



# New Myrnam School

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## May

### Important Dates

#### May


3 - Hats off for mental health  
12 - Career or Wacky Sock Day  
15 - Grade 9 ELA PAT Part A  
17 - Grade 6 ELA PAT Part A  
18 - Himmelfort (Ascension Day)  
19 - PD Day (No School)  
22 - Victoria Day (No School)  
27 - Grad 2023 Ceremony  
28-30 - Pfingsten (Pentacost)

#### June


1 - Horticulture Greenhouse sale  
2 - Grade 3-6 Field Trip to Fort Edmonton Park  
7 - Alberta Emerald Award Ceremony in Edmonton  
14 - Colour Night  
16 - Last day of NMS classes for grades 7-12  
21 - National Indigenous Peoples' Day  
27 - Report cards go home  
27 - Elementary Awards Ceremony starts at 1:30 p.m.  
27 - Last day of school

Stay up to date  
with information:

Website:

 [www.newmyrnamschool.ca](http://www.newmyrnamschool.ca)

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 New Myrnam School SPERD

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# Principal's Message

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

- Robert Collier

If you were one of the nearly 300 people estimated to have attended our Student Showcase in April, you would have been exposed to a stunning display of collaboration and authentic project based approaches to learning from grade 1 to 12. Showcase was one day for the public to get a glimpse of what we do the other 179. Thank you for showing your support for the students by giving us your most valuable resource; your time.

I am so incredibly proud of our students and staff for the work they put in every single day. Those daily habits turn into successful completion of curricular outcomes. More importantly, daily habits turn into success in learning to problem solve, think critically, collaborate, and be creative. The staff of NMS and MOHC are so integral to creating environments where students can have the freedom to take risks and learn from their mistakes in a safe space. There is so much more to come from these kids. They have no limits and can accomplish anything.

May means spring and spring means....field trip season! Teachers are excitedly planning field trips for grade 1/2, 3-6, 7/8, and 9-12. Stay tuned for permission forms and information letters coming soon.

The final parent council meeting of the year will be on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the school. The virtual link will also be available on our website the day before the meeting. I want to encourage parents to come and hear about what's going on at NMS from the perspective of the students as we have a student representative attending the meetings. There is also information about the 2023-2024 school year that I would love to have parent feedback on before summer so planning can continue in a positive direction which considers as many perspectives as possible.

Looking ahead to June, NMS has been shortlisted for an Alberta Emerald Award in the Youth category for the energy projects we have completed over the last 6 years. Congratulations to the students selected by their peers to attend the awards night at the Citadel Theater in Edmonton. Team Hydroponic lead Cassie O'Reilley, Team Net Zero lead Eddie Balash-Dach, and Team Tiny Home Co-Lead Harper Matthews. Check out us and others who made the shortlist in all categories at

<https://emerald.foundation.ca/32nd-annual-emerald-awards/>.

This will be my first spring as an administrator in the office. I am excitedly planning next school year timetables and professional development for staff. Homeroom teachers will reach out to grade 9-11 students to talk about their courses and timetables for September in June when the timetable is finalized. Each grade from 7-12 will have a homeroom teacher who follows them until they graduate. The staff felt it would be a better way to build relationships with kids in their homeroom if they had the same group from year to year. The homeroom teachers can then be a go to for support, help, questions, and advice throughout their junior/senior high school years. I want to thank the staff for being open to new ideas and considering new options to better support our students.



# Spirit Days



## May 3 - Hats On For Mental Health

### Hats On! FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Wear a special hat to school on May 3, 2023  
to raise awareness of the importance  
of good mental health. [CANWETALK.CA](http://CANWETALK.CA)



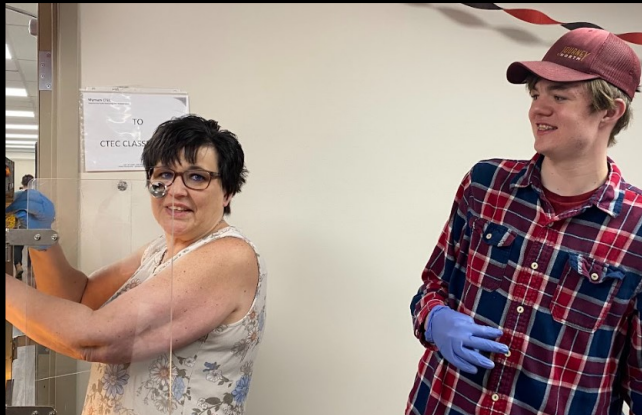
## May 12 - Career or Wacky Sock Day





# 2022/23 Spring Showcase

Our Spring Showcase was a huge success! Thank you to all our families and community members that joined us.









# Cosmetology



Our Cosmetology students have set-up their own little hair salon in the CTC building and have been braiding and styling hair for our younger students.

## **Concession Prices**

**Chicken Quesadilla (Sour Cream and Salsa) \$3.00**

**Grilled Cheese (with Vegetables or pickle ) \$2.50**

**Crackers, Cheese, Sausage and Pickle Plate \$3.00**

**Vegetable Plate with Ranch \$3.00**

**Microwavable Instant Rice \$2.50**

**Pizza Pop \$1.00**

**Taco in a Bag \$6.00**

**Mr. Noodle (Chicken/Beef) \$2.00**

**Hot and Spicy Noodle Bowl \$2.00**

**Boiled Egg \$0.50**

**Water \$2.00**

**Juice Box \$0.75**

**Gatorade \$2.00**

**Iced Tea \$2.50**

**Sparkling Ice Drink \$2.00**

**Ice Cream Cup \$1.00**

**Italian Ice \$2.00**

**Veggie Straws \$1.00**

**White Cheddar Popcorn \$2.00**

**Pringles \$2.00**

**Twizzlers \$3.00**

**Nibs \$3.00**

**Corn Nuts \$2.00**

**Ritz \$1.00**

**Made Good Cookies \$.75**

**Gum \$1.00**



# **Career Counsellor** **Dates 2022-2023**

**May - 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 26, & 29**

**June - 5, 6, 13, 14, 21, & 22**



# Library News

April has come and gone and what a month it has been!!



ECS have started reading books about spring. They had the opportunity to play and learn on Osmo, Smartbuilders, Lego and blocks. They made tons of different paper flowers which are now housed in the showcase in the foyer. We've started learning about gardening and will be planting a couple seeds and continue to work on Education.com

Grade 1/2 are still working on mastering logging into accelerated reader and taking the AR quizzes. This will be ongoing until the end of the year. They too had the opportunity to play and learn on Osmo, Smartbuilders, Lego and blocks. They will also be learning about gardening and will be planting a couple seeds. They will continue to work on education.com as well.

Grades 3 - 6 continue to work on their AR goals which last until the end of the school year. Osmo, Smartbuilders, Lego and blocks were a hit when they were using them. They will continue to learn how to use some of the eresources that the library has to offer free with their library cards and practice ordering books online. They are also reading more non fiction books.

So far this year 1,209 AR quizzes have been taken, 1,184 were 85% or higher and 12,977,439 words have been read. Such beautiful numbers!!!

Showcase was a hit. I brought in numerous makers space items for visitors to use. There appeared to almost always have a lineup to use the Osmo, and Oculus Meta Quest 2 VR Headsets. The shareable items, Smart Builders, Lego and blocks were rarely idle. I also brought in a button maker which was such a success I ran out of buttons!!



I am continually purchasing new books for library patrons to borrow. I add some of these purchases to this newsletter, check out the Myrnam Community Library website for a more detailed list.

<https://www.myrnamlibrary.ab.ca/>



The Myrnam Community Library Patrons can order books through TracPac or to call me (780 366 3801) to request books. I will call once the books are in and have been processed. These books can be picked up Monday to Friday between 8:30 - 3:30 or on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:00pm. Or better yet come on down to the library and see what we have to offer!! Please feel free to call me if you need more information or have any questions. If the doors are locked during my open hours please ring the bell so I can let you in.



This month I'd like to focus on Ancestry This resource is only available on-site at your local library. Ancestry Library Edition is free to access to the same resources the pros use. Learn your genealogy to discover your family history.

# SAVE THE DATES FOR THINGS HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

## Everyone Welcome!!

(check the website and social media sites for more details closer to the dates)



Free Comic Book Day, takes place on the first Saturday of May. This is an annual promotional effort by the North American comic book industry to help bring new readers into independent comic book stores. Because Myrnam Community Library is not open on Saturday we will celebrate on Tuesday May 9th. All students will receive a free comic that day. If you'd like to bring the rest of the family for their free comic please come to the Myrnam Community Library between 3:30 - 7:00 PM for a piece of cake and collect your free comics. Don't forget to enter your name in the draw for a graphic novel!! Hope to see you there.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS IN THE LIBRARY!!

April was supposed to bring more crafts to the library but due to some unexpected happenings we didn't do them. My apologies!! This month I will be doing the crafts we missed doing in April. I will be limiting the participants to 12 children. There will be a \$5 charge per crafting day. Craft days will be Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. I MUST be notified that your child is attending by Monday either by turning in the permission slip or a phone call.

\*May 16 - Button Art \* May 23 - Card Making \*May 30 Tin Lantern

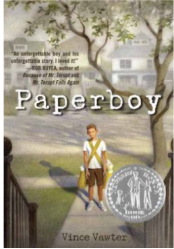


Happy Reading,

Mrs. Evans



## NEW TO THE LIBRARY



This Newbery Honor winner is perfect for fans of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The King's Speech*, and *The Help*. A boy who stutters comes of age in the segregated South, during the summer that changes his life. Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town. But talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering-not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he's not exactly looking forward to interacting with the customers. But it's the neighborhood junkman, a bully and thief, who stirs up real trouble in Little Man's life.

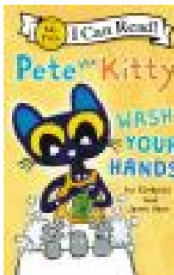


From worldwide bestselling author and artist Dav Pilkey comes Dog Man, the canine cop who's part dog, part man, and ALL HERO!

George and Harold have created a new breed of justice. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound digs into deception, claws after crooks, rolls over robbers, and scampers after squirrels. Will he be able to resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?



After a sudden change of plans, Luke and his sister, Crystal, find themselves on an unexpected adventure with their fun-loving cousins-right in their own neighborhood. So come join the fun as they do everything they can to catch Big Bubba, a legendary bass in their local lake!

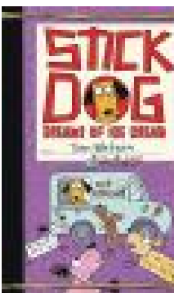


Join Pete the Kitty as he learns to wash his hands in this new I Can Read story from New York Times bestselling creators Kimberly and James Dean!

Splish, scrub, splash, rub! Keeping clean is groovy and fun!

Pete must wash his hands many times a day. He must wash them after he sneezes, coughs, plays with his friends, eats his food, and throws away his trash.

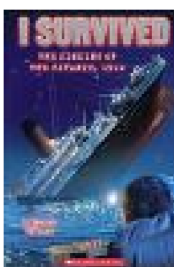
Beginning readers will love learning how to wash their hands with Pete!



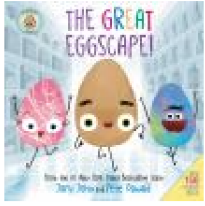
Stick Dog and his pals are back, but this time the temperature is rising and they're all feeling the heat. They need cold, cold ice cream on this hot, hot day!

It will take all of Stick Dog's smarts to guide his friends to a scrumptious ice-cream feast. They'll battle a water-attacking machine, discover rainbow puddles, and chase the strangest, loudest truck they've ever seen.

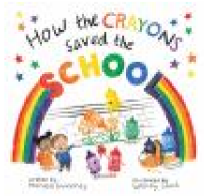
But there's a looming threat to their mission--Stick Dog gets spotted by a human. And the police are on his tail. If he's captured, Stick Dog may never see his friends again. If he escapes, it's ice cream for everyone.



Ten-year-old George Calder can't believe his luck -- he and his little sister, Phoebe, are on the famous *Titanic*, crossing the ocean with their Aunt Daisy. The ship is full of exciting places to explore, but when George ventures into the first class storage cabin, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever. Lauren Tarshis brings history's most exciting and terrifying events to life in this new fictional series. Readers will be transported by stories of amazing kids and how they survived



**The Great Egg Escape** is when **the** Good Egg and his pals escape their carton and drop into **the** store for a morning of fun, enjoyed by everybody. Well, almost everybody. Shel (an egg) isn't a huge fan of group activities, especially when he's made to be "It" for a game of hide-and-seek. Nevertheless, Shel doesn't want to let his friends down, so he reluctantly plays, anyway. But after a morning of hiding and seeking, somebody's still missing. Will **the** dozen egg friends ever be reunited? Find out in this hilarious egg hunt adventure in **the** grocery store that reminds us to break out of our shells and help our friends in need!



Oh no, **the school** has lost all its color! In a quiet town, a wave of gray has swept over a little **school**. Happy kids are now bored, bored, bored. Charming halls and playgrounds are now dull, dull, dull. Buzzing teachers are now tired, tired, tired. Something has to be done! On another long, gray afternoon, a student gets a surprise gift that can help save **the** day: a box of seven special **crayons**! With **the** charm, determination, and cleverness of these peppy **crayons** and their unique personalities, **the** students and teachers work together to make their **school** magnificent. **The crayons** use their funny antics and extraordinary determination to show them **how** colorful and exciting **the** world can be

when everyone works together.





**Lifetouch.**

# SPRING PICTURE DAY IS COMING!



**Friday, May 05, 2023**

New Myrnam School

## What to Expect:



Students are  
photographed on  
Picture Day



Pictures are  
sent home with  
your child



Review pictures  
& purchase on  
[mylifetouch.ca](https://mylifetouch.ca)

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture if requested by the school.

**Questions? Contact our Help Center at [lifetouch.com/support-ca](https://lifetouch.com/support-ca).  
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.**

# Announcements

*Fireman's Bingo*  
*on May 9*

**BAKE SALE**

**NMS HAS BEEN INVITED TO DO A BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER.**

**THIS IS A SCHOOL WIDE FUNDRAISER FOR FIELD TRIPS.**

**PLEASE BRING DONATED BAKING TO THE SCHOOL  
MAY 9 OR TO THE ELK'S HALL BETWEEN 6:00 AND  
6:30 PM**



**Parent Council  
Meeting  
May 16th  
at 5:30 pm**

**Happiness never  
decreases by being  
shared.**

**-Buddha**

**Order at Entripy Shops @ [newmyrnam.entripyshops.com](http://newmyrnam.entripyshops.com)**



**GET YOUR**

**OFFICIAL GEAR**



# HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



## SEND TO SCHOOL

- A runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.
- Sore throat but no other symptoms.
- No fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.



## KEEP AT HOME

- Fever higher than 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C).
- Sore throat, with other symptoms such as a persistent cough.
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Eyes are pink and crusty.
- Has been exposed to an illness where isolation is recommended.

# Links Page

**Alberta Education has announced a change to the weighting of diploma exams for the 2022-2023 school year. Exams will now be weighted at 20% of the student's overall grade. Please see Link Below for the full announcement and additional information about diploma exams.**

<https://www.alberta.ca/diploma-exams.aspx>

## **New Myrnam School Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/newmyrnamschoolsperd?fref=nf>

## **Power School**

<https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public/home.html>

## **Alertus App Information**

<https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/alertus-app>

## **School Cash Online**

<https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com/>

## **Our Project Videos/Articles**

<https://www.newmyrnamschool.ca/project-s-videos>

## **Spring Showcase Articles**

[https://issuu.com/thenewsadvertiser/docs/vna\\_may\\_03\\_2023\\_-\\_web/s/23730954](https://issuu.com/thenewsadvertiser/docs/vna_may_03_2023_-_web/s/23730954)

[https://www.vermilionvoice.com/post/new-myrnam-school-spring-showcase?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=blog.post-promoter&utm\\_campaign=ac1b13e8-4ae9-41a7-8186-dc32a220d895](https://www.vermilionvoice.com/post/new-myrnam-school-spring-showcase?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=blog.post-promoter&utm_campaign=ac1b13e8-4ae9-41a7-8186-dc32a220d895)





# St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2023-2024

August 2023							September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
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14	15	16	17	18			18	19	20	21	22			16	17	18	19	20			20	21	22	23	24		
21	22	23	24	25			25	26	27	28	29			23	24	25	26	27			27	28	29	30			
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December 2023							January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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18	19	20	21	22			22	23	24	25	26			19	20	21	22	23			25	26	27	28	29		
25	26	27	28	29			29	30	31					26	27	28	29										

April 2024							May 2024							June 2024							LEGEND						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			Instructional Day						
1	2	3	4	5			6	7	8	9	10			3	4	5	6	7			PLC Day						
8	9	10	11	12			13	14	15	16	17			10	11	12	13	14			Schools Closed						
15	16	17	18	19			20	21	22	23	24			17	18	19	20	21			Early Dismissal 2 pm						
22	23	24	25	26			27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28									

Days of School Operation			Important Dates		
August	0	3	August 29, 30, 31	PLC Days	
September	19	1	August 31 (a.m.)	Catholic Education Formation	
October	20	1	September 1	PLC Day/Division Day	
November	19	1	September 4	Labour Day	
December	15	1	September 5	First day of school	
January	17	0	September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day	
Semester 1	90	7	October 6	PLC Day	
January	1	0	October 9	Thanksgiving	
February	17	3	October 9	PLC Day	
March	15	1	November 9	Schools Closed	
April	20	1	November 10	Remembrance Day (Nov 11)	
May	20	1	November 13	PLC Day	
June	17	2	December 8	Christmas Break	
Semester 2	90	8	Dec 25 - Jan 5	First day of second semester	
Total Instructional Days	180		January 31	PLC Day	
Total Non-Instructional Days	15		February 2	Catholic Education Formation	
Total Operational Days	195		February 2 (a.m.)	Early dismissal - 2 pm	
First Day of Classes: September 5			February 14	Teachers' Convention	
First Day of Second Semester: January 31			February 15 & 16	Family Day	
Last Day of Classes: June 26			February 19	PLC Day	
Instructional Hours	Days	Min./Day	March 1	Spring Break	
Elem/Jr High	180	317	March 25 - 29	Good Friday	
High School	180	333	March 29	Easter Monday	
			April 1	PLC Day	
			April 19	PLC Day	
			May 16	Schools Closed	
			May 17	Victoria Day	
			May 20	PLC Day	
			June 14	National Indigenous Peoples Day	
			June 21	Last day of classes	
			June 26	PLC Day	
			June 27	Calendar Approved: February 8, 2023	

Approved School Holidays											
Labour Day	Sept 4	Family Day	Feb 19								
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 9	Spring Break	March 25-29								
Remembrance Day	Nov 13	Good Friday/Easter Monday	Mar 29 & Apr 1								
Christmas Vacation	Dec 25-Jan 5	Victoria Day	May 20								

Professional Learning Community - PLC days provide opportunities for staff to work together on topics such as: school opening and closing, professional learning, sharing best practices, assessment, and supports for students.

Catholic Education Formation (CEF) - August 31 and February 2, mornings




Diploma Exam Schedule 2023-24 - October 26, 27, 30, 31 November 2, 3, 6-8 January 10-12, 19, 22-26, 29, 30 April 4, 5, 8-12, 15, 16 June 11-14, 17-20, 24-26

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2023-2024 - In draft format as per Alberta Education






# May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 3 (K Day)	2 Day 4	3 Hats off for Mental Health Day 5 (K Day)	4 Day 6	5 Day 1 (K Day)	6
7	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 (K Day)	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 (K Day)	12 Career/Wacky Sock Day Day 6	13
14	15 Day 1 (K Day)	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 (K Day)	18 Day 4	19 PD Day (in lieu) (No School)	20
21	22 Victoria Day (No School)	23 Day 5 (K Day)	24 Day 6	25 Day 1 (K Day)	26 Day 2	27 Grad 2023 Ceremony
28	29	30	31 Day 5 (K Day)			
 Pfingsten (Pentacost)						
		Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4			



# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day 6	2 Day 1 (K Day)	3 
4	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 (K Day)	7 Day 4	8 Day 5 (K Day)	9 Day 6	10
11	12 Day 1 (K Day)	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 (K Day)	15 Day 4	16 <div>                     Last day of classes gr 7-12                 </div>	17
18	19 Day 6	20 Day 1 (K Day)	21 Indigenous Peoples' Day Day 2	22 Day 3 (K Day)	23 Day 4	24
25	26 Day 5 (K Day)	27 Last Day of School! <div>                     Elementary Awards 1:30                 </div>	28 <div>                     See you next school year!                      Have a fantastic summer!                 </div>	29 <div>                     See you next school year!                      Have a fantastic summer!                 </div>	30 	
		Day 6	PD Day (No School)			