



Margaret "Ma" Murray
Community School
Week Ahead 2023-2024
March 11-15th, 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 Assembly @ 9 am Patrick Hunter here	12 Report Cards go home	13 Intermediate Science Fair Early dismissal day school out at 1:45 p.m.	14 Pi Day (Numeracy Activities p.m.) Early dismissal day school out at 1:45	15 Pod 3 gymnastics field trip

As we prepare for our spring break, we will put out the lost and found. There is a significant amount of clothing items, backpacks, footwear and water bottles. Please make sure to come by the school and look through the items and take what belongs to your children. Anything left on March 15th will be donated.

Report Cards: Report cards will go home on Tuesday, March 12th. We ask that you pay particular attention to the absences and lates your child has. Many families feel that absences do not affect learning but they do. These absences and lates not only affect the child that is absent, but they also affect projects and assignments where students work with partners. The absences create gaps in learning that compound year to year. Primary years are the foundation in giving students the necessary tools to be fluent in reading, writing and numeracy. Once students enter grade 4, they need these fluent skills to be able to read, write and problem solve in all curricular areas. These skills are even more important as they transition to middle school.

When students aren't here regularly, teachers have a difficult time making sure that each child has the necessary skills to transition to the next level. Schools are not the same places that many parents attended in their elementary years. Classrooms have content that is interactive, collaborative and based on hands-on learning activities. These are not learning opportunities that can be made up with worksheets or textbook pages. Lates impact lessons that are in progress. Imagine if you arrived late to a meeting for work - you miss what has already happened, someone has to catch you up or you are lost in the content. This is exactly what happens in classrooms.

Over 20% of our students have missed 20+ days of school and have significant tardies. **60%** of our students are well on their way to the 20+ days missed. If this trend continues with 4 months left of school, many students will have missed over 30+ days and another significant group will end up with 20+ absences. Teachers cannot make up this lost time with your child. Please be mindful to arrive on time and only keep students home when it is necessary.

School Fees: School fees for 2023-2024 are overdue. We have \$5000.00 in outstanding fees. We ask that all fees are paid by spring break or that families ask for a payment plan. Without these fees, we will not be able to continue to provide school supplies next year.

Pi Day: On Thursday, March 14th, we will be having a numeracy afternoon called Pi Day. Students will work with buddy classes to work through some mathematical thinking activities. This will be culminated with pieces of pie. Thank you Miss Polnik and Miss Jesperson for organizing this interactive afternoon.

Basketball: We are very grateful to all the volunteers that coached, sponsored and took students to games and tournaments. We had 7 basketball teams (80+ students) attend this extra-curricular activity and this would not be possible without the amazing effort of the volunteers. We appreciate your dedication and support so much! Thank you!

Early Dismissal Days: Wednesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 14th will be early dismissal days. School will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. Teachers are available these days for parent-teacher conferences. Please watch for their schedules to come out early next week.

Kindergarten Registrations for 2024/2025 are being accepted. Please register your child as soon as possible to assist us in planning for staffing. We will need a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence.

The weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer. We hope you enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Scheck

Mr. Clements
Margaret "Ma" Murray Community School

Mrs. Gibos

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.