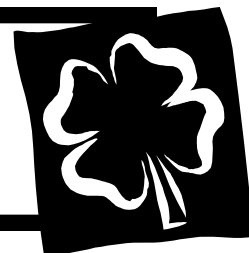




Milk River Elementary School Newsletter #7 – March 2022



Horizon School Division

Early Childhood Services—

Register now for **2022—2023**.

Early Learning and Kindergarten registration forms are available online at horizon.ab.ca or at the school. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship status card and Alberta Health Care card.

March—Nutrition Month—Unlock the Potential of Food—“Ingredients for a Healthier Tomorrow” is the theme for 2022.

For the month of **March**, we will be having a lunch box classroom challenge for Grades K-5.

A lunch box check will be done one day each week in March. Your child's teacher will be checking for a specific food group. If your child has something from that food group they earn their class a point. If they have something from every food group in their lunch they earn their class a bonus point. At the end of March the winning class will get a smoothie party!

The day of the week for the lunch box check and the food group each week will not be announced. There will be a different food group for each lunch box check, so help your child pack a balanced, nutritious lunch as many days as you can.



Mini-Basketball—The Grade 3,

4 & 5 mini-basketball season is under way. We have three teams that have been practicing throughout the month of February. Warner has two teams which means there will be lots of games to watch. We have created a schedule with games taking place at both MRES and Warner schools. Please note the games listed on our March and April calendars. The wind-up is scheduled for **Friday, April 8** at Milk River Elementary School.

Our students love basketball, and we would like to thank everyone that helps make it possible – thank you to our **coaches**, referees, time-keepers, and everyone that comes out to cheer on the players and promote the joy of basketball!

Professional Development

Days—There are two scheduled Professional Development days in March: **Friday, March 4** and **Monday, March 7**. There will be **NO** school for students on these two days!

Hot Lunch—The Hot Lunch dates for this month are **Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**.

Thursday, March 17— 

“Green Day”— We will celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** by wearing something **“Green”** to school and enjoy a pickle-on-a-stick!

Kindergarten Fridays—will begin on **Friday, March 18** until **Friday, June 17** unless otherwise indicated. Please check your Kindergarten School Calendars and note there will be no Kindergarten on **Friday, May 20** as this is a school holiday!



Missoula Children's Theatre—**Monday, March 21** to **Friday, March 25**—**“The Emperor's New Clothes”**.

We would like to welcome the Missoula Children's Theatre touring actresses: Mandi Fielding & Brianna West who will be conducting auditions for “The Emperor's New Clothes” on Monday morning, March 21.

URGENT!! We are in search of homestays for our upcoming residency week. The Missoula Children's Theatre requires that each person have his/her own private bedroom complete with bedding and towels (one person per room—or two separate residences). The two Tour Actresses/Directors will require access to a phone landline or sufficient cell phone coverage. If you can help us out or know of anyone that would be willing to accommodate a touring actor, please contact us at the school at 403-647-3747 as soon as possible.

The performance will take place on **Friday evening, March 25 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Elementary School gymnasium. (Silver Collection at the door.)



Featured stand-out students for **March** include:

Kindergarten: Abby McCulloch, Rowan Smith & Yilin Zhao

Gr. 1: Senora Beliveau & Caleb McCoy

Gr. 2: Jace Onespotted Horse & Jackson Turner

Gr. 3: Rebekah Lehner & Hailee Mikkelsen-Mercer

Gr. 4: Hadley Chapman & Davey Pittman

Gr. 5: Zack Bangs & Cheyenne McCulloch

Upcoming Events:

Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition—**April 7—May 12**—**“Microcosm”**—There is a miniature embodiment of the vivacity of life and the progression of existence within this exhibition, with systems that appear simple but are quite complex, and all the little creatures and plants that help it along; and thus, a microcosm is born.

In “Microcosm” we find subtle characters in their natural domain, almost hiding away among the foliage. We are entranced with the illustrative details and the creatures we find within these tiny worlds.

Easter Break—Please note that **Friday, April 15** is Good Friday and the beginning of Easter break.



Students will return to school on **Monday, April 25!!**

Pitch-In Canada Week—**April 17—23**. 55 Years of Keeping Canada Litter-Free. Proudly sponsored by Tim Hortons, PITCH-IN is the largest environmental improvement campaign in Canada and is dedicated to the preservation and sustainable growth of our natural ecosystems and communities.

National Volunteer Week—**April 24—30**—The theme for 2022 is **“Volunteering is Empathy in Action”**. The empathy, compassion and generosity of volunteers creates