



# New Myrnam School

*Striving for Excellence*

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**DECEMBER**

## Friendly Reminders:

### **December:**

- 6 - Grad Caroling @ 6:30
  - 17 - Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 18 - German Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 20 - Christmas Dinner @ 12:00
  - Early Dismissal @ 2:00
- Christmas Break Dec. 23 - Jan. 6**

### **January:**

- 6 - First day back from Christmas break
- 16 - Farm Safety Presentations
- 21 - Last day of senior high classes



## **Food Hampers**

December 6th is the last day for bringing in food hamper donations.



## **Induction Supper**

Tuesday, November 12 was the night of the ATA induction at the Legion in St. Paul. St. Paul School Division teachers, EA's, and ATA representatives gathered to welcome teachers new to the teaching profession. At NMS, we have a new teacher, Mrs. Moriah Ostropolski, who participated in the induction ceremony. It is a great honour to work everyday with the kids of our communities. Mrs. Ostropolski has demonstrated her dedication to professional conduct and advancing student achievement in her time at NMS. We are glad to have you be a part of our team!



## ***Administration Message:***



Happy December! Welcome to our last three weeks before Christmas break.

December is a full month of activity and fun as the Students' Union organizes our 12 Days of Christmas. Check out the calendar at the end of the newsletter for the day to day events starting December 5. The 12 Days of Christmas ends in a school wide lunch and talent show on Friday, December 20. This has become a fantastic day to sit and enjoy each other's company with students, staff, and parents enjoying a meal together and spreading Christmas cheer. This day also ends in early dismissal at 2:00 p.m.



December is also a great time for reflection. Looking back on the last year and the changes which have occurred for our school have provided opportunities for staff to step into leadership roles and learn by doing. Mr. Tymofichuk and I are so grateful for the opportunity to be in administration roles and leading our school into 2020. We have loved learning in our new roles and interacting with staff and students in a new way. Thank you to the students, staff, and parents who have made this such an amazing opportunity for growth for both of us.

December brings excitement as students have to patiently wait in anticipation for the holiday season. A little secret for the students from me to them, the staff are excited too! We hope you all enjoy your quality time with family. Enjoy your break and come back rested and ready to fly into January with renewed vigour in your classes. On behalf of Mr. Tymofichuk, myself and the staff of Myrnam School, Merry Christmas!

- Danielle Eriksen (Acting Principal)



**A HUGE thank you goes out to 2 of our generous sponsors. The Royal Purple donated \$150 and Cornerstone Co-op donated \$127.25 to our breakfast program. This**

**is a huge help in providing our students with a good healthy breakfast every morning. THANK YOU!**



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**Re: Bags for Breakfast Program**

Thanks Community Partner!

Your contributions have made another successful year with us for ***Bags for Breakfast!*** An incredibly unique program - bridging recycling with school meal programs - Bags for Breakfast reduces our impact on the environment, while increasing our impact on our communities, and is a proud part of Cornerstone Co-op's overall commitment to social, environmental and community sustainability. For every shopping bag that a member reuses at your local Cornerstone Co-op food store, 3 cents is donated to local school breakfast programs like yours.

In 2018/19 school year, the equivalent of 1.15M plastic bags were diverted from landfills by Cornerstone Co-op owners and guests in our 6 food stores in St Paul, Elk Point, Dewberry, Mannville, Vermilion and Wainwright. This year, we present over 20 schools in our communities who participated in this program with over \$30,000! Since 2017, \$110,000 has been directed to schools for initiatives that establish and enhance breakfast and lunch programs for students.

Thank you again for your support. We ask that you assist us in educating the students, your staff, parents and your entire community on Bags for Breakfast and continue to patronize your local Co-op food location to grow these funds. We will stay true to our environmental sustainability plan, as our program continues to reduce single use plastics and bags in all locations.

Making lives better in our Communities,

Heather MacMillan,  
Community Engagement Coordinator  
Cornerstone Co-op



**Bags for  
Breakfast**



# Awards Night

November 14 was the night of the Myrnam School awards night for the 2018-2019 school year. PAC chair, Cody Machney was the emcee for the evening. Three junior high students, Nelly Boese, Marshall Willier, and Sam Crundwell, began the night with leading the singing of O'Canada. The night was a success with so many of our students receiving recognition for their hard work throughout the 2018-2019 school year. We are so proud of the commitment that our students demonstrate day to day and the respect students have for their learning, their classmates, and the staff. Thank you for being such great ambassadors of NMS!



## AWARD SPONSORS

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A big THANK YOU goes out to all our sponsors for their donations in making the Awards Night such a success!

## Grad Fundraiser

November 5 was the date of the Myrnam Fire Department's Bingo fundraiser. The Myrnam grad class of 2020 ran a bake sale at the Bingo to provide snacks for the attendees and to raise money for their graduation celebration in May. It was a successful night with lots of cookies, pies, cakes and squares made by the students, their parents, and the staff. The next grad fundraiser is a reinstatement of a traditional favourite in Myrnam. In the evening of December 6, the grad class will be carolling around Myrnam.



# Grad class 2020

# 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.



# 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.



# Jr. High Foods Chopped Challenge

The Junior High Foods students participated in the first Chopped Challenge of the semester. The students were tasked with the challenge of creating a dessert using fall-themed ingredients: pears, pumpkin spice cookie dough, caramel popcorn, and pistachio pudding mix. The groups worked feverishly to create their dessert under a time constraint. They then presented their dishes to the judges and awaited their verdict. The winning group consisted of Ava Machney, Brooklyn Porcina, and Jesse James.



## Social 10 - Scramble for Africa

Students each took on the role of a different colonial power and were challenged with the task of partitioning Africa. Things started out smoothly as they were able to claim the land that they wanted based on the resources available in the area; however, it became more difficult as less land was available and more countries joined the "scramble". Students were able to experience historical globalization through the lens of an imperialist country and reflect on the effects the practices of these countries had on the different regions of Africa.



## Social 20 - Paris Peace Conference

The grade 11 students have been learning about national interest by studying World War I and World War II, as well as the interwar period. Each student was assigned a country involved in the wars and examined the wars from that country's perspective. They participated in a simulation of the Paris Peace Conference during the Interwar Period and were tasked with the challenge of creating the Treaty of Versailles. Some students experienced the frustrations involved with having unequal power, while others understood the danger of unchecked power and control. As a result, students gained a deeper understanding of the causes of World War II.



## NMS/CTEC/MOHC Workshop News

New Myrnam School put on a beewax/produce bag workshop Friday Nov. 29th/2019. We learned about the energy required to make plastics in Canada and why we should reuse, reduce and recycle. It was a successful workshop! We hope you all had as much fun as we did! Keep a look out for our upcoming workshops! Grid tie vs. off grid is on the way!



### SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE!

You can pay online or at school between 8:00 - 4:00. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us @ 780-366-3801

### Powerschool/KEV

If you need information on how to set up parent/student portal or how to pay fees online. You can always contact the school with any questions or concerns.



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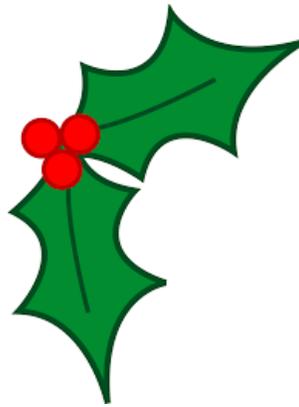
## Work Shop Info

This January we will have an upcoming solar workshop! Keep a look out for all the details in our upcoming January newsletter! If you're looking for a specific energy workshop please submit an email to Mrs.Zahara at [zaharoxa@sperd.ca](mailto:zaharoxa@sperd.ca), she'd love to hear your suggestions!



## Winter Clothing

Winter weather is now upon us and its time to remember to dress warmly for recess and riding the bus. Dress in a jacket, snow pants, toque, gloves, boots etc to stay warm.



**Christmas Concert  
is on December  
17th @ 7:00 p.m.**

## Grade 4's Pop Bottle Birdfeeders

- As an end to our science unit, Waste and Our World, the grade 4 students designed and constructed birdfeeders out of recycled materials. They were challenged to find a design on the internet that would use a plastic bottle to make a birdfeeder.
- Once students decided how they wanted their birdfeeder to look and function, Mrs. Saruk helped them to construct their designs. Students were able to take home their project and a bag of birdseed.
- Students enjoyed re-using something disposable to create something new that could help the environment.





## Grade 2-3 class

On November 21, the grade 2/3 class embarked on their second virtual field trip. This time, we travelled to Tunisia, Africa. There, we got to see a variety of places, and watch a young boy participate in a camel race. We saw how Tunisia has a variety of landscapes, from desert, to ocean, and many historical ruins. We got to see a woman weaving a mergoum (traditional patterned cloth) using a hand-loom, and using yarn hand made from sheep's wool. Finally, we also got to learn a bit about some of the festivals, traditions and customs of the people who live in Tunisia. We had a whole lot of fun, and earned a new stamp in our passports!



We have been working on building in science using K'nex, and they have been having a lot of fun!



# 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 second goal will be invited to a pancake lunch at the end of the reporting period.



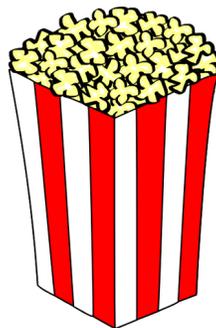
In the last 30 days, our students from grades 2 - 12 have read a total of 685 books and 6,888,311 words! **WAY TO GO!!** 46% of our students took at least 1 quiz and 56% of our students averaged 85% or higher! This is **Great** news!! We are definitely a school filled with reading rock stars!

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 \$25.00 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!

# Sports update

A huge thank you to Russell and Tanya Saskiw and RENS Welding for sponsoring our Sr. Girls volleyball jerseys.



Unfortunately they came too late to wear this season. Here are the Sr. Girls showing them off.

## **Jr High Boys Basketball**

The basketball season is now upon us. It is going to be an exciting year. The student-athletes are eager, passionate and skilled. Bring on the season.

### **Practice schedule:**

November 27th, December 4th, 10th, 11th and 18th.

### **Current tournament schedule:**

January 17,18 Assumption High School in Cold Lake

January 24-25 Glendon School

February 21-22 Ashmont/Mallaig

**The SPAA league will be starting up in January. Games will be Thursdays.**

Buckle your seatbelts. You are about to fly with Barons Airlines. Here are your pilots...



The Red Baron



Vanilla Sky



The Eagle of Myrnam

On November 18th, the Jr High boys went to St. Paul to participate in the SPAA Championships. In the round robin portion of the tournament, the boys beat both Mallaig and Ashmont. In the match for first place in Pool A, the boys fell short against Racette. This led to a semi-final matchup against Glen Avon. The boys staged a comeback in the second game of the match, but fell just short and lost the match in two sets. Despite falling short of our team goal, it was a successful season with many highlights.



Balloon buster



Bomber

## Volleyball Windup

On November 30th, the volleyball teams held their windup. The high school students had a tour of the University. The jr high got to ride the LRT (the people train) and eat at Southgate Mall. Then, they went to the University of Alberta to watch the Pandas (women) and Golden Bears (men) play against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. It was a great time with some very good volleyball played by the Pandas.



## Roots of Empathy

Miss Lafortune's Kindergarten and grade one class has been participating in the Roots of Empathy program. This program fosters the development of empathy through discussion and activities in subjects including literature, math, music, art and science. Once a month, Baby Seamus and his Mom Mrs. Jackie Lubemsky will be visiting the grade

Kindergarten/grade one class.

Under the facilitation of the Roots of Empathy instructor, Family School Liaison Worker Mrs. Kyla Dolejsi, the

students will be watching Seamus' growth and development and learning about feelings, communication, empathy, caring for a baby and safety.



Roots of Empathy  
Racines de l'empathie



# Outdoor Education in November

It has been a busy month in the High School Outdoor Education Class. We have been learning about cooking in the outdoors. We have needed to develop some special equipment in order to learn some of the various ways to cook over an outside flame.

This grill was made by Trey Hardcastle using mesh screen and some square tubing.

A BIG thank you to Mrs. C for supplying the meat we used in this meal.



# 12 Days of Christmas



Day 1- Dec 5th - Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows

Day 2- Dec 6th - Collecting Food Drive Boxes

Day 3- Dec 9th - Christmas Trivia

- Trivia questions

Day 4- Dec 10th - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

- Just wear a Christmas Sweater

Day 5- Dec 11th - Christmas Bingo

Day 6- Dec 12th - Door Decorating

Day 7- Dec 13th - Reindeer Games

Day 8- Dec 16th - Candy Grams delivered block 8&9

- Candy gram sales start Dec 11th

Day 9- Dec 17th - Little Buddies Card Making / Santa Letters

Day 10- Dec 18th Crazy Christmas Hair / Hat Day

- Do crazy hair or wear a Christmas hat

Day 11- Dec 19th - Guess the Song

Day 12- Dec 20th - Talent Show



## WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



### Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



### Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



### Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.

# Save Energy!



How can we save energy in our homes, at school or in the community?



Come on out to New Myrnam School on Decemeber 16th, 2019, at 5:00pm, to learn all the ways you can be energy efficient! How much can you reduce your energy bill with these simple changes?

Please register with Roxy at 780-366-3801 or email at [zaharoxa@sperd.ca](mailto:zaharoxa@sperd.ca)

## January Exam Schedule

**\*\*Elementary and junior high classes run as per their regular schedule throughout January. Semester 2 schedule starts February 3, 2020.\*\***

All diploma exams and final exams written after the last day of classes start at 9:00 a.m.

6 - Day 1	7 - Day 2	8 - Day 3	9 - Day 4	10 - Day 5
13 - Day 6 *ELA 30-1 and 30-2 Part A diploma exam	14 - Day 1	15 - Day 2	16 - Day 3 Farm Safety Presentations	17 - Day 4
20 - Day 5	21 - Day 6 *Last day of senior high classes *Biology 30 prac- tice final blocks 6-9 *Social 10 final Part A in class *Social 20 final Part A in class	22 - Day 1 *Math 30-1 and 30-2 diploma exam *Math 30-3 final	23 - Day 2 *ELA 30-1 and 30- 2 Part B diploma exam *Social 10 final Part B *Social 20 final Part B	24 - Day 3 *Science 10 and 14 final
27 - Day 4 *Biology 30 diploma exam *Math 10 and 10-3 final	28 - Day 5 *Chemistry 20 final	29 - Day 6 *Physics 30 diploma exam	30 - Day 1	31 PD Day

### ALERTUS (bus notification for parents that have children riding the bus)

You can contact the school if you need help with downloading the Alertus app. It's an app that bus drivers will be using when the bus is running late or will have to leave school early because of bad weather.

### **"COMMUNICATION is the KEY"**

Our school always has something happening or something being planned. We love to keep our families and our community informed and involved as much as possible! Our success stems from this great partnership. **Ways to stay up to date are our:**

- ◆ **Website** - You can find all sorts of information about the school on this site. We blog events from the past, present and future which also links to our school Facebook. Our monthly newsletters and Community Library news are also available.
- ◆ **Google Calendar** - There is a quick link set on the front page of our website or under the "Parents" or "Students" tabs. This calendar is updated regularly with all sorts of school events, their times and any details that may be needed. Also under the above listed tabs, parents and students can find out their academic schedules (exams). There is also a link to the School Division Calendar detailing PD Days and Holidays.
- ◆ **Newsletters** - These are distributed monthly to the youngest in the family. **\*\*It is encouraged for families to sign up to receive newsletters by email** (this allows for: full colour viewing; clicking on interactive links; easy sharing with family and friends; and SAVING paper which means saving trees!! *Please send an email to Miss Neufeld. ([neufagat@sperd.ca](mailto:neufagat@sperd.ca) or click the icon) with your family name and school children listed for organizing a newsletter group.*
- ◆ **Student Agendas** - Students from K-9 each received a special organizational "Agenda" to help them keep track of assignments and exams. This Agenda is also a way for the classroom teacher to directly communicate with parents/guardians. Please encourage your child to use this handy gizmo for success!
- ◆ **Facebook** - Our school's Facebook is an extension of our school's Blog. It also is a way for us to get quick messages out to parents and community. At the beginning of each week, we post a "Week at a Glance" with a few highlights of the upcoming week! **So FIND us at [Newmyrnam-schoolsperd.ca](https://www.facebook.com/newmyrnam-schoolsperd.ca) and LIKE our page today!**





# DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Jr. High Curling  Day 4	3 PAC meeting @ 5:30  Day 5 (K-Day)	4 Jr. Boys B-Ball  Day 6	5 Drop In B-Ball Sr. High Curling  Hot Chocolate Day  Day 1 (K-Day)	6 Grad Caroling @ 6:30 p.m.  Food Bank Collection  Day 2	7
8	9 Jr. High Curling  Christmas Trivia  Day 3 (K-Day)	10 Jr. Boys B-Ball  Ugly Christmas Sweater Day  Deb Mendrusiak in the building  Day 4	11 Sr. high Curling  Christmas Bingo & Candy gram sale begins  Deb Mendrusiak in the building  Day 5 (K-Day)	12 Door Decorating   Deb Mendrusiak in the building  Day 6	13 Reindeer Games   Deb Mendrusiak in the building  Day 1 (K-Day)	14
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<h1>Christmas Break</h1>						
29	30	31				



# JANUARY



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			1	2	3	4
<h1>Christmas Break</h1>						
5	6 First day back @ school from Christmas break  Day 1 (K-Day)	7  Day 2	8  Day 3 (K-Day)	9  Day 4	10  Day 5 (K-Day)	11
12	13  Day 6	14  Day 1 (K-Day)	15  Day 2	16 Farm Safety Presentations  Day 3 (K-Day)	17  Day 4	18
19	20  Day 5 (K-Day)	21 Last day of Sr. high classes  Day 6	22  Day 1 (K-Day)	23  Day 2	24  Day 3 (K-Day)	25
26	27  Day 4	28  Day 5 (K-Day)	29  Day 6	30  Day 1 (K-Day)	31 NO SCHOOL Teacher P.D. Day	