



# New Myrnam School

*Striving for Excellence*

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**FEBRUARY**

## Friendly Reminders:

### **February:**

- 12 - Mukluk K-12
- 12 - Early Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.
- 13 - Teacher's Convention **NO SCHOOL**
- 14 - Teacher's Convention **NO SCHOOL**
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - Family Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 27 - Kinosoo Ridge Ski Trip Gr. 4 - 12

### **March:**

- 9 - PD Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 16 -20 - Swimming Lessons
- 17 - St Patrick's Day



## **Hot Lunch Dates:**

- Feb. 12 - Hot dogs, fruit & s'mores
- Feb. 19 - Spaghetti + meat sauce
- Feb. 25 - Pancakes & sausages

*Having a specific meaning  
and purpose in your life  
helps to encourage you towards  
living a fulfilling and inspired life.*  
Vic Johnson



## **Thank You!**

"The staff of Gas Alberta Incorporation raises money at Christmas which is matched by Gas Alberta Incorporate and Gas Alberta Energy. The County of Two Hills was one of the provincial gas utilities fortunate to receive \$1,000.00. The schools will use the donations for breakfast programs and other student enhancement programs. The County of Two Hills would like to thank Gas Alberta and all their employees. "

~ Kaitlyn Kenney the Executive Assistant for the County of Two Hills.

~ Councillor Murray Phillips

## ***Administration Message:***

This is my first message as an acting Principal! I am very proud to be in the acting Principal role at New Myrnam School.

For those that don't know me, I started my teaching career with St. Paul Education in 1990. Throughout the years I taught math, science and information processing. After 20 years, I transitioned into working as a Division Technology Coach and IT Coordinator. In that role, I would do something called job embedded

professional development where I would help teachers and support staff integrate technology into their work. Myrnam had received an A+ for Energy Grant and the school had booked me very frequently to help with the inquiry project based work. That is when my heart felt tied to this place.

A math, science and shop position opened at NMS a year and a half ago. I loved my previous role but the invitation to join NMS was one I would dream about. I joined the staff and have been delighted to be surrounded by a wonderful, kind community. The students are warm and accepting. Our staff is so dedicated to making NMS the best place possible for students. We are truly a team. I mean that in the most sincere way.

Personally I love fabricating and inventing. I love the authentic, practical projects that we do here at NMS. I value honesty and integrity. I believe that building quality relationships are what defines us as human beings. I have enjoyed getting to know our students and their parents and guardians.

As our admin team, Mrs. Eriksen and I will do our best to support our students. Mrs. Owen will be returning in June. We have many exciting upcoming events in the next few months so stay tuned!

Sincerely,  
Robert Tymofichuk



## **Snow Day Activities**

During one of our snow days Gabe Goddard used the wood lathe in the shop and turned this roller handle for Ms. Richards. It will be for different motor function activities.

**Thank You Gabe!**



# INSIDE EDUCATION VISIT



**INSIDE education**

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On Monday, January 20 Inside Education visited New Myrnam School classes and engaged our students in environment and natural resource education. The grade 4 program was about our natural resources, the energy we can get from them, the products we can make, and how we can best protect them. The students were put into groups and moved through stations where they extended their learning by performing different tasks. In grade 5, The Hour Of Power was presented, and the students enjoyed a presentation about electricity, and what natural resources we use to make electricity. An entertaining role play was performed by a portion of the class, and students demonstrated how electricity gets from different energy sources to our homes. The grade 6 class took a close look at Alberta's forests, and explored how forests are managed and protected. They answered riddles to learn more about our forests, and played a game to discover how we can use forests and their related products in our daily lives. Thanks Inside Education for an innovative and interesting day!



# Remembrance Day Contest Winners

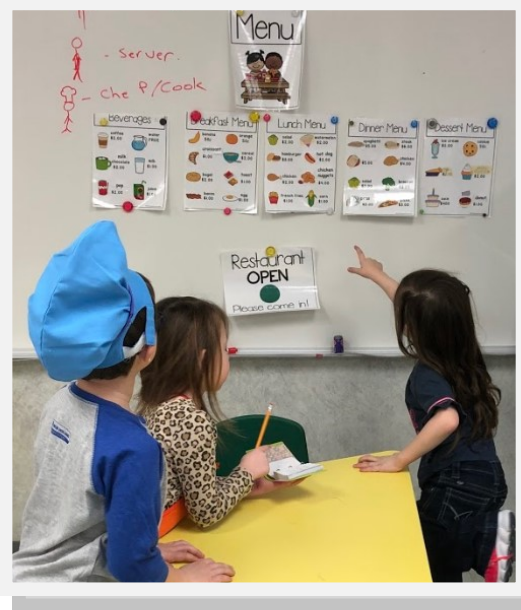
Olivia Saruk, Reece Winterbottom and Larysa Myshaniuk won in their divisions and their works will be heading to the next level of competition. Russell Whitford of the Royal Canadian Legion - St. Paul Branch came on Jan 22 to present plaques, certificates and awards.





# Kindergarten Fun!

The k's are almost finished learning all their alphabet sounds. Here they make the letter "Y" during centre time. January 22 was the "Grand Opening day for the K's restaurant. (We're taking suggestions on it's name). Our restaurant includes breakfast, lunch and dinner menus as well as beverages and desserts. The children are taking turns playing different roles: customer, server, chef, banker and cashier. Stay tuned to more fun in our play centres. 😊



# Watershed Program

On Friday January 24th, 2020, grades 5, 7, 8 & 9 students had the opportunity to learn about their Watershed! Mackenzie Durocher, from Battle River Watershed Alliance, did an amazing job of teaching our students not only what our watershed is, but where it is and what WE can do to improve and preserve it! She spoke to the students about a program called Caring For Our Watershed, where students have the opportunity to submit a proposal about how they would improve and preserve their watershed! It was an inspiring and motivating presentation and I can't wait to see what our students come up with for their proposals!

Here is a link to delve deeper into the program. <https://caringforourwatersheds.com/>





## Barons Athletics Update

### Jr Boys Basketball



January was the start of a busy basketball season. With the cold weather we had to postpone a few league games but we still got a chance to get in some action.

On January 17-18th, the boys travelled to Cold Lake to play in a tournament at Assumption School. The boys ended the round robin with a 1 and 1 record, beating Assumption in overtime and losing a very close game to a tough team from Iron River. In the playoffs, an exhausted gang, playing in a back-to-back games, lost to Nelson Heights from Cold Lake. Overall, it was a good start to the basketball season.

Congratulations goes out to Jesse James for finishing second in the sharpshooter contest with 28 baskets in 1 minute.

On January 24-25th, the team travelled to Glendon to play in their annual tournament. The Barons beat both Glendon B and JR Robson (Vermilion) in the round robin portion. This earned them a spot in the gold medal game against Glendon A. The boys came out on the wrong side of 52-28 score and earned the silver medal position. But revenge would be ours (more on that later.)

Congratulations to Dymitri Myshaniuk and Marshall Willier on winning the foul shooting contest at the tournament.

Our weekly SPAA league started up in January as well. We have completed 2 games and are currently sitting with 2 wins and 0 loses after beating FG Miller in Elk Point and then beating Glendon, 42-40, in the rematch. This time the game was played in our barn. Thank you to all the community members and Barons' supporters who came to watch us play.

## Afterschool Gym Drop In

For Feb. 21 and 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 come to the gym to get some extra exercise with equipment of your choice. Stay tuned on our Facebook page for the March dates.

## February Basketball Schedule

January 30th Myrnam vs. Ecole du Sommet at RACETTE SCHOOL 5:30  
February 6th Myrnam vs. Frog Lake at Frog Lake 5:00  
February 7-8th THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT at Myrnam School  
Come out and support the Barons in between your curling activities  
February 11th Myrnam vs. Racette at New Myrnam School 4:30  
February 18th Myrnam vs. Kehewin at Kehewin School 5:00  
February 20th Myrnam vs. Glen Avon at St. Paul 4:30  
February 21st-22nd ASHMONT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT at Ashmont

## MUKLUK 2019-2020!!

This school years Mukluk will run February 12th! Please send you kids with weather appropriate gear as we will be doing various outdoor activities.



Builders posing with their forts

## Recess Fun!

Recess has been full of fun in the snow and, of course, the building of snow forts with chunks of packed snow.





# Library Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a well deserved rest over the holidays. The school year is half over. My how time has flown by.

The students are busy reading, and working towards their goals. I'm so proud of how they are on target for meeting their goals. I will be making pancakes for any student who makes their goal this reporting period. It looks like I could be flipping a lot of pancakes!!

I've been teaching the students how to use TRACPAC and AR bookfinder so they can order the books they want to read but are still within their AR zone. Many of the students have mastered this task and WOW can I see the results. Not only are they appearing to enjoy the books they are reading, they're meeting their goals and becoming more successful on their AR quizzes, which then raises their reading abilities. It's a win-win situation for everyone. Well, except perhaps the van driver who brings me the TRACPAC books. Her arms are getting sore from bringing me in all the bins full of books.

In the last 30 days, our students from grades 2 - 12 have read a total of 1238 books and 14,904,212 words! **WAY TO GO!!** 40% of our students took at least 1 quiz and 52% of our students averaged 85% or higher! This is **Great** news!!

Have a wonderful February!  
Mrs. Evans

## "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. ([neufaqat@sperd.ca](mailto:neufaqat@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 [Newmyrnamschoolsperd.ca](http://Newmyrnamschoolsperd.ca) and LIKE our page today!**



# Adulting Day Jan. 30th!

The grade 7-12 NMS students learned some of the ins and outs of what it means to be an adult on January 30th. 'Adulting Day' was a full day affair of workshops lead by both teachers and community members. The students were able to pick workshops which appealed to them and topics which they felt might help them out as they move from the halls of our school into their own bright future.

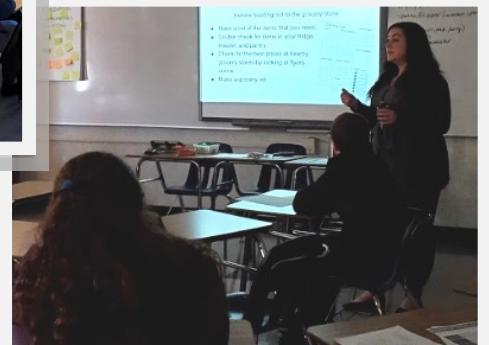
The first set of sessions included: Renting a Home or Apartment, Meal Planning and Applying For Student Loans. In the renting session, Mr. Ed Sosnowski highlighted the importance of buying versus renting, damage deposits and lease agreements. During meal planning, Mrs. Kalynchuk broke down how to plan meals, grocery shopping within a budget, and what you need when you are building a kitchen inventory when you move out. The students in the student loan workshop delved into scholarships, bursaries and realistic planning for the future with Mrs. Deb Mandrusiak.

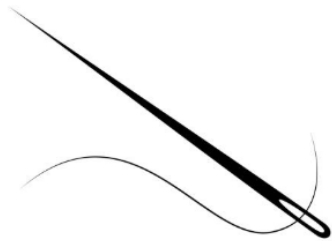
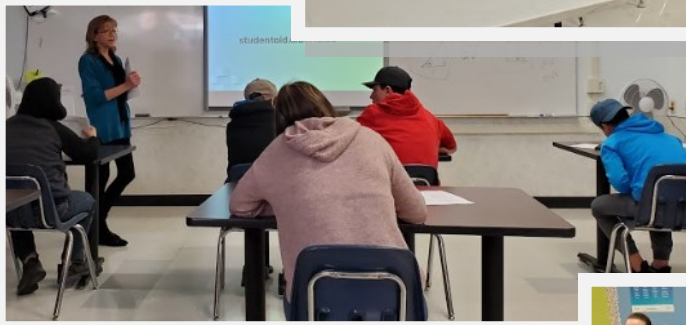
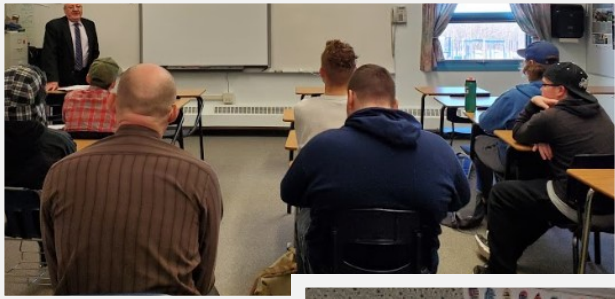
After a short break, Buying and Selling a Used Car workshop was offered by Mr. Tymofichuk and he regaled the students with his personal stories of the lemons he had experienced in his past. Mrs. Mandrusiak explored interview skills with other students in this time slot, and shared her experience of interview etiquette and interview questions they may experience as they enter the workforce. Mrs. Tracey Winterbottom and Mrs. Lorrie O'Reilly (with a little help of the Credit Squirrel) came from Servus to share their knowledge of credit card awareness and how to be financially aware when trying to build your credit score.

The presenters were given a glorious lunch and a break before beginning again in the afternoon. Mr. Snowsoki helped the students understand the basics of car insurance and liability, while Mrs. Zahara and Miss Hildebrand assisted students with some hands on learning in Basic Sewing and Laundry. Mr. Brad Straty ensured that the students understood the essential components of home safety in his session where he discussed fire extinguishers, dryer maintenance, emergency contact numbers and disaster preparedness.

The High School Requirement session was lead by Mrs. Eriksen, and they had an informative discussion about what a credit is, and what is needed to move up through the courses in high school towards graduation. Mrs. Zahara lead students in some basic home maintenance topics in How to Change a Lightbulb, while Mrs. Eriksen spoke about the importance of a basic household budget and budgeting within a means.

Adulting Day was an excellent and entertaining day for everyone involved, including some adults who attended the sessions to polish up their own skills. The students were involved and engaged in the discussions, and much learning was taken from the day. Thank you to all of the presenters who volunteered their time, and the NMS teachers who created their own sessions for the participating students.







St. Paul Education

## Extreme Cold Weather and Busing in the Afternoon

In an effort to support student learning and better accommodate families, St. Paul Education will now be running afternoon buses during extreme cold weather *under certain conditions*.

### Current Practice

Busing is cancelled for the entire day if the temperature and/or wind chill in the morning is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder.

### New Practice (to begin January 27, 2020)

Busing is still cancelled if the temperature and/or wind chill in the morning is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder.

If morning buses are cancelled, afternoon buses will now run when the [www.weathernetwork.com/ca](http://www.weathernetwork.com/ca) forecast predicts warming to a minimum temperature and/or wind chill of  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

### Communication

When families are told about the morning busing, they will also be told about the decision for afternoon busing. These decisions are usually made in the morning, but during stretches of extreme cold weather, decisions regarding busing may be made the evening before.

For example:

- 1) 6 AM morning forecast temperature and/or wind chill is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  and afternoon forecast temperature and/or wind chill is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Parents will be informed at that time that buses will not be running all day.
- 2) 6 AM morning forecast temperature and/or wind chill is  $-42^{\circ}\text{C}$  and afternoon forecast temperature and/or wind chill is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Parents will be informed at that time that buses will not run in the morning but WILL run in the afternoon.
- 3) 7 PM the evening before, the morning forecast temperature and/or wind chill is  $-44^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the afternoon forecast temperature and/or wind chill is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Parents will be informed at that time that buses will not be running all day the next school day.

### Please Note:

- If afternoon buses are running and your child is at school, your child will go home on the bus as usual unless the school is notified of other arrangements.
- As the safety of our children is always a top priority, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether or not to send their child to school.
- Conditions such as fog, freezing rain, and snowstorms are unpredictable and may occur in only isolated regions of the division. This change in practice only applies to extreme cold weather. In these situations (ie: fog, freezing rain, and snowstorms) decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Decisions will be based on information gathered from [www.weathernetwork.com/ca](http://www.weathernetwork.com/ca) in each school attendance area. This means that afternoon busing may occur in one area and not another.
- Decisions about curricular and extracurricular activities will be made on a case by case basis.

\*This applies only to the Town of St. Paul and rural buses operated by or contracted to St. Paul Education.

## Friendly Reminder

Parents please sign your child/ren out at the office before taking them out of the building any time during the day. If they come late they need to sign in at the office as well.

## Winter Clothing

Extreme Winter weather and cold days are here and its time to dress very warmly for recess and riding the bus. Dress in a jacket, snow pants, toque, gloves, boots etc to stay warm.



## 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.

## 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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[Click here](#) to access our School Division website!

[Click here](#) to access our Division's Bus Schedule.



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# Kindergarten Registration

Are you ready for Kindergarten?

Here's GREAT News!!!

Children can start our amazing Kindergarten program in September 2020 if they turn 5 years old on or before December 31, 2020



Please call or visit our school office for more information and to pre-register!

780-366-3801

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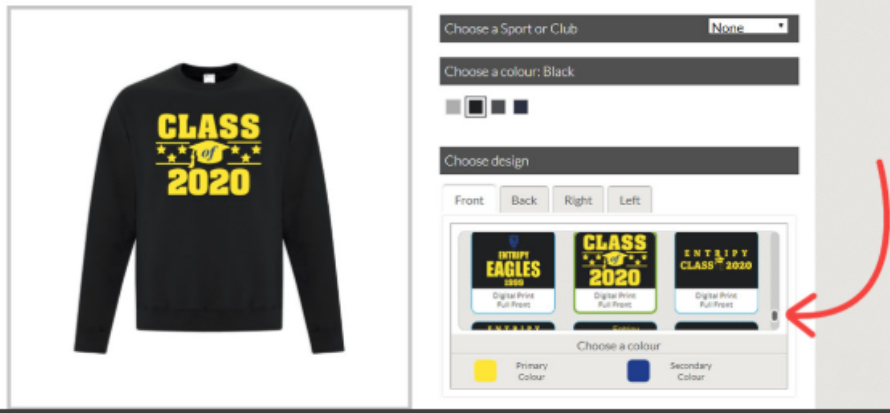
## Attention upcoming graduates!

For the next 30 days we are offering **10% OFF** all hoodies and sweaters!

It's the perfect chance to get your graduation sweaters and save some money doing it.


Simply add the discount code **GRAD2020** at checkout to have 10% taken off every sweater and hoodie from your order!

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Make sure to scroll down through the various designs to find the Grad 2020 designs





**EVA OLSSON**  
*A clarion voice rises from the ashes.*

*Dr. Eva Olsson will be presenting to our Grade 6 to 12 students on March 10th*

*We are honored to have Eva share her heartfelt story about surviving the holocaust and her perspectives on tolerance, compassion and the consequences of hate and bullying.*

# FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Jr. boys practice	6 Jr. boys @ Frog Lake	7 Home basketball tournament Sr. High SPAA Curling in St. Paul.	8
	Day 2	Day 3 (K-Day)	Day 4	Day 5 (K-Day)	Day 6	
9	10	11	12 Early dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.  Mukluk	13 Teacher Convention  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	14 Teacher Convention  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Valentine's Day	15
	Day 1 (K-Day)	Day 2	Day 3 (K-Day)			
16	17 Family Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	18	19 Jr. boys practice  NEASSA Sr. High Curling Zones in Vegreville	20	21 Jr. boys tournament  @ Ashmont	22
		Day 4	Day 5 (K-Day)	Day 6	Day 1 (K-Day)	
23	24	25	26 Jr. boys practice	27 Kinosoo Ridge Ski Trip Gr. 5 - 12	28 Jr. High SPAA Curling in Two Hills	29
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# MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Day 1 (K-Day)	Jr Boys Basketball Game @Ashmont 3:30pm-7:30pm Day 2	Jr Boys Basketball Practice 3:30pm-5:00pm Day 3 (K-Day)	ACAC Men's Basketball Thurs, Fri, Sat SPAA Basketball Championships Day 4	Day 5 (K-Day)	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time	PD Day NO SCHOOL	Eva Olsson Session gr. 6 - 12 @ 1pm Day 6	Day 1 (K-Day)	Day 2	Day 3 (K-Day)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Gr 4-6 Swimming 9:45am-11:15am Day 4	St Patrick's Day Gr 4-6 Swimming 9:45am-11:15am Day 5 (K-Day)	Gr 4-6 Swimming 9:45am-11:15am Day 6	Gr 4-6 Swimming 9:45am-11:15am Day 1 (K-Day)	Gr 4-6 Swimming 9:45am-11:15am Day 2	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<h1>SPRINGBREAK</h1>						
29	30	31				
	Day 3 (K-Day)	Gr 4-6 Swimming 1:00pm-2:00pm Track practice 3:30pm-5:00pm Day 4				