



DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- Apr. 14—Hot Lunch
- Apr. 16—Hot Lunch
- Apr. 21—Hot Lunch
- Apr. 28—Hot Lunch
- Apr. 30—Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch Program continues with restaurant –provided meals, twice a week. The website to sign up, order, make payments, and sign up to volunteer is <https://mhsaa.hotlunches.net>



SCHOOL LIBRARY

As many of you know, a major renovation was completed on our library recently. What you may know is that MHSAA had signed on to contribute \$20, 000 to that project. Because of everyone’s generous support of our fundraisers, we are happy to announce that \$15, 000 of our commitment has been covered. We plan to have our entire contribution covered by this fall.

PLEASE HELP US WITH PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILDREN

BY COMPLETING YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

AND CALL US IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE!!!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Please open hyperlink to access our Public Calendar of events:

<http://meridianheights.psd70.ab.ca/Events.php>

If you are not yet on the parent portal and or if there are any demographic changes to your profile please also ensure that you edit your information.

MHSAA UPDATES

Caramels Success!



This fundraiser was a great success! Thanks to all of you (and your sweet teeth!) we were able to raise just over \$1300 for our school! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and a great, local company.

Contact Us Anytime by email mhsaaparents@gmail.com



**A NEW FUNDRAISER IS
COMING...**



GROWING SMILES PLANTS!

the MHSAA Parent Council is currently doing a few special things

This great fundraiser sells hanging baskets, succulents, Annuals, even strawberry plants, perfect for your yard this summer. The last time we did this fundraiser we were all blown away by the plants—the quality was fantastic! Look for order forms to some home after spring break and plant pick up will be after the May long weekend.

Canadian Parents for French Parkland Chapter

FEATURED RESOURCES, APRIL 2021



1.) WWW.FRENCHSTREET.CA

Camps, field trips, family activities, exchanges and programs, post-secondary activities, parent supports, events and contests.

This is a great hub for French resources in Canada!

2.) SUMMER CAMPS!

<http://af.ca/edmonton/learn-french/kids-teens/summer-camp>

Summer camps are available in Edmonton area, and CPF members get an extra \$25 discount!



3.) HIGHSCHOOL - VOLUNTEER TO BE A TUTOR

<https://cpf.ca/en/chapters-volunteers/volunteers/volunteer-opportunities/>

This a fantastic way to build resume experience.

4.) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Visit www.frenchstreet.ca or CPF.ca to explore scholarships.



5.) NEXT MEETING IS MAY 4TH @ 6:30 PM

Join our local chapter to be added to the e-mail list! There will be prizes available, details to come.

JOIN CPF

[HTTPS://CPF.CA/EN/MEMBER-REGISTRATION-AND-RENEWAL/](https://CPF.CA/EN/MEMBER-REGISTRATION-AND-RENEWAL/)

What has more lives than a cat?

A frog, because it croaks every night.



How do pickles enjoy a day out?

They relish it!



PLASTIC

Things you can use -

Contribution by Pryce Myshak—Grade 5 EMHS School

These are some things that you could use once the ban is on. This is a list of the stuff that you can use instead of the banned items.

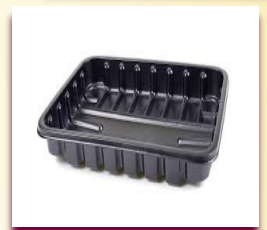
- Metal straws
- Cloth bags
- Wood cutlery
- Wood stir sticks
- Cardboard separators
- Recyclable containers

Those are some items that you can use when the other items are gone. These things might cost more but it will be worth it. By using these items you could save the planet. Also if you have any questions or ideas please contact our teacher Mme Laurin et nlaurin@psd70.ab.ca. These are some sites for a garbage free lunch if you would like to check it out. <https://www.rcbc.ca/files/u6/RCBC%20Waste%20Free%20Lunch%20Challenge.pdf>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Pack-a-Waste%E2%80%90Free-Lunch>

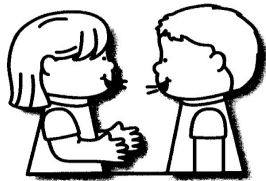
Why items will be ban

If you had any questions of why these particular items will be banned they will now be answered. If we did not answer your questions please let us know.



READ & THINK ALOUD

Read to your child or have your child read to you. Comprehension doesn't need to be complicated. Talking about what is being read makes thinking about what is being read a *habit*.



WAYS TO TALK ABOUT READ ALOUDS

- 📖 I wonder why...
- 📖 Where did...
- 📖 If the character...
- 📖 I wonder what will happen next...
- 📖 What if they...
- 📖 Why did they...
- 📖 I like this author because...
- 📖 This character/story/setting reminds me of ____ because...
- 📖 This story is similar to/different than.....
- 📖 My favorite part was ___ because...

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

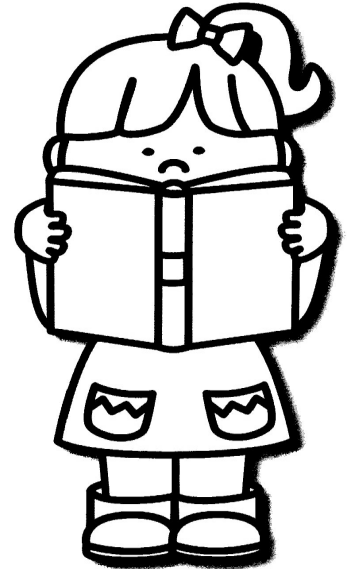
-Emilie Buchwald

Reading Websites Teachers Love



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Helping Your Child Learn to Read



a quick and helpful guide
.....
to parents, from teachers

BOOKS GALORE

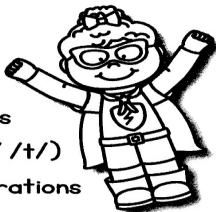


Keep books in sight as much as possible. Create a library at home, even if it is just a book basket with a few books. Then read and reread!

WORD POWER

Before kids can read, they need to understand that words are made up of sounds. Have fun talking about words!

- listen to and make rhymes (cat and bat)
- clap syllables (hap-py)
- segment words (cat = /c/ /a/ /t/)
- make up alliterations (Silly Suzy!)



THE ALPHABET

ABC's open the doors of learning to read through phonics. Teaching letter names and sounds is simple and fun!



- Uppercase/lowercase matching
- Use play dough to build/stamp letters
- Search for letters in name
- Magnetic letter play
- Read alphabet books
- Play I Spy (a letter)
- Find letters on signs, toys, cereal boxes, license plates, etc.
- Practice beginning sounds in words

READING & WRITING

Reading and writing go hand in hand! Better readers become better writers. Better writers become better readers.

Start with pictures!



- 📖 Draw a picture
- 📖 Label the picture
- 📖 Write or tell a story about the picture or
- 📖 Draw a picture about a book you've read!

Reading for 10 minutes per day = 3,650 minutes per year!

Have a great month!