



# MYRNAM OUTREACH & HOMESCHOOL CENTRE

## PROMOTING CHOICE IN EDUCATION

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### Important Dates:

NOVEMBER

#### December:

17 - Christmas Concert

20 - Christmas Dinner @ 12:00

Dec 23 - Jan 3 Christmas Break



#### January:

Jan 6 - First day  
back at school  
from Christmas  
break



Corny Neufeld has been coming in a few days a month to participate in shop class. He has finished his first project and he's very proud of his accomplishment.

### Administration Message:

December is a month of lights, snow and feasts. It is a time for family and friends to create special memories which will last a lifetime. What a wonderful time of the year! It reminds us of the importance of relationships; maintaining old relationships and building new ones. We are so excited to see our MOHC families and students entering the building to participate in school events, sports teams, energy efficiency workshops, and to utilize the expertise of our teachers, librarians, and school councilor. The buzz in the building is exciting! As we continue into December and the holiday season, we are thankful for the families who have chosen to continue their educational journey with us. We are grateful that our school family has been able to grow.

For the Christmas break, the school will be closed from 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 until Monday, January 6, 2020. If you have programming questions, please email Ms. Wagner or myself and we will respond when we return from the break.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of the holiday season!

Danielle Eriksen  
Acting Principal NMS/MOHC

# First Aid Course

20 students and staff were certified in Standard First Aid and CPR. The course was lead by Brad Straty. Several outdoor education students were taking the course for high school credit and so they are prepared to administer first aid if required while completing outdoor activities as a part of the course. Several staff members received their first aid certification to add to their skills as coaches, field trip organizers, and volunteer bus drivers. It was great to see so many people coming out to learn new skills. Stay tuned for the spring when another course may be offered with more space for community members. Thank you to Mr. Straty for instructing the course and for Mrs. Zahara for organizing the two days.



# Babysitters and Stay Safe Course

While the First Aid course was running, Western Institute of Emergency Education from Vermilion came out to teach the Babysitting Course and a Stay Safe Course for young kids who may start being left home alone for short periods of time. The kids in the Babysitting Course learned how to take their responsibilities seriously, some first aid skills, and some important information about looking after kids of different ages. Thank you to the instructors for coming out and for Mrs. Zaharah for organizing the day.





# Remembrance Day

NMS and MOHC Remembrance Day ceremony was held at the school on November 7th. Noah Jacula and Hannah Saruk were the MC's for the service welcoming special guests from St. Paul Education Central Office, Myrnam Fire department, Two Hills RCMP, County of Two Hills, Elks and Royal Purple. Videos and poems were shared including a poem shared by the grade 6 class and a song from the grade 3 and 4 music students. Last Post and Reveille were played and two minutes of silence was practiced. The two minutes are a time to reflect and pause to honour, thank, and remember the Fallen. This was followed by a wreath laying ceremony where student representatives from Kindergarten to grade 12 walked a wreath to be laid at the head of the gym. Each community representative also laid a wreath. Thank you to the community members who came to participate and share in our Remembrance day ceremony.



# Library Message

Wow! December is here already! I am so excited watching the students' growth as they achieve their goals! Our first AR period is done. Students who met their goal received a book mark from the **Scholastic Book Fair**. The students are working hard at achieving their second goal. Any students who make their 2nd goal will be invited to a pancake lunch at the end of the reporting period.

In the last 30 days, our students from grades 2 - 12 have read a total of 685 books and 6,888,311 words! **WAY TO GO!!** 46% of our students took at least 1 quiz and 56% of our students averaged 85% or higher! This is **Great** news!! We are definitely a school filled with reading rock stars!



During the Holiday season I don't want to see any books go missing, so I am asking all students to please return all of their books to the Library by December 13, 2016.

This past month I'd like to focus on one of the many resources that are free with your child's public library card, focusing on **Solaro**. This data base can be used by downloading the app or by going to the website. It is an online study help and exam prep for Alberta curriculum grades 3 - 12. If you'd like me to help your child set it up give me a call or stop in and see me.



A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all students, staff and community members who participated in the **Operation Christmas Child Program**. We collected 36 boxes and were able to send a cheque for \$268.00 from the money raised through our popcorn sales and donations. Thank you to MacKenzie Evans and Samantha O'Reilly for helping me load up the boxes that have headed out to Calgary to be sorted.







Another big **Thank you** you to everyone who supported the book fair. We sold over \$1800.00 in product. I will be using the money raised to purchase books and maker space items to be used in the library. How exciting is that! Thank you to the students who made the decorations, helped set up, tear down or worked the day of the book fair. A special shout out to Lili Wagner who took lead on the decorations as well as Hailey Zahara who organized the workers.



Thank you to anyone who made purchases for a teacher's classroom library. Books make a great gift for teachers. Please contact me if you need help selecting an appropriate book for a particular teacher's classroom library.



Congratulations to Jameson Friesen who won \$25.00 in books for himself and \$25 in books for his classroom.



I am busy cataloguing all the books I purchased on a book buying trip to Calgary, at the ULS warehouse, I went to in October, as well as those from the Scholastic book fair. Please stop by and check out all the new purchases. Once all the books are on the shelves there will be over 400 new books to read.

I wish for you a Wonderful Holiday Season with many blessings in the New Year!

Mrs. Evans

Myrnam Community Library  
Operating Hours

Mon Wed Fri  
8:30-3:30

Tues Thurs  
8:30-7:30

**Closed Dec 21 - Jan 6**  
Wishing you a very merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year!



# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Jr. High Curling Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Jr. Boys Basketball Practice	<b>5</b> Sr. High Curling Practice  Drop In Basketball	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Jr. High Curling Practice	<b>10</b> Jr. Boys Basketball Practice	<b>11</b> Jr. Boys Basketball Practice Sr. High Curling Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Jr. Boys Basketball @ Mallaig/Ashmont	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Jr. High Curling Practice	<b>17</b> Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> Jr. Boys Basketball Practice	<b>19</b> Sr. High Curling Practice  Drop In Basketball	<b>20</b> Christmas Dinner @ 12:00	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
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