Lunar New Year, and primary classes marked their 100th Day of School. We also focused on kindness and friendship through Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day. Our Pink Shirt Day assembly featured student presentations in the form of land acknowledgements, poems, positive affirmations and presenting gratitude to role models in both our school and community. In addition, we had a beautiful song accompanied by percussions lead by Mrs. L'Orsa. Three classes sang lyrics that encompassed our theme of kindness: "do the good you know, let compassion show."

Muheim students also worked hard in preparing and presenting Science Fair as well as Learning Fair projects. They were keen to set up their projects in the library and share with students and community members. If you were able to come by and view the projects and give our curious learners feedback, thank you for your time. The 2026 Pacific Northwest Regional Science will take place at Smithers Secondary School, on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Another memorable highlight was *CARNAVAL de Muheim!* On behalf of our staff and students, we would like to extend a heartfelt merci to all the volunteers who helped make the week such a success. A special thank you goes to Jen Mio, our PAC President, for her outstanding work organizing volunteers. We are also very grateful to all Muheim family and friends who volunteered throughout the week, helped with set-up and clean-up, served pancakes, and assisted in the supervision of our fun events set up on Friday *Carnaval de Muheim* day.

## Important Reminders:

- Please remind your child/children to head to the playground when you drop them off in the morning as there is no supervision at the front of the school at that time.
- If you come into the school, please report to the office before proceeding to your child/children's classrooms.
- Parents, please use the SafeArrival app to report student absences.
- **Please have your child bring extra clothes, socks & shoes to school as our field is very wet this time of year.**
- Please do not park, drop off or pick up students at the Learner Support staff parking lot next door to Muheim school. This is a safety concern as many students have been seen running across the parking lot while staff are pulling cars in and out of parking stalls.

## Scent Free Zone

Our school is a scent-aware zone to help support students and staff who experience headaches and other health symptoms triggered by fragrances. We kindly ask families, visitors, and staff to avoid wearing strongly scented products, and to discourage children from bringing or using highly scented items at school. Thank you for helping us create a safe and comfortable learning environment for everyone.

## Mabel's Labels

Did you know that the Muheim PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's Labels? This Canadian company makes waterproof labels for Tupperware, clothing, shoes and so much more. If you or your child could use some labels, please check out [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) and select "Muheim PAC (Smithers)" when asked which fundraiser you'd like to support. For every order, we receive 20% of your purchase back! Every little bit helps.

## Jar Raffle

A note will be sent home with your child, with all the information regarding this event. All donated jars need to be in the office by **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** by 4pm. If you have any questions regarding the event, you can email [muheimpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:muheimpacchair@gmail.com). Tickets will be drawn on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Learning Survey 2026**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Over the next few months, Muheim's Grade 6&7 students as well as our Grade 4 students, will complete the survey.

We would appreciate feedback as well from parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. 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. The surveys contain standard questions for the province.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure.

The survey can be accessed through the link, by clicking on **Take the Survey**. On the login page, click on the **Parents** icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school (SD54 Bulkley Valley).

The e-survey site will be open until May. If you have any questions, please contact the school. We had a large number of family members participate last year and your feedback was very helpful.

### **BV Youth Soccer Registration**

Spring is just around the corner, and soon soccer players will be back on the fields! Bulkley Valley Youth Soccer registration is open from February 1st to March 15<sup>th</sup> for House and February 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> for Development. Program details and registration information can be found on our website at [www.bvsoccer.ca](http://www.bvsoccer.ca), or by viewing the attached poster.

### **Career Day**

Muheim will be having our annual school-wide Career Day on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:liliana.pesce@sd54.bc.ca).

### **PAC News**

With deep gratitude, I celebrate a very successful & amazing Carnival! We pulled it off folks! Thank you to each and every person who played a part! From a fantastic pancake breakfast to the baguette relay race or Mikey the donkey serving Hot Chocolate, I'd say it was a great success.

I was fortunate to be a witness at the Pink Shirt Day assembly this past week. Truly, I say from the bottom of my heart, we have an incredible staff and student community. So many collaborated and came together with heartfelt messages & performances all about kindness. To the support at home, thank you for upholding values that are making our school a better place. I'm proud to be a part of Muheim.

Our monthly PAC meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at 6pm in the Muheim library. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

As we return from Spring Break with (fingers crossed) warmer weather on the horizon, we anticipate adding some great outdoor equipment to the class recess bins. If a parent is interested in working on this with me, please reach out!

If you are a Facebook user, please join our "Muheim Memorial Elementary School PAC" group. This is a great way to stay connected and updated.

Next up on our PAC agenda is our beloved Jar Raffle!

Your PAC Chair,  
~Jen Mio

### **Calendar**

March 7	Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair at SSS
March 16	Pizza Forms and pymt due by 3:05
March 16	PAC Meeting 6pm Library
March 19	Pizza Hot Lunch
March 19	Jar Raffle
March 20	Last Day of classes before Spring Break Learning Summaries sent home
March 23	Spring Break Begins!
April 7	First Day back after Spring Break

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As this term comes to a close, our staff would like to recognize and celebrate the growth, achievements, and joy we are fortunate to witness each day as educators at École Muheim. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Spring Break!

Yours sincerely,

Liliana Pesce  
Principal

