



**MILK RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #6 – February, 2024**



Mini-Basketball—The



Grade 3, 4 & 5 mini-basketball season is under way. We have two teams that will start practicing the week of February 26. Warner also has a team which means there will be lots of games to watch. We will create a schedule with games taking place at both Milk River and Warner schools. We hope to start playing games the week of March 4 and play until the Easter break.

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

Report Cards— will be sent home with students on **Thursday, February 8**. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be scheduled as requested.



Happy Valentine's Day—

Wednesday, February 14—All our students will be receiving cookies in celebration of Valentine's Day. Elementary students will also be participating in classroom activities and a valentine exchange.



"Pink Shirt Day"—

Wednesday, February 28—

we will support anti-bullying by wearing a pink shirt to school on **Wednesday, February 28**. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to know that **"Together..We Can Make a Difference!"** and have a greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone. **Kindness starts here!**

Monthly Calendar – Please check your February calendar for activities and school holidays for the month. There will be no school for students on **Friday, February 16** and also the week of **Monday, February 19 to Friday, February 23**. Classes will resume as usual on **Monday, February 26**.

Spotlight Kids

Featured "Spotlight Kids" for the February theme (Fairness) include:

- Kindergarten: Krystian Bowlby & Scarlett Butler
- Gr. 1: Bela Irribarra & Kai Putzi
- Gr. 2: Harper Goldsmith & William Hayter
- Gr. 3: Zaneila Buli-e
- Gr. 4: Paisley Balog & Lenox Fleming
- Gr. 5: Easton Smith
- Gr. 6: Lyraice Buli-e & Kaiya McCoy

Guiding 21st Century Readers—The literacy themed prizes for this term were presented to:

- Gr. 1: Olivia Hoytos & Evelyn Losey
- Gr. 2: Camden Balog & Ellis Turner
- Gr. 3: Kase Bianchi & Caleb McCulloch
- Gr. 4: Kimberley Gilmar & Jackson Turner
- Gr. 5: Kinlee Wehlage
- Gr. 6: Kaiya McCoy

The Kindergarten prize for this term was awarded for "Growth in Alphabet Recognition". The prizes were presented to: Cooper Lippa & Wade Miller.

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.

Happy Valentine's Day - Wednesday, February 14th!

