



# Milk River Elementary School Newsletter #5 – January 2024



## Happy New Year—January 2024!

Back to School—Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday and are all rested and ready for the next stretch.

On behalf of all the staff we would like to express our sincere thanks for the treats (plants, candy, gifts, baking, etc.) that we received for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by all!!

**Many thanks...**for the nonperishable food items and cash donations (\$210.15) for the local food bank. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Elementary Mini-Basketball—We are very pleased to once again offer Elementary (Gr. 3—Gr. 5) co-ed basketball to all interested students. This program is set up to learn beginning basketball skills, HAVE FUN and GET SOME EXERCISE.

We are sending home a mini-ball information and sign up sheet. If you would like to participate please fill out the form and return it to the school by **Tuesday, January 23**.

We will be looking for **coaches**, referees and timekeepers to keep this program running. Please call the school or indicate on the student sign-up sheets if you can help us out in any way!

There will be further information to follow as coaches, dates and times are finalized.

### Kindergarten & Early Learning Registration

Procedures for 2024—2025—We are now taking registrations for Early Learning and Kindergarten. If you have a child that is eligible for either of these programs in the fall we ask that you please register as soon as possible so we can submit our enrolment projections for staffing.

Kindergarten—for children who will be five years of age on or before **December 31, 2024**.

Early Learning—for children who are a minimum of three years of age on or before **September 1, 2024**.

**Registrations are considered late after May 1.**

Registration forms are available at the school and on the Horizon School Division Website. The application for Waiver of Fees is also on the School Division Website.

Registration Requirements—Birth Certificate original (not photocopy), Passport or Canadian Citizenship status card and Alberta Health Care Card.

The Chinook Health Region asks that parents be reminded to contact their local health unit for their children's pre-school immunization boosters. Your child should have a vision and hearing screening test before he or she starts school.

Please pass the word to anyone who may have children eligible to attend the Early Learning and Kindergarten programs in the fall of 2024.

## Spotlight Kids



Featured "Spotlight Kids" for the January theme (Cooperation) include:

Kindergarten: Dominic Cote & Toni Morales

Grade 1: Evelyn Losey & Leo Rodrigues

Grade 2: Carter Shampaign & Elin Zhao

Grade 3: Kase Bianchi & Barrett Rimmer

Grade 4: Bentley Borg & Jackson Turner

Grade 5: Quinn Shampaign

Grade 6: Lyraine Buli-e & Riley Sibley-Lodermeier