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# SEPTEMBER 2011



Check out the MH News—School Activities Page the first Tuesday of every month for more school info and upcoming events!

School fees are due **September 30, 2011.**

Payments can be made at the South Office by cash, cheque, debit, Visa or MasterCard.

If you have any questions, please call our bookkeeper @ 527-3371, Ext. 7122.



## Please Note:

To view future MHHS newsletters **OR** to subscribe to have them sent directly to your email address, please go to our website:

**www.mhhs.ca**

- go to the lower right corner of our homepage
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### Newsletter Subscription

Please subscribe to our school newsletter to keep up-to-date on what is happening around our school.

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You will follow the same procedure if you wish to no longer receive our newsletters:

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**Thank you!**



## School Council Meeting

Thursday, September 22

@ 7:00 pm

MHHS Cafeteria

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!!

WELCOME TO

*Medicine Hat School District No. 76's*

# *Celebrate 125*

CAKE CUTTING AND OFFICIAL  
ANNIVERSARY YEAR KICK-OFF

*Thursday, September 22, 2011*

*2:00-5:00pm at the Esplanade, Medicine Hat*

- 3:45pm Cake Cutting Ceremony & Dignitary Greetings
  - "Leading Edge"...the history of District 76 ...  
book launch and signing by author Dr. Roy Wilson  
in the Esplanade Main Foyer
- Archive & museum exhibits on display



## Parents:

The general and Catholic **2011/2012 Curriculum Handbooks for Parents, Curriculum Summaries for Kindergarten to Grade 9 and senior high school**, and the *Curriculum Express for Parents*, Kindergarten to Grade 3 are now available on the Alberta Education website at [www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx). They may be downloaded for viewing and printing as required. The handbooks are also available for purchase from the Learning Resources Centre at 780-427-2767 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000). An order form can be found on the website.

Updated on an annual basis, the *Curriculum Handbooks for Parents* offer in-depth information about what students are expected to learn at each grade level of the curriculum, the *Curriculum Summaries* provide concise grade-at-a-glance information, and the *Curriculum Express for Parents* gives a short explanation of the curriculum for parents who are English language learners.

Parents and parent groups have shown a keen interest in how to better support students and an appreciation for parent resources, such as the *Curriculum Handbook for Parents, Curriculum Summaries* and *Curriculum Express for Parents*. We also recognize that parents' needs are changing and that parent resources need to be enhanced to meet those changing needs. Through a review of the handbooks, summaries and *Curriculum Express for Parents*, a suite of resources has been developed to facilitate more focused and efficient communication with parents. Therefore, 2012 will be a year of transition in which the present *Curriculum Handbook for Parents* series will transform into an integrated and enhanced parent digital resource in English and in French.

For further information, please contact the Curriculum Sector, Education Program Standards and Assessment Division at 780-427-2984 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

**2011-2012  
Curriculum Handbook**

## Grade 9 Vaccination Dates

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Wednesday, April 25, 2012



### ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADE 9 STUDENTS

RE: Immunization for Grade 9 Students:

Consents will either be sent home from school with your grade 9 student or you will receive a consent in the mail. These consents will be issued early September.

You will need to fill out the top part of the consent with your child's name, date of birth, health care number, school and grade. Please print clearly all the required information. Your signature is required for us to vaccinate your child at the school.

If you do not receive a consent for your student by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 please contact the Public Health Office at 403-502-8213.

**ALL CONSENT FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED IN THE  
ENVELOPE INCLUDED WITH THE CONSENT PACKAGE.**

# FNMI EDUCATION

Welcome back from First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education (FNMI Education)! We hope you enjoyed your break and are ready for a new school year.

We just have a few reminders for parents & students: Please ensure that when student registration forms are completed that the student's ancestry is included by checking the appropriate box on the form (First Nations, Métis or Inuit). We hope to maintain accurate records of the FNMI students in our schools as part of the Aboriginal Learner Data Collection Initiative (ALDCI). For more information about ALDCI, please check the Alberta Education website (<http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/fnmi/aldci.aspx>) or stop in to the Legacy Room (room 600/601). Benefits of identifying students include accessing academic support, traditional counselling, acknowledgment at graduation, and eligibility for scholarships.

Save the date: This year's Dreamcatcher Conference is scheduled for October 14 & 15, 2011. Visit the website (<http://www.dreamcatcher.macewan.ca/index.cfm>) or the Legacy Room for details.

Parents: We will be holding our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee (FNMIAC) meetings on a regular basis again. Students will receive information through the school once the date is set. FNMIAC is aimed at providing support, fellowship and making connections between parents, school staff and the community.

We hope to see you soon in the Legacy Room!

## WELCOME

A big MHHS WELCOME to the following new and returning teachers:

- Mrs. L. Alexandre
- Mrs. S. Christiansen
- Mrs. S. Gilchrist
- Mr. J. Harrold
- Mr. R. Hildebrand
- Mrs. N. Johansen
- Mrs. T. Johnson
- Miss L. McLim
- Mr. C. Stockton
- Ms. S. Tudor
- Mrs. Amanda Peterson (EA)

Congratulations go out to the "new name" teachers:

Mrs. K. White (formerly Lorenz)  
Mrs. B. Coreas (formerly MacGregor)  
Mrs. E. King-Hunter (formerly Godin)



Our new School Resource Office at MHHS is **Cst. Dave Chow**. His office is situated in Room 132 (near the South Office). Cst. Chow comes to us from McCoy High School.

**Welcome Cst. Chow!**

## STUDENTS & STAFF:

**Don't forget picture day on Wednesday  
September 7th in the North Gym.**

**Retakes will take place on  
Wednesday, September 14  
(morning only).**





# Medicine Hat School District No. 76

601 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4Y7 Fax: (403) 529-5339 Phone: (403) 528-6701

September, 2011

Dear Parents:

Re: Fair Notice

The safety of our children is a top priority for all of us. We, as a school system, have been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the City of Medicine Hat Police Service, Southeast Alberta Child & Family Services and Alberta Health Services Mental Health Consultants. The District has developed a plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that our school system has a policy that requires principals (as part of a trained team of professionals) to complete a “threat assessment” in all cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high risk students so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please confirm the information with your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please contact the school administrators and be assured that the principal is acting in the best interest of your child and all students in the school. Our ultimate goal is safety.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, will not accept “no response” to a threat in our schools. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a safe and caring learning environment.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and fortunate to have our community partners assisting us with this initiative. If there are any questions please feel free to call your school principal or myself at 528-6701.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grant Henderson  
Superintendent of Schools

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## Please see below for two traffic notices from the Medicine Hat Police Service:

Near the end of the 2011 school year, the Medicine Hat Police Service received numerous complaints about traffic violations around area schools. This letter is to provide education to the parents/guardians of the students and to provide information on common infractions and the fines associated.

The Medicine Hat Police Service will be continuing with enforcement in these areas in the 2011-2012 school year in order to ensure the safety of the children and other users of the roadways. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Medicine Hat Police Service Traffic Unit at (403) 529-8471.

<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>FINE</b>
Park on private property*	\$50
Park within 5 meters of intersection	\$57
Park within 5 meters of fire hydrant	\$57
Park within 1.5 meters of alley	\$57
Park within 5 meters of a yield/stop sign	\$57
Park within 1.5 meters of a private driveway	\$57
Park facing the wrong way/ on the wrong side of the street	\$57
Double park (park on street side of parked vehicle)	\$57
Park within 5 meters of a cross walk	\$57
Park on sidewalk	\$57
Park where prohibited by sign (no parking zone)	\$57
Park in handicapped zone	\$100

\* Private property includes parking in staff/teacher designated areas.

### To Whom it May Concern:

Near the end of the 2011 school year, the Medicine Hat Police Service received numerous complaints about traffic violations occurring around area schools. The purpose of this letter is to remind parents / guardians of the importance in practicing safe driving habits in these areas to ensure the safety of the children and other users of the roadways.

The Service will be increasing enforcement of all traffic and parking laws in the area with a zero tolerance approach to infractions. Officers will be monitoring crosswalks, parking and speed in school and playground zones throughout the city.

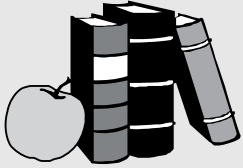
To keep children safe, motorists should do the following:

- Use caution when approaching intersections or mid-block crosswalks. Parked or stopped vehicles may hide pedestrians trying to cross the road. The fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk is \$575 and four demerit points.
- Watch for the school safety patrol in their orange vests and stop as directed. Patrollers play a vital role in directing the children safely across the street.
- Bus safety is also important. Watch for alternating flashing amber lights which indicate that the bus is slowing down to a stop. Be prepared to do the same.
- Obey all posted parking signs. Do not park where it is prohibited, for example designated bus and staff parking areas. Double parked vehicles (parked on the street side of a parked vehicle) create a significant safety hazard preventing other children and other drivers from seeing students crossing the road. Parking fines range from \$50 to \$500. For more information about parking regulations and associated fines please visit the MHPS website at [www.medicinehatpolice.com](http://www.medicinehatpolice.com) and review the City of Medicine Hat Traffic Bylaw 2434.

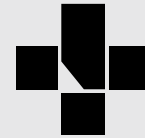
Please also be reminded that while school zone speed limits are in effect from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ALL school zones throughout the city are also considered playground zones where the 30 km/hr speed limits are in effect from 8:30 am until one hour after sunset. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at 403-529-8471 or by email at [gersad@medicinehat.ca](mailto:gersad@medicinehat.ca).

Regards,

Sgt. Gerald Sadlemyer  
Supervisor i/c Traffic Unit



# Healthy Schools Healthy Futures



## Alberta Health Services

### Welcome back to the 2011 - 2012 school year!

Alberta Health Services staff from Public Health, Healthy Weights, Addictions and Mental Health, Health Promotion, Dental Health, Tobacco Reduction and Safe Communities will be contributing to our newsletter pages.

We work in partnership and focus on promoting the health of students, staff, and families in the school community.

If you are looking for general health information contact **HEALTH LINK** at **1-866-408-5465**.



**Have a safe, healthy, and happy school year.**

### Does your child have a chronic medical condition?

- Some tips to help keep your child safe and healthy:
- Inform the school of your child's condition
- Provide a Medic Alert® bracelet for your child
- Provide the school with current medical instructions as recommended by your physician
- Provide the school with up-to-date auto-injectors and keep them current
- Provide information to school and teachers
- Participate in the development of an emergency response plan for your child

For more information, contact your school's public health nurse or discuss with the school principal.

### For information on:

- Allergies/Asthma [www.aaia.ca](http://www.aaia.ca)
- Anaphylaxis [www.anaphylaxiscanada.ca](http://www.anaphylaxiscanada.ca)
- Diabetes [www.diabetes.ca](http://www.diabetes.ca)

### Terry Fox National School Run Day Wednesday, September 28th, 2011

*Get out your running shoes and run for a cause!*

In 1980, Terry Fox faced huge challenges while running a marathon a day for 143 days during his **3,339 mile** Marathon of Hope. Terry challenged himself every day with one goal in mind: raise the most money he could to end cancer. Now it's your turn. Join your school community in celebrating Terry's heroic effort by promoting health and taking part in the National School Run Day on September 28th!

Schools are invited this year to "Take the Terry Fox Challenge" and unite by issuing a school challenge. Challenge ideas include: costume runs – dress up like a superhero or a rock star, obstacle course or dance challenge and many more.

Check out [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org) to find out more and get involved!

### Breakfast for Learning

With students heading back to the classroom makes September a great month to focus on healthy eating. We know well-nourished children have improved memory, problem solving skills and creative abilities – overall they perform better in school.

A healthy breakfast should contain at least 3 of the 4 food groups, such as a bowl of whole grain cereal with milk and fresh fruit. You may also try whole grain toast, a hardboiled or poached egg, celery/carrot sticks and a glass of milk.

Take the time to get your children off to a great start with a nutritious breakfast every morning.

For more information and ideas on Breakfast for Learning visit [www.breakfastforlearning.ca](http://www.breakfastforlearning.ca).