



Margaret Ma Murray Community School
11504 - 105 Avenue
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Monday, September 14, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful first week of September at Margaret Ma Murray Community School! Our hallways have been filled with excitement, new connections, and a positive energy that sets the stage for a successful year ahead.

School Start-up Forms: A package of forms have been sent home with students for families to review. Please ensure the verification form reflects any updates to your contact information so we have the most current details on file. Fees are due by Thursday, October 1 and can be paid by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to mmpayments@prn.bc.ca.

Attendance Procedures: To help us ensure student safety and maintain accurate attendance records, we ask for your support with our late and absence procedures. Students who arrive late must check in at the office before going to class. If your child will be absent, please email the office at mmmcs@prn.bc.ca to report the absence. The warning bell rings at 8:37am and classes begin promptly at 8:42am, so we encourage students to arrive on time and ready to learn. Thank you for helping us ensure accurate attendance and a safe, successful start to each school day.

Parking Lot: We understand the parking situation is not ideal. However, parking behind vehicles in designated stalls is not permitted at any time. Doing so restricts access, poses safety risks, and causes unnecessary delays for others. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the area safe and functional for everyone.

Fire Drill & Emergency Drills: Throughout the year, all BC schools conduct fire and emergency drills as part of routine safety procedures. Families are encouraged to speak with their children about the importance of these practices and reassure them that they are safe. Staff will continue supporting students in understanding and participating in these drills.

School Meals: Please note that our School Meals Program is transitioning to an online ordering system, with meals beginning on Monday, September 21. All orders must be placed online through mmmcs.hotlunches.net. See the School Meals Program letter below for registration information and instructions for setting up your online ordering account. Ordering for September and October will open on Monday, September 14, and close on Friday, September 18 at 1:00pm. Each ordered meal includes two snacks. The canteen program will not be available at this time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this new process.

Open House: Parents and guardians are invited to join us on Thursday, September 24 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm for an evening that offers the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet staff, and tour the school. We look forward to connecting with all families during this time.



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PAC Information: All parents and guardians are invited to attend the PAC's Annual General Meeting (AGM), followed by a regular PAC meeting, on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00pm in the Bella Yahey. The PAC is currently seeking new executive members and welcomes anyone interested in becoming involved. Whether you are interested in an executive position or simply want to learn more about the PAC, we encourage all families to attend.

Sports: We are excited to kick off another season of school sports with soccer. Practices for intermediate students will begin next week, and a practice schedule will be posted outside the office. A big thank you to Mr. Larnder and Mrs. Norrish for generously volunteering their time and energy to coach this season. The elementary district soccer tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 3.

Terry Fox: Our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Monday, September 21 at 1:00pm. Classrooms will be raising money to support cancer research and help continue Terry Fox's inspiring legacy of hope, courage, and determination. Thank you for supporting this important cause.

Supervision Reminder: We kindly remind families that school supervision begins at 8:22am. We ask that students arrive no earlier than 8:22am and be picked up promptly following dismissal at 2:47pm. Students who arrive on the morning bus before general supervision begins are reminded to remain in the front playground. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Outside Days: Students are expected to play outside at recess and lunch breaks and should come to school prepared for the weather. As temperatures and conditions continue to fluctuate, we encourage families to send a weather appropriate jacket, suitable outdoor footwear, and an extra set of clothes in their child's backpack to help keep them comfortable throughout the day.

Important Dates & Upcoming School Events

★	First Full Day of Kindergarten	Wednesday, September 16
★	Pirate and Pancake Day	Friday, September 18
★	Terry Fox Run	Monday, September 21
★	Parent Open House	Thursday, September 24 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm
★	Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)	Friday, September 25
★	School Photo Day	Monday, September 28
★	Orange Shirt Day	Tuesday, September 29
★	PAC: AGM and General Meeting	Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00pm
★	Truth & Reconciliation Day (School Closed)	Wednesday, September 30
★	Elementary Soccer Tournament	Saturday, October 3
★	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)	Monday, October 12
★	Book Fair	Week of October 13-16



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Thank you for helping make Margaret Ma Murray Community School such a special place to learn and grow. We are excited to build on this positive start and make the most of the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr. Keith MacGillivray
Principal

Ms. Kimberley Asai
Vice Principal

Mrs. Linda Gibos
Secretary

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SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

Our School Meals Program is transitioning to an online ordering system. All school meal orders must be placed online through mmmcs.hotlunches.net. We encourage families to review the information carefully and complete their registration. Please note that you will need to create a new account and add your child(ren), as the system has been reset for the new school year.

Here's How to Get Started

- Go to mmmcs.hotlunches.net
- Select "Click Here to Register"
- Enter the access code: MMHL
- Complete the registration form. Including your email address will ensure that you receive reminder emails about meal ordering deadlines and your child's upcoming meal orders.
- Select "Register Now" at the bottom of the page
- Follow the instructions to add each child attending Margaret Ma Murray Community School. Once your child(ren) are registered, select "Orders"
- Proceed with ordering meals for your child(ren)

Payment Options: Payments can be made by e-transfer to mmpayments@prn.bc.ca. Please include your child's name and indicate that the payment is for the School Meals Program in the e-transfer message. Cash or cheques, payable to Margaret Ma Murray Community School, may also be sent to the school.

If you have any questions or require assistance with registration or ordering, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support as we transition to this new ordering process.