



# Margaret “Ma” Murray Community School

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Monday, November 1st, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WOW! The first two months of school has finished and things seem to be going quite well. The students are making new friends, learning new things and enjoying their classes. We are seeing students following our Code of Conduct, being H.E.R.O.'s and our spaces are working out nicely for learning and teaching. I am extremely proud of our students during recess and lunch activities. The level of respect and empathy in our student population is encouraging. I would like to thank the staff who have been busy teaching, washing hands, interacting positively with all students and maintaining safety protocols. We had great learning activities in October and the month finished up with STEM activities, pizza making, cooking, and many fun-filled classroom activities for Halloween.

Our focus for the year will continue to be that everyone feel welcome, accepted, supported and respected. This will align with our Framework for Improvement and will target kindness and gratitude. Please see our mission statement and school goals below.

**Mission Statement for Margaret Ma Murray Community School**  
**We are a caring community. We create, we learn, we collaborate!**

At MMMCS, our vision is to create a welcoming community that will provide creative, hands-on learning experiences. Students are empowered to become kind, inclusive, responsible, and curious lifelong learners.

At planning day on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the staff was involved in reviewing school goals, achievement and attendance data. We have set our goals for the year as follows:

1. To foster a community where everyone feels safe, respected, welcome and accepted.
2. To identify students' abilities and develop personalized opportunities for academic growth.
3. Provide a variety of engaging opportunities for students to develop ADST skills.

We noticed that as a result of us focusing on attendance, many of our students showed significant improvement in attendance, academics and a feeling of being accepted. Families often think that missing school in elementary, particularly in kindergarten and primary classes, will not

affect student learning. This, however, is a myth. It is true that everything you need to learn to be successful, you learn in kindergarten and carry through the rest of your life. Kindergarten

and primary classes provide the foundational skills and work habits that are necessary for further success in older grades. You can't learn if you can't read, get along with others, have socialization skills and good work habits. According to research, students who miss a significant amount of school, have difficulty with reading, writing, math and social skills. These students tend to fall behind in elementary school and have difficulty making friends which then causes stress and anxiety, increasing attendance issues.

We do understand that students will be staying home when they are sick or feel sick and have health symptoms according to the daily health check form. Our hope is that students maintain good attendance when they feel healthy. Being late, particularly when literacy and numeracy lessons are being taught, may be detrimental to how a student learns. Being late also impacts anxiety in students ~ many feel overwhelmed entering a class when instruction has begun.

Students know that we expect H.E.R.O. behaviour in our school: **Honesty, Empathy, Responsible** and being **Openminded** are encouraged and taught. Students receive firebird coins for showing expected behaviour around the school and are able to put their names in for our monthly pizza lunch draw. We had two pizza lunches this year and would like to congratulate the winners of the draws.

P.A.C. Update: New Fundraiser Alerts! Are you tired of trying to track down your child's personal items? Are you frustrated that they have lost another water bottle or a pair of shoes? We can help! We've started a fundraising campaign with Mabel's Labels. These labels are made in Canada and very durable. They also offer free shipping. All you have to do is go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and type in Margaret Ma Murray Community School, choose us from the menu and you'll be supporting our school.

A second fundraiser from the P.A.C. is Growing Smiles which is a Christmas fundraiser. Families or friends may want to order some of these Christmas center pieces, wreathes, poinsettias or outdoor arrangements to celebrate the season. Follow the link below to place your orders.  
<https://margaretma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Canteen/Special Lunches: School meals menus for November were sent home. If your child did not bring home the order form, please contact the school and we can add your child in. Canteen items will be sold every day and student orders will be taken in the morning in each class. We ask that exact change be submitted unless families want to send money to have a credit/tab. Hot lunch order is open for November. To sign up for this option, please visit: <http://mmcs.hotlunches.net>. The code is MMHL. To use the hot lunch option, orders must be paid for within a month or future orders will be put on hold. Once this happens, a new account will need to be set up.

Many students forget lunches in the business of getting ready for school. Students who forget lunches at home can request a school lunch from their classroom teacher. This will be provided

by our school meal program. It ensures that all student get lunch. Sometimes families get busy in the morning and children don't have time for breakfast or forget to eat. Students who need

breakfast or a snack can receive this at school as well. Please have your child check in with their teacher who will then provide a breakfast option. We have a fruit bowl in each pod and encourage students to help themselves responsibly to this fruit bowl. Options for breakfast will be provided in each pod. Options will include toast, cereal, fruit and yogurt. We receive donations through the year from many organizations who provide us with funds. We are grateful for these funds and will use them to support our breakfast program. We currently have grade 6 students helping to distribute breakfast items each morning as well as cleaning up cups and cutlery and loading the dishwasher. Thank you to Nathan and True for taking this one for the months of September and October.

School Fees: Thank you to all who have sent in their school fees. We will issue receipts as soon as possible. The office accepts cash or checks for fees and families can also use the online option for fee payment. Families who wish to pay by credit card can make a visit to Mrs. Gibos at the office who can process payment for you. We would appreciate all fees being paid by the end of November.

The weather in October was beautiful and the weather forecast looks promising for the first part of November. The temperature will be dropping outside and will continue to drop as the month progresses. Just a reminder that the students will be outside until the temperature is -15. Students need to dress appropriately to stay outside for at least 15-20 minutes. We know that families are providing adequate clothing and that the students, sometimes are choosing not to wear items outside. A friendly reminder from home may help students understand that in order to stay warm, they need to wear their outdoor clothes. Families who require assistance with winter clothes can let the teacher know. The school will look to help outfit children in need.

Parking Lot: There daily concerns about the parking lot and entryway of the school. Please remember that it is important to keep all students safe upon arrival and pick up. Vehicles that are parking to drop off are reminded to stay in the drop off zone, not bus zone or in the staff parking lot. This is equally important after school as there are 5 buses to pick up our students, there will be a district band bus daily. When leaving the parking lot, please make sure to stop before entering 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The staff will also be reviewing rules for road safety with students that walk home. We would appreciate all students using the crosswalks and if all could remain on sidewalks. Families are also encouraged to park along 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue to avoid the parking lot nightmare. Having students walk out to this area should be safe.

Fundraising: Fundraising season has begun. Thank you to all families and friends who supported the "Fresh to You" fundraiser. We will be receiving these orders near the end of November. As part of this fundraiser, B.C. farmers match every bundle sold with a bundle to give to our community. We sold 180 bundles which means 180 bundles of free produce. This is equivalent to 1600 kg (3600 pound) of produce that we will be able to gift to needy people in our community. Last year we supported veterans, seniors, the women's resource center and the friendship center along with families at the elementary schools in Fort St. John. If you are in need or know of a

family in need, please email [kscheck@prn.bc.ca](mailto:kscheck@prn.bc.ca) so we can make sure to support all in our community.

We will be participating with Purdy's Chocolates. Catalogues will be sent home with students however we have extra as well as on line order options. To order on line from Purdys Chocolates, go to: [www.fundraising.purdys.com](http://www.fundraising.purdys.com) Our customer number is # 41071. All paper orders are due in to the school on November 28<sup>th</sup> with delivery to the school on or Before December 10<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder that families are asked to be familiar with the B.C. protocols for schools. The daily health check can be found at: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1> . As per the P.H.O. all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are required to wear a mask, both in school and on the bus. The full document can be found at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>

Mask exemption form is available at:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=UYooShrV1EGIkMqY7zFzKpDSfZdZPiLkO1vyWRiTXRUMTE2VUIHWVczREM4MTEwNTIJMVoONQJKWC4u>

We have attached the upcoming calendar for you. Notice of changes will be sent out by email. We also update events and pictures on our Facebook page.

In closing, we are grateful that you are all part of our firebird community. May you continue to enjoy a beautiful fall in the lovely Peace River region we call home.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck  
Principal




Mr. Hunter Mackay  
Vice Principal

Mrs. Linda Gibos  
Secretary



November Calendar of  
Events  
Margaret Ma Murray



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>1 Virtual Assembly 9:00 a.m. Focus: Remembrance Day and Diwali</p>	2	3	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 House Team Activity 70's Day </p>
8	9	<p>10 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>11 Remembrance Day School Closed </p>	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	<p>23 Report Cards go home</p>	<p>24 Early Dismissal Day Students dismiss at 1:48 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Early Dismissal Day Students dismiss at 1:48 p.m.</p>	<p>26 School Closed for Parent/Teacher interviews</p>

**MMMCS Canteen List**

Dad's Cookies	\$ .75	Chips and Salsa	\$1.00
Jello	\$ .75	Nutri-grain Bar	\$1.00
Goldfish Crackers	\$ .75	Hot Dog	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$1.00	Pizza Pop	\$2.00
White Milk	\$1.00	Tuna Snack	\$2.50
Seaweed	\$1.00	Chicken Strips	\$4.00

**British Columbia Order Form (Tax Included)**

**2021 FUNDRAISING CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

CUSTOMER # 41071
ORGANIZATION OR SCHOOL Margaret Ma Murray Community School
NAME OF FUNDRAISER Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser
CLASSROOM OR CLUB

SEE YOUR COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

**PURCHASER INFORMATION**

PURCHASER (YOUR) NAME
BEST CONTACT PHONE # (IN CASE WE NEED TO REACH YOU)
EMAIL
RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON FUNDRAISING

PG	CODE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	LINE	QTY	TOTAL
2	26238	Iconic Christmas Gift Tin	20 pc	\$26.25	1		
3	13103X	Favourites — Milk (gift wrapped)	32 pc	\$34.65	2		
3	11103X	Favourites — Dark (gift wrapped)	32 pc	\$34.65	3		
3	12105X	Favourites — Assorted (gift wrapped)	32 pc	\$34.65	4		
3	12503Y	Favourites — Assorted (gift wrapped)	164 pc	\$162.75	5		
4	14207Y	Holiday Classics — Assorted	50 pc	\$57.75	6		
4	14211Y	Holiday Classics — Assorted	72 pc	\$78.75	7		
4	14212Y	Holiday Classics — Assorted	98 pc	\$105.00	8		
5	14553	Chocolate Survival Kit: Survive the Season	260 g / 9.2 oz	\$17.85	9		
5	19614	Chocolates & Roasted Nuts	375 g / 13.2 oz	\$31.50	10		
6	17009X	Mini Hedgehogs — Milk (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$15.75	11		
6	17012X	Mini Hedgehogs — Dark (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$15.75	12		
6	17011X	Hedgehogs — Milk (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$21.00	13		
6	17021X	Hedgehogs — Milk (gift wrapped)	20 pc	\$39.90	14		
7	16001X	Sweet Georgia Browns — Milk (gift wrapped)	8 pc	\$22.05	15		
7	16018X	Mini Sweet Georgia Browns — Milk (gift wrapped)	15 pc	\$22.05	16		
7	16016X	Sweet Georgia Browns — Dark (gift wrapped)	8 pc	\$22.05	17		
7	18194X	Fruit Jellies	32 pc	\$24.15	18		
7	15600X	Cardinal Cherries	14 pc	\$28.35	19		
7	15500X	Milk & Dark Chocolate Nuts & Caramels	265 g / 9.3 oz	\$24.15	20		
8	25034X	Mini Favourites	6 pc	\$12.60	21		
8	28752	Jolly St. Nick — Milk	56 g / 2.0 oz	\$4.20	22		
8	18314	Holiday Joy Card Box	60 g / 2.1 oz	\$5.78	23		
8	18501	Salted Butter Toffee Bites	200 g / 7.1 oz	\$14.70	24		
9	12793	Peppermint Bark	6 pc	\$18.90	25		
9	18505	Peppermint Ice Miniatures	200 g / 7.1 oz	\$14.70	26		
10	16012X	No Sugar Added Mini Sweet Georgia Browns (gift wrapped)	15 pc	\$22.05	27		
10	17016X	No Sugar Added Mini Hedgehogs (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$15.75	28		

PG	CODE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	LINE	QTY	TOTAL
10	13496X	No Sugar Added Favourites (gift wrapped)	12 pc	\$17.85	29		
11	29151	Assorted Chocolate Bar Bag	258 g / 9.2 oz	\$14.70	30		
11	25121	Ruby Praline	6 pc	\$12.60	31		
11	29129	Dark Chocolate Foiled Bells	375 g / 13.2 oz	\$21.00	32		
12	12766X	English Toffee	3 pc	\$15.75	33		
12	12792	Eggnog	7 pc	\$12.60	34		
12	18288	Winter Nut Mix	350 g / 12.3 oz	\$24.15	35		
13	32948	Hot Chocolate	335 g / 11.8 oz	\$8.40	36		
13	18105X	Mint Melts	12 pc	\$15.75	37		
13	20318	Pecan Rolls	2 pc	\$15.75	38		
14	21506	Stocking Stuffer	235 g / 8.3 oz	\$14.70	39		
14	29108	Holiday Miniatures — Milk	375 g / 13.2 oz	\$21.00	40		
14	15004	Reindeer Gift Box	265 g / 9.3 oz	\$21.00	41		
15	27994	Peanut Butter Fingers	12 pc	\$14.70	42		
15	18172X	Himalayan Pink Salt Peanut Butter (gift wrapped)	18 pc	\$21.00	43		
15	18166X	Milk & Dark Himalayan Pink Salt Caramels (gift wrapped)	18 pc	\$22.05	44		
16	14661	Holiday Spirit Gift Basket	1.2 kg / 2.6 lb	\$126.00	45		
N/A	26221	Merry and Bright Gift Tin	20 pc	\$26.25	46		

**GRAND TOTAL**



FUNDRAISING PROGRAM CHRISTMAS 2021

1.888.478.7397 ext. 1  
fundraising.purdys.com



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**Thank you for your support!**

### WHO WE ARE

Margaret Ma Murray Community School

### WE'RE FUNDRAISING FOR

Items for the school to support student learning

### ORDER ONLINE:

1. Sign in or create a new supporter account either by clicking the link sent to you by our coordinator or by visiting [fundraising.purdys.com](https://fundraising.purdys.com)
2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number below on the registration page.
3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter the number below into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
4. Click on **JOIN CAMPAIGN.**

41071

CUSTOMER NUMBER

### PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

Friday, November 26th, 2021

DATE

### PICK UP ORDERS ON:

December 8-10th, 2021

DATE

### AT:

Margaret Ma Murray Community School

LOCATION

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator:

Mrs. Scheck or Mrs. Gibos

COORDINATOR NAME

236-365-6627

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