

Mills Haven Elementary Newsletter 2 October 2, 2020
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From the Principal's Desk...

September saw us getting used to new routines including handwashing, sanitizing, masks, mask breaks, sitting in rows, facing forwards. In conversations with staff I've repeatedly heard how resilient students are and how well they've adapted to our current reality. I'm happy to say we're off to a good start.



Last Friday was the annual Terry Fox Run. We all participated as individual classes, spaced out over the course of the day, while staying on school grounds, rather than walking/running through the community. Yes, we had to modify and adapt, but we were still able to participate.

Yesterday, [Dr. Hinshaw announced Halloween guidelines](#). We also know there are many other significant milestones coming up in the next few months. Collectively, we need to find ways that provide students with the opportunity to have meaningful participation in these milestones, which get mentioned by students as some of their favorite memories. Consider, when you're 28 or 38, will you remember that Math quiz from grade 7 you aced? The Social Studies diorama that you did in grade 2? Not likely. But you will remember events like Halloween or participating in the Christmas concert. Halloween at Mills Haven will be a discussion topic for the upcoming staff meeting, and more details will follow.



Photo Source
<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/halloween-advice>
 Retrieved Oct. 2, 2020

Thank-you to parents for phoning the school and making appointments before coming in. Thank-you also for your mask use while on school grounds. Role modeling is very important for students, and we are grateful for your continued support. I also offer my congratulations to School Council for the recent AGM and extend thanks to parents who put their names forward for positions. Currently there are two positions to fill.

Learning is hard work. Learning is important work. Learning can also be fun! And, as I sometimes like to say, "serious work doesn't always have to be done seriously."

Happy Learning!
 Sven Danzinger
 Principal



LOST & FOUND: LABELLING CLOTHING

Even though it is only the second month of school, there are already a number of items in our lost and found. It would be very helpful for student clothing such as jackets, boots, hats, etc. to be labeled. That way we can more easily reunite items with their owners.

OCTOBER 2020

Oct 5-9	Read in Week
Oct 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct 6	Picture Day 1 KB + Div 1
Oct 7	Picture Day 2 KA + Div 2
Oct 7	Early Out/Staff Meeting
Oct 9	Professional Learning Day – no school for students
Oct 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Oct 18-24	School Bus Safety Week
Oct 24	United Nations Day
Oct 27	School Council & MHSSSES 6 PM
Oct TBA	Secret Path/Project of Heart with Grade 6 classes
Oct TBA	Bus Evacuation

NOVEMBER 2020

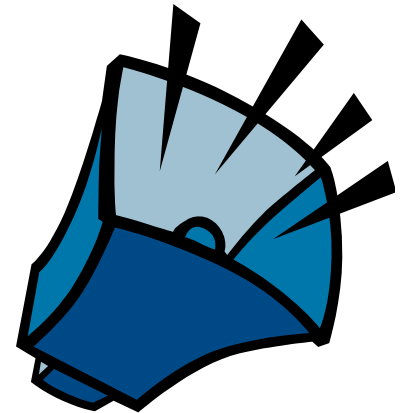
Nov 3	Photo re-takes & sibling photos
Nov 4	Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM
Nov 6	Remembrance Day Ceremony Newsletter
Nov 9-13	Fall Break - No School
Nov 16-19	National Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 17	School Council & MHSSSES 6 PM
Nov 23	Term 1 Report Cards published online
Nov TBD	Parent/Teacher Interviews



In and around the School

MHV SCHOOL COUNCIL AND MHSSSES UPDATES (MILLS HAVEN SCHOOL AND STUDENT ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY)

Thank-you to the many parents who attended our School Council AGM on Tuesday, September 29. Thank-you and congratulations to the parents who put their names forward for serving on School Council. As you will note, there are currently only two positions available. If you would like to participate on the School Council executive, please contact the school. Your new School Council executive is:



Position	Name
Chair	Sherry
Vice-Chair	Caleb
Secretary	Position vacant
Division 1 Rep	Crystal
Division 2 Rep	Position vacant

A note from Mills Haven School and Student Enhancement Society

As our new school year has begun so have our Fundraising initiatives. Our role as the Mills Haven Student and School Enhancement Society is to do exactly that - enhance the student experience at school.

This year we feel that means more than it ever did. You'll start seeing correspondence from our team on new, exciting - COVID friendly fundraisers. Our theme is to support local as we enhance the student and school experience.

You'll also be receiving an email consent letter from our team which will allow us to communicate with you directly.

We are also working on a new option for families which would allow you to make a one-time donation to cover you for the year.

Stay tuned for more updates on our Social Media page and on the Mills Haven School website.

Wishing you a fun and healthy October- Stacey, Aida & the MHSSSES Team.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL & MHSSSES

2020-2021 MEETING DATES

Virtual meetings are at 6 PM via Zoom

Tuesday October 27

Tuesday November 17

December No Meeting

Tuesday January 26

Tuesday February 23

Tuesday March 16

Tuesday April 27

Tuesday May 25

FALL PHOTOS

Picture Day Schedule Day 1 Tuesday, October 6	Picture Day Schedule Day 2 Wednesday, October 7
1. Mrs. Holm	1. Mrs. Holms
2. Mrs. Romanowska	2. Mrs. Humeniuk
3. Mrs. DaCosta	3. Mrs. Walker
4. Mrs. Jampen	4. Frau Kemp
5. Mrs. Massey	5. Mrs. Rusnak
6. Ms. Bienert	6. Ms Headrick
7. Mrs. Hamilton	7. Mrs. Tally/Malak
8. Mrs. McCarthy	8. Frau Rodway
	9. Mr. Zukiwsky



STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome back to Mrs. McCarthy, class 3M. Thank-you to Mrs. Kowalski who filled in until Mrs. McCarthy returned. Welcome also to Mrs. Malak in class 5/6TM. Mrs. Malak teaches Math and Science in the afternoon.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Students and staff participated in the annual Orange Shirt day. This event is significant in our ongoing efforts for Truth and Reconciliation. Some classes also made cut-out T-shirts with positive messages on them.



TERRY FOX RUN

Thank-you for your participation! Our run was on Friday, Sept. 25. Thanks to your contributions we raised **\$590.65!**

HALLOWEEN (OCTOBER 29)

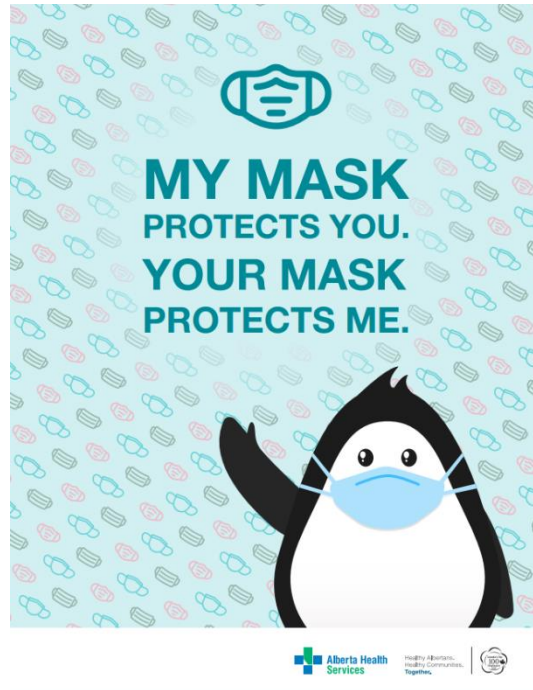
We will have Halloween at Mills Haven, although it will not look the same as in the past. Notably, we will not host a family dance. Students will still have the opportunity to wear costumes to school.

Further details will be forthcoming. It will still be *spooktacular!*



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mental Health Toolkit: This toolkit has some resources that might be helpful to share with parents over the next while that are specific to our youngest learners. Please also see the “Confident on my own” poster attached to this newsletter.



In and around the District

Caregiver Education Series

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more

Visit the [Division calendar](#) or [Caregiver Education](#) to see the monthly caregiver sessions.

Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, “Communication Protocol for Schools.” Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. The manual also offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts.

[Communication Protocol for Schools](#)

Most email communication from the Division will come from communications@eips.ca. From the school level, messages will often come from General.MHV@eips.ca. We encourage families to add these email addresses to your address book or safe senders list to help prevent Division and school messages from filtering to a junk, spam or other folder in your email inbox.

Read In Week 2020 taking place October 5-9

Read In Week returns on October 5. The theme for this year is “Read Around the World.” Through various activities, students—both in-school and out-of-school learners—will spend the week reading and learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy.

Read In Week is a Divisionwide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community. For more information visit eips.ca and [La Samaine de Read In](#)

Sync the School Calendar to Your Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? You can. Simply, visit <https://www.millshaven.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar: Google calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar: Outlook
- Download to iCal: Apple calendar

NOTE: Options are located above the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all of Mills Haven’s important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

School Fees: Now available

School fee information for the 2020-21 school year is now posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). When you log on, you’ll notice the fee schedule is different from previous years. Instead of a fee based on the entire year, fees are charged on a quarterly basis.

The fee schedule change accommodates students switching from out-of-school learning to in-school learning; the four-semester system in place at some schools, and possible fee adjustments if the province decides to transition to Scenario 2—partial return to school—or Scenario 3—the suspension of in-school classes. Fees for kits or equipment kept by the student are charged in full at the start of the course.

Each quarter, you’ll receive an email notification letting you know fees are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To access your fee information, go to “Student Fees” on PowerSchool. There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. All fees are due within 14 days of being posted. *NOTE:* School Fees apply to in-school learners only.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The deadline is Dec. 15, 2020—if new to EIPS, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2020, or 45 days after registration.

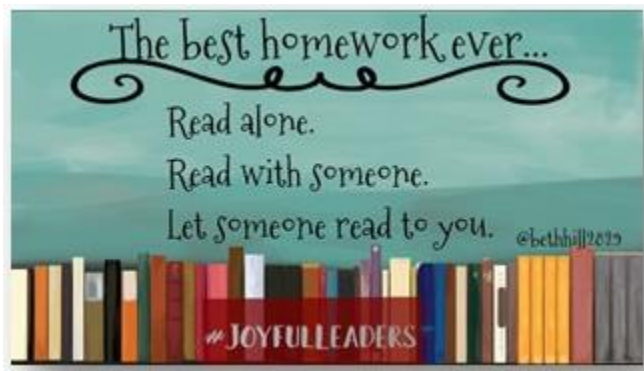
For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca and <https://www.millshaven.ca/parent-resources/fees> Alternatively, contact the school at 780-467-5556.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives. To honour the day, EIPS is running its World Teachers' Day contest inviting friends, family, students and staff to share a story about how a teacher inspired them. Thank you to all those who have shared stories to date. Collectively they tell a story about the vital role teachers play in shaping the minds of youth and supporting their journey of success.

EIPS extends a heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

MILLS HAVEN STUDENTS STRIVE TO:
*Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard,
Finish Strong, Be You!*



Free



Confident On My Own

September 26 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
or **October 15** 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For: Parents and caregivers and their children ages 10 or older

Are you beginning to think about leaving your child home alone for short periods of time?

Join us with your child online as we facilitate scenario-based learning to encourage independence at home.

**Note that completion of this workshop does not certify your child to be home alone. Only parents/guardians can decide if their children are capable of this responsibility.*

To register visit:

strathcona.ca/parentsupport



For more information visit:
strathcona.ca/familyresourcenetwork

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