






Margaret "Ma" Murray
Community School
Week Ahead 2023-2024
October 23rd-28th, 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>23 Art Club Grade 3-6 @ lunch</p>	<p>24 Volleyball: 3pm- Boys A @ Home 3pm- Girls A @ Clearview 3pm- Girls B @ Alwin Holland</p>	<p>25 Bus Safety 9-2 </p>	<p>26 Miss Brittany's Culture Group @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Intermediate Badminton @ 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>30 Assembly 9:0 a.m. Art Club Grade 3-6 @ lunch</p>	<p>31 Halloween Parade 1:00 p.m. in gym  Volleyball: 3pm- Boys A @ Bert Ambrose 3pm- Boys (Gr. 5) @ Anne Roberts Young 3pm- Girls A @ Home 3pm- Girls B @ Home</p>	<p>Nov 1 PJ Day for house team points</p>	<p>Nov 2 Miss Brittany's Culture Group @ 3:00 p.m. Volleyball: 3pm/3:45- Both Boys B teams (Doubleheader for each team) @ Home</p>	<p>3 Intermediate Badminton @ 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>6 Art Club Grade 3-6 @ lunch</p>	<p>7 Volleyball: 3pm- Girls A @ Home</p>	<p>8 Volleyball: 3pm- Boys B @ Anne Roberts Young 3pm- Girls B @ Anne Roberts Young</p>	<p>9 Volleyball: 3pm- Boys A @ Home Miss Brittany's Culture Group @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Intermediate Badminton @ 8:00 a.m. Remembrance Day Assembly 11 a.m. </p>

Volleyball- A permission slip, game schedule and practice schedule has been sent to all volleyball players in Grade 4-6 (If your child has not received these please see Mr. C.). The office requires the permission slip signed and returned as well as \$10 for the bus fee. Please look above at the games this week, and be aware of your child's pick up time after games.

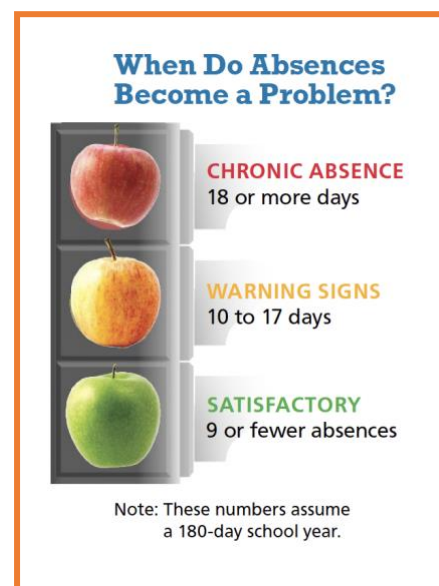
[-Volleyball Practice Schedule](#)

[-Volleyball League Schedule](#)

Healthy Schools Contest: In January, 2023, our school participated in the Northern Health "Healthy Schools" Contest. Students tracked healthy eating, participation in physical activity and reading minutes over a two-week period. 80% of our students participated in this healthy school challenge. We were notified this week that our school won the top prize of \$5000.00. We had discussed with the students that if we won the grand prize, we would donate \$2500.00 to the P.A.C. to assist with the cost of the surface for the kindergarten playground. This leaves \$2500.00 that we can use for other schoolwide activities. Classrooms have been asked to submit ideas for how we can use this win to provide some healthy choices for our students, particularly in the winter months. We will vote on ideas if there isn't consensus by classrooms. What a great contest to win!

Attendance: School attendance can greatly affect how a student does in school, both academically and socially/emotionally. Developing good attendance habits is crucial in elementary school for success throughout the school years. Missing 2 days/month may not sound like a lot of time. However, in one school year that adds up to 12% of the school year. We have attached a poster of information on how attendance may affect your child's learning and feeling of success in school. Our attendance last year was impacting how students felt and how they performed academically. Children who do not have regular attendance, have gaps in their learning, which contributes to mental well-being, anxiety, missed assignments, less connection to peers and a feeling of not knowing what is going on in school. Below is a table of absences recorded throughout the last school year. Overall, 143/332 students in our school missed 20+ days last year. That is 43% of our student population!

Grade:	Total of 20+ Absences
	178 days (1-6) and 173 days (K)
Kindergarten	21/50 students= 42%
One	20/40 students=50%
Two	22/57 students= 39%
Three	31/53 students= 59%
Four	17/52 students= 30%
Five	17/46 students=37%
Six	15/44 students=34%



P.A.C. Information: For our 2023/2024 fall season, we have taken over the Purdy's fundraiser, which you can access at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1770625-108544> . You can use our campaign code 70501 to connect to our Christmas campaign. All orders must be in by November 26th, and the planned pick-up day will be December 11th.

We currently have the Dieleman's fundraiser happening, and all students should have come home with the catalogue. If you would like to place an order, please go to <https://www.dfscanada.com/shop-now/> to set up your online account. Our organization ID is **7186**. All orders must be in by October 31. We will also be doing the Growing Smiles fundraiser again and that will be starting very soon. Our link to this fundraiser is: <https://margaretma.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Bella Yahey Gathering space. We look forward to you joining us then. The Ma Murray P.A.C. also has a Facebook page. Please join us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/279937342627775/> or search **Margaret Ma Murray School PAC**.

School Activities: Our school has a variety of activities for students to participate in at lunch and afterschool. These activities include: art club, student leadership (Early Act), SWIS Club, Yoga for primary and intermediate, sports teams, Earth Rangers club and Culture Group. It takes many staff members to offer this rich extracurricular opportunity for the students in our school. Thank you to all the staff that make Margaret "Ma" Murray Community School a welcoming and nurturing environment for all.

School Fees: Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. Please pay outstanding fees as soon as possible. We are sitting with \$9500.00 in unpaid fees. This is a large amount particularly when we must pay for the agendas and school supplies. Unpaid funds mean the school must cover these costs until fees are paid. This impacts what we can do with our school funds.

"Lost and Found" boxes are overflowing. If your child is missing clothing items or water bottles, please feel free to come and check out our lost and found.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kathy Scheck

Cody Clements

Linda Gibos

Principal

Vice Principal

Secretary

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