



# Margaret “Ma” Murray Community School

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Tuesday,  
August 30th,

2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Margaret Ma Murray Community School year five. On behalf of the staff, I would like to say how excited we are to see all our students and families as we start our school year. We have been receiving a number of questions regarding opening day, school supplies and procedures. Hopefully this newsletter will help to address your questions and put you somewhat at ease for start-up.

We understand that families and students may be anxious about coming back to school. Please remember that we have your best interests at heart and our staff are confident that students will be placed in classroom settings that will meet their needs.

**Gratitude and Kindness** will be our virtues for the month of September. We have so much to be grateful for in our school, our community and our province. We are so grateful for the generosity of others. A special thank you to families and staff who watered our gardens over the summer. Although the season is winding down, the sunflowers should be open on the first day of school

The staff have been working hard to plan for their classrooms, spirit day activities and back to school activities. If you know of families who have moved in to our catchment area, the school will be registering students at the following times:

- Tuesday, August 30th, 9:00-3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 30th, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday and Friday, September 1-2nd, 9:00-12:00 noon

Setting registration times will optimize our work day at the school so that we can give our new families undivided attention when you come to see us.

First Day Procedures: School will begin for grade 1-grade 6 on **Tuesday, September 6th**. Students who will be arriving by bus will start arriving at 8:10 a.m. Students catching the bus at **Ecole Central** will need

to be at the bus area at Central by 8:05 a.m. as the bus leaves at approximately 8:10 a.m. Upon arrival, students will check in at a table outside by the flagpoles. We will give students a label to identify their classroom teacher. Newly registered students will come to the table assigned for new students, where one of our staff will welcome them and help them find their classroom. This label will be stickered to their shirt to identify which class they will be assigned to. Once the bell rings, we will have the students line up outside in the field by the cones labelled with their teacher's name. These cones will be in the same location as last year. All new students will be escorted to the correct entry point.

Classrooms will be brought in once the bell rings and students will settle in with their assigned teacher for the morning. As we are unsure of the configuration of the school at this time (we are not sure which families have moved in or moved away), your child will be assigned to a teacher until Friday. At that time, we may have to do some shuffles if there are fluctuations in registrations. All staff will work together to make your child feel safe, secure and supported.

Dismissal on the first day will be at **10:45 a.m.** Supervision will be provided to all bus students until their bus arrives to pick them up. Wednesday, September 7th will be a full day. Students will need to have a lunch and inside shoes for the second day of school.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten students will be on a gradual entry. The kindergarten teachers will be calling all families on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** to review the schedule for each child. Full day kindergarten begins on **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. A more specific newsletter was sent to kindergarten families on Monday, September 5th. There is a possibility of a Kindergarten/Grade 1. Typically, we would want students in this configuration who have birthday in January - March and who have attended at least one year of pre-school. If you are interested in that combination, please let Mrs. Scheck know.

School Supplies: As per previous newsletters, we would like to offer school supplies to families at a cost of \$40.00/child and \$45.00/child in kindergarten. This alleviates families from having to search out lists and supplies. We buy our supplies in bulk and as a result we get great prices, which we pass along to our families. It also ensures that students receive the supplies that their specific teacher wants to use.

School Fees: The School Board has approved our school fees for the 2022-2023 year as well as the School bell schedule. We ask that fees be paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the school fee table along with the bell schedule below. Families can make payments online via MyEducation BC Family Portal. This is a secure platform to pay for your child's school fees. Payments can be made using Visa, Mastercard, AMEX and Visa Debit and Mastercard Debit. We will continue to allow cash for school fees as well should you prefer to pay with cash. The parent/guardian user guide is available for download from the school website or at this link: [MyEducationBC Online Payment Parent Guide \(https://myedbc.prn.bc.ca/family-portal/\)](https://myedbc.prn.bc.ca/family-portal/).

Cultural fees help to offset the cost of all the cultural performances and art residencies that will be held in 2022-2023. Bus fees help to offset the cost for field trips, swimming lessons and skating trips (as they

become available). Students who bring their own supplies will be required to pay cultural fees, bussing fees and agenda fee.

Grade Level:	Supplies:	Cultural Fee:	Busing Fee:	Agenda:	Total Cost:
Kindergarten	\$45	\$10.00	\$10.00	Not applicable	\$65.00
Grade 1-3	\$40	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$70.00
Grade 4-6	\$40	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00 (except for Mrs. Bracey's class)	\$70.00 \$60.00 (Mrs. Bracey)
Other:	<u>Camp Cameron:</u> \$40.00 to offset the cost for the trip	<u>Team Sports:</u> \$20 for teams requiring buses and referees	<u>Field Trips:</u> Up to \$10 for each field trip	<u>Classroom with Technology Fee:</u> Insurance Charge for Grade 6: As per board \$30	

2022-2023 Bell Schedule:

8:25 a.m. Regular Supervision begins	12:15 p.m. Lunch (students come in to eat)
8:40 a.m. Warning Bell	12:35 p.m. Warning Bell
8:45 a.m. Classes Begin	12:40 p.m. Classes begin
10:15 a.m. Recess	2:46 p.m. Dismissal
10:30 a.m. Warning Bell	3:01 p.m. Playground supervision ends
10:35 a.m. Classes Resume	*students heading home**
11:55 a.m. Bell for going outside time*	

Bus Students: Many of the students will be arriving on buses. We have the tentative arrival schedule but not departure times. This schedule will be set up in early September once transportation knows how many students will be taking the bus. Any new families that require their children to ride the bus (i.e. you have moved in to the area for catchment or your child is in kindergarten and never taken the bus) will need to complete a transportation form. Any family who has had their physical address changed (currently on a bus route but have moved locations and have a new physical address) will also have to fill in a new transportation form. There will be supervision at the school when the students are dropped off and until they are on their bus for their return trip home. Transportation forms can be found at the district website at: <http://www.prn.bc.ca/transportation/>.

You can also contact bussing for further information at (250)263-6425 or (250)263-6426.

School Meals: M.M.M.C.S. will be offering a school meals program starting on September 20th. Menus will be coming home on Monday, September 12th, so please watch for them. All directions will be included in the menu paperwork. This is a successful program provided for by the district and we look forward to providing this option for your families.

Many students and families are feeling anxious about coming back to school. Attached at these links are a few interactive story slides. You just open the link and click on a picture, an item or a bolded word. We hope you enjoy [MMMCS First Day of School](#) and [September 2022](#).

We have included a calendar for September with the dates we know so far as well as the Revised District 2022-2023 Calendar, and criminal records check information. We look forward to meeting all families as you arrive on the first day of school. I am hoping you are all as excited as we are for the third year at MMMCS. Enjoy your last weeks of summer holidays!


Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck  
Principal

Mr. Hunter Mackay  
Vice Principal

Linda Gibos  
Secretary

Margaret Ma Murray Community School



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### School Wide Expectations and Behaviour Matrix

A H.E.R.O. is an ordinary person doing extraordinary things.

	Inside	Outside	Bathrooms	Technology
H Honest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I tell the truth.</li> <li>I do my best.</li> <li>I respect all property.</li> <li>I admit and correct my mistakes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I stay where adults are supervising.</li> <li>I tell the truth.</li> <li>I am fair.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use my own stall.</li> <li>I clean up after myself.</li> <li>I use the bathroom appropriately.</li> <li>I report problems right away.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use technology appropriately.</li> <li>I am safe when I use the internet.</li> <li>I only use approved devices at school.</li> </ul>
E Empathetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am kind, helpful and understanding.</li> <li>I respect the learning environment of others.</li> <li>I use kind words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am an Upstander.</li> <li>I include others.</li> <li>I care for the environment.</li> <li>I am kind, helpful and understanding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I give people their privacy.</li> <li>I share the space properly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I offer help to others.</li> <li>I report cyber bullying.</li> <li>I am kind and understanding to other users.</li> </ul>
R Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I keep my hands and feet to myself.</li> <li>I am where I should be.</li> <li>I stay organized and tidy my space.</li> <li>I work together with others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I play and learn safely.</li> <li>I use equipment properly.</li> <li>I listen and follow directions.</li> <li>I come in when the bell rings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wait my turn.</li> <li>I clean up after myself.</li> <li>I flush the toilet and wash my hands.</li> <li>I am timely.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I know using technology is a privilege.</li> <li>I stay on task.</li> <li>I take care of all school devices.</li> </ul>
O Open-Minded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I embrace challenges and take risks.</li> <li>I learn about other people and cultures.</li> <li>I accept that others learn in different ways.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am open to new things.</li> <li>I seek out new friends.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I give other's privacy.</li> <li>I accept that everyone needs to use the washroom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I try new technology to complete my work.</li> <li>I share technology.</li> </ul>

**H.E.R.O.s join forces for the greater good!**

Week Ahead  
 Ma Murray Community School  
 September 6th=9th, 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Labour Day School Closed	6 First Day of School Students dismissed at 10:45	7	8	9
12	13	14 First day of Kindergarten	15	16
19 Talk Like a Pirate Week	20	21	22 Pancakes and Pirate Day House Team Points	23 Planning Day School closed
26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day Wear Orange	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day School Closed



**School District # 60 Peace River North**  
**2022-2033 School Year**



School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	
Days in Session	<b>186</b>
Number of Instructional Days	<b>178</b>
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (School Planning)	Friday, September 23, 2022
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Friday, September 30, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
Non-Instruction Day (Pro-D Provincial)	Friday, October 21, 2022
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, November 23 and Thursday, November 24, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews)	Friday, November 25, 2022
Christmas Vacation Period	Monday, December 19, 2022 - Monday, January 2, 2023
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Friday, January 27, 2023
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Report Writing)	Monday, February 27, 2023
Early Dismissal Days	Wednesday and Thursday March 15 & 16, 2023
Spring Vacation Period /District Closure Days	Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 31, 2023
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation /District Closure Days	Monday, April 3, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Friday, April 21, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D) (Indigenous Learning)	Friday, May 5, 2023
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last day for Students	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Administrative Day - Schools Close	Friday, June 30, 2023

