


Dr. J. K. Mulloy School

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Newsletter | September, 2015

Principal: Dr. Sheila Spence
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Brenda Haskett
Learning Leader: Ms. Kendra Brands
Learning Leader: Ms. Margaret Menzies
Learning Leader: Mr. Joseph Banke
Administrative Secretary: Mrs. Bev Oliver

Please see monthly calendar at the end of the newsletter.

WELCOME TO DR. J.K. MULLOY SCHOOL

Please go carefully through the **Parent/Student Handbook**, included with your opening package, to ensure that your child understands the expectations of the program and can be a full and productive member of the team.

STAFF AND STUDENTS OF DR. J.K. MULLOY SCHOOL FOR 2015-2016

We currently have 475 students registered at our school. We are pleased to welcome the staff that was here last year and the teachers that joined our school this year. It has been an exciting start to the school year as we spent our first three “teacher days” on building a strong cohesive team focused on providing a positive, supportive and challenging environment for all of our learners.

THE 2015-2016 STAFF OF DR. J.K. MULLOY SCHOOL

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| Ms. Devos – Kindergarten | Room 20 |
| Ms. Lim – Kindergarten | Room 20 |
| Ms. Hanna – Kindergarten | Room 13 (PM) |
| Ms. Schmidt - Kindergarten | Room 21 (AM) |
| Mr. Martens – Grade 1 | Room 15 |
| Mrs. Seminuk – Grade 1 | Room 14 |
| Mr. Banke – Grade 1 & Learning Leader | Room 16 |
| Mrs. Bauman- Grade 1 | Room 17 |
| Ms. Menzies – Grade 2 & Learning Leader | Room 6 |
| Mrs. Hawkins - Grade 2 | Room 5 |
| Ms. Godfrey – Grade 2 | Room 8 |
| Ms. Osmond – Grade 2 | Room 7 |
| Ms. Brands – Grade 3 & Learning Leader | Room 12 |
| Mrs. Wong-Mills – Grade 3 | Room 09 |
| Mrs. Schleichach – Grade 3 | Room 10 |
| Ms. Metcalf – Grade 3 | Room 11 |
| Ms. Parker – Grade 4 | Room 18 |
| Mrs. Irwin – Grade 4 | Room 3 |



Future Important Dates

Oct. 1.- Oct. 23

Inline Skating – K – Gr. 2

Oct. 1– Literacy evening – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 Professional Day – No School for Students

Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving – No School

Oct. 20 – Constable Kovaks: S4 program 6:30 p.m.
School Council Meeting at 7:00 PM (all parents welcome)

Oct. 29 – Fun Lunch & Spirit Day (Non-Uniform Day)
Pumpkinella and Costume Parade (watch for information)

Oct. 30 - Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)

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| Ms. Pokolinski – Grade 4 | Room 19 |
| Mr. Quinton – Grade 4 | Room 2 |
| Mr. Dardon– French to Gr. 1-4 | Room 1 |
| Mrs. Armstrong – Music | Room 4 (Music Room) |

Dr. Spence – Principal
 Ms. Haskett – Assistant Principal and Resource Teacher
 Mrs. Oliver – Admin. Secretary
 Mrs. Barber – Office Assistant
 Mrs. Laurie – ESL Assistant
 Ms. Munro – Library Assistant
 Mrs. Riddell – Lead Lunch Supervisor
 Mrs. Mahalwar – School & Bus Assistant, Lunch Supervisor
 Mrs. Thivierge – Lunch Supervisor
 Mrs. Ondrus – Lunch Supervisor
 Mrs. Carroll – Lunch Supervisor
 Ms. Traub- Lunch Supervisor
 Ms. Duncan – Facility Operator
 Ms. Liao– Cleaner

IS OUR CHILD'S BUS ON TIME?

We often get phone calls from parents asking if their child's bus is on time. The school office is seldom notified if the buses will be late. Parents are asked to visit the website below for current information about buses:

<http://www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca/>

News from School Council and Enhancement Society

Hello from School Council! It is a very exciting time of year as the students head back to class! There are a few things we want to let everyone know about as we start the 2015-2016 school year:

The first Council and Enhancement meeting is **Tuesday, September 15** from 7:00-9:00 in the library.

School Council runs a closed parent information group on Facebook. This is a great tool to help keep everyone up to date on the events at the school, as well as reaching out to the other parents with questions about homework, uniform pieces, spirit days, etc. Please join up at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/258885284151323/>

The October School Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20 and we have 2 guests scheduled. Constable George Kovaks will be there at 6:30 to explain the S4 program that runs at the school. And a representative from Lifetouch Photography will be there at 7:30 to answer any questions about ordering school photos.

Events that School Council will be running for the school year include once a month Fun Lunch available to all Grade 1-4 students. Once a month Popcorn Day available to ALL students. Year End Family Dance in June. New ideas for the students are always welcome and encouraged! Please come to the monthly School Council meetings to introduce your new ideas!

Amber Abbott and Lisa Choboter, Co-Chairs

PHONE FOR SAFETY PROGRAM

Dr. J.K. Mulloy School currently has approximately 475 registered students. If a child is absent it is important to know where the child is. Help us by phoning the school and leaving a message if your child is going to be absent. We make phone calls to parents of “children that are not accounted for” but your phone call saves a great deal of time. Please help our secretary and remember to **PHONE IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT!** (403-777-6640)

UNLOADING AND LOADING THE BUSES

This year we have 5 buses loading and unloading at our school. All of our buses do a “run” for another school before they transport our students.

We are working to establish a “smooth” system for loading and unloading a large number of buses. Please be patient as we continue to “fine tune” our process and make it more efficient for both students and staff.

We take attendance as the students enter the 5 buses at the end of the day. If a child is missing when attendance is taken, we do an “all call” inside the school and a general playground look for him/her. Currently, we have several staff members supervising the loading of students. It is important for the buses to leave on time so if students are slow coming to their designated buses, they may be left behind. If this happens, parents will be contacted by phone and asked to provide transportation for the child. Please remind your child of the importance of going to the bus quickly when dismissed from class.

IF YOUR CHILD RIDES THE BUS AND YOU PLAN TO PICK HIM/HER UP AT THE END OF THE DAY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE. Each day we spent time looking for “missing bus students” who had been picked up by parents who had not notified the office. Please help us to have current daily information about the students expected to ride the bus at the end of the day. HELP US TO KEEP YOU CHILD SAFE!

PLEASE TRY TO MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME IN THE MORNING. IT IS VERY DISRUPTIVE WHEN MRS. OLIVER HAS TO INTERRUPT THE CLASS TO PASS ON A PARENT MESSAGE DURING THE DAY.

When a parent phones the school to indicate that he/she will be picking up a child instead of having the child go home on the bus, we want to be certain that children are supervised until the parent arrives. **BEGINNING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3,** upon receiving a phone call from a parent, the secretary will phone the classroom to tell the teacher that the child is being picked up and the child needs to come to the office to wait for his/her parent. The secretary will then ask to speak to the child and repeat the message. At the end of the day the child is to come to the office and **wait inside the school for the parent to arrive.** Parents are asked to park their car and come to the office to pick up their child. This

ensures that students are supervised until the parent arrives. The parent should then sign out the child.

Please remind your child that if he/she is ever outside and feels frightened, unsafe, or worried that your child should remember to come to the front door of the school to ask for help.

Thank you for helping us to develop procedures to ensure our students' safety.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

At Dr. J. K. Mulloy School, we like to celebrate students' birthdays. Beginning Thursday, September 3rd any student having a birthday (or having had one on the weekend) will receive "Birthday Wishes" during the announcements. If your child does not wish to participate or if your family does not recognize birthdays, please notify the office so that his/her name will not be included. We have talked about this being a positive experience and have told students "birthday bumps" should not be part of the celebration.

STUDENT DESKS

We would like parents to be aware that throughout the year teachers may be looking for books or missing assignments in your child's desk. This is particularly important if your child has been away and we require a book that he/she may have.

SINGING OF O CANADA

We will be singing a version of *O Canada* at the beginning of every morning except Assembly days. If you are in the school at this time, we ask that you stand without moving during our National Anthem.

WE ARE A SCENT FREE ZONE

We have a staff member who gets migraines as a result of a severe allergy to strong scents. Please help all staff members to be healthy by avoiding strong perfumes, aftershave etc. Thank you for your help! ☺

SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES

WHY WE NEED TO AVOID HAVING NUTS AT SCHOOL

We are writing to you on behalf of several of our students. These students have a potentially **life-threatening allergy to peanuts or other nuts.**

If peanut butter, peanut, a peanut product such as peanut oil enters the body of these children through the eyes, nose or mouth, the student experiences very strong reactions. Without immediate medical treatment the student could die.

All of our school staff, including lunch program staff, have been made aware of this situation and have been instructed in the correct administration of an EpiPen. Prevention, of course, is the best approach for reducing the risk of a severe reaction. We will be discussing the

situation with the other students in the classrooms and asking them not to share snacks, treats or lunches with any other students.

We need your help to make our school safe for all students by keeping all nuts and nut products out of our school. Please remember the health and safety of these children and send lunches/snack that are free of peanuts and peanut products. The families of these children will appreciate your support.

Please remind your child not to share treats or lunch items with other students.

This is to protect those with life-threatening allergies such as those involving peanuts as well as all children with other food allergies, sensitivities and restrictions..

If you have any questions or comments, please phone the school at the above number.

Thank you for helping us to keep all of the students safe and healthy.

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

A component of the TLC program is the recognition and celebration of cultural events including Christmas and Easter. Previously, we have included the recognition of special days during our morning announcements including Chinese New Year, Eid Ul Adha, Christmas, and Easter.

Again this year, we would like to ask for parent input into the special celebrations that we recognize. It would be impossible to focus on all of the important days that are part of the lives of our diverse community so we will be sending home a survey asking each family to identify an important event in their cultural calendar that we might be able to include in our long-range plan for the school year. We will consider all of the input as we make additions to our school calendar. We would need your assistance in planning how that event might be made a part of our calendar. How would you be able to assist us with the planning and implementation? Would you consider having a group from your culture perform at a special assembly?

Look for the survey information coming home in the "package" at the beginning of the year.

HAND WASHING

Did you know that most germs are spread by hand? We have spent time during the first days of our school year reminding students and staff of the importance of washing hands. It is the single most important way to prevent influenza. Please read over the following information and reinforce it with your child at home.

Wash hands for at least 15 seconds with soap and warm water or use a hand sanitizer in the following situations:

Wash Before:

- Handling or eating food or feeding others
- Brushing or flossing teeth
- Touching your eyes, nose or mouth in any way
- Inserting or removing contact lenses

Wash After:

- Having any contact with a person who has influenza
- Using the toilet
- Blowing your nose or wiping a child's nose
- Coughing or sneezing

Everyday Actions You Can do to Stay Healthy:

- Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, preferably with a tissue
- Throw away tissue after wiping your nose, sneezing or coughing
- Cough into your elbow, NOT YOUR HAND, if no tissue is available. The elbow provides a better seal to prevent germs from spreading and does not contaminate your hand.
- Not sharing personal items or drinks
- Maintain good health, including drinking plenty of water, exercising regularly and eating nutritious meals
- Stay home if you are sick

At school, we have hand sanitizer in every classroom and classes with sinks also have soap. Students are expected to wash their hands in the washroom after using the toilet and to wash or sanitize their hands in the classroom before eating. Many of our students are bringing a small container of "hand sanitizer" in their lunch kit so they are able to clean their hands at their desks rather than line up in the classroom. If you decide to send hand sanitizer, please talk to your child about doing the lid up tightly so it doesn't spill in their lunch kit or desk. Thank you for your help.

RECEIVING NEW INFORMATION THROUGH EMAIL

Many of our parents have requested that we send more of our information home by email rather than sending home paper copies of the information (which sometimes get lost on the way home!). We would like to try to provide this avenue of communication with all our families. Please ensure that you have included your email address on the "Demographic Information" page that is coming home in the opening package this week.

We will create a distribution list by grade and whole school. We believe that we will be able to forward information to a specific grade or the whole school. Thank you for your help and patience as we create our new distribution list for the 2015-2016 school year.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Annual Terry Fox National School Run is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, 2015 at approximately 10:30 AM. All staff, students and interested family members who would like to join in will be walking, jogging or running outside for 30 minutes on our .5 km track in recognition of Terry Fox and his great feat to beat cancer.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

We have posted our newsletter online. For the remainder of the year, the newsletter will be online the first week of the month and a note will be sent home in the student agenda indicating that the current newsletter is available. A paper copy of the newsletter will be provided to families who make the request.

As part of "respecting our environment," we have made the decision to post the newsletter online for all families. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter please sign the slip below and return it to the school. Thank you for supporting our endeavor to model respect for the environment. The school newsletter can be found on the CBE site at:

<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b242/news.htm>

We request a paper copy of the school newsletter each month for the school year 2015 – 2016.

Student Name _____

Teacher _____ Rm. # _____

TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

We would like to hear your comments about the things you see happening at Dr. J.K. Mulloy School. If you have a question, it will be answered in the next newsletter or you will be contacted by phone if the issue is “time sensitive.” This section may be returned separately from the confirmation that you have received the newsletter if you wish to remain anonymous.

NOTE: Each month we take all “tear-off slips” returned to indicate that parents have received the newsletter and there is a draw for a book. If you have more than one child in the school and the names are on the slip, both/all of the children would receive a book if your family slip is drawn.

If you are reading the newsletter on-line and you have any questions or comments, please send them to the school email address and indicate whether you want the response in the next newsletter or a personal response. Thank you for helping us make this transition from paper copy of the newsletter to having most of our families accessing the newsletter on our website.

I HAVE A COMMENT OR A QUESTION:

COMMENTS:

QUESTIONS:

I have received the newsletter:

PARENT NAME

NAME OF STUDENT(S)

HOMEROOM



connect | welcome to a new school year

September brings new faces to our schools, all eager to start the year. Our hallways are once again full of excitement with friends seeing each other after summer break. Our teachers are brimming with new ideas and fun opportunities for learning. The beginning of a school year brings endless opportunities for parents and students alike. While students are joining clubs, activities and sports, families also have the chance to connect with schools and your child's learning.

You are a vital partner in your child's learning. And whether you have a little time to contribute to this or a lot, we appreciate it all.

There are so many ways to be engaged in your child's learning. Take some time each night to go over the day's lessons. Be in touch with your child's teacher when needed. Talk to your child about what's going on at their school. Your support makes a world of difference in your child's education.

Our schools also appreciate the time you take to volunteer in the classroom, on off-site trips, or from home. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to your child's teacher. You will be assisted through the volunteer registration process, which includes a police clearance.

Some of you may choose to be involved in your school councils. This is one of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.

School councils help connect students, schools and your community while supporting and enhancing learning environments in many ways that benefit students. They also contribute to the effective communication that builds relationships and a shared understanding of needs, expectations and values within a school community.

School councils also have the opportunity to be involved in the CBE's Council of School Councils (COSC).

Through COSC, each CBE school has a voice to speak to the system, not just to their schools and principals.

Here, CBE leaders and parents work together, share information, discuss concerns and plan for the future.

If you'd like to become involved with your school council, please speak to your school's principal.

Looking ahead

We are pleased with our new government's commitment to education, and look forward to working with them this year. Their support this past spring has made it possible to continue to provide the best quality education for our growing population.

Our school population continues to grow, and we expect to welcome approximately 2,500 new students this year, bringing our total to about 117,000 students.

There will be a lot of new faces to say hello to this month, along with those you've missed over the summer. We welcome each of you into the CBE, and wish your child a great year of learning and growing.

contact | Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees wants to hear your ideas or concerns about public education in Calgary. You can also visit www.cbe.ab.ca to learn more about the Board of Trustees and upcoming public board meetings. By Ward, here are your trustees:

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SEPTEMBER 2015

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | | Aug. 27 – Teachers & Office Staff Only | Aug. 28 – Teachers & Office Staff Only |
| Aug. 31 – Teachers & Office Staff Only | Day 0 1 First day of school for students 1:30 assembly | Day 1 2 | Day 2 3 | Day 3 4 |
| 7 Labour Day | Day 4 8 Photography residency – Sept. 8- Oct. 5 – Gr. 1-4  | Day 5 9 Mad Science Presentation 9:30 a.m. | Day 1 10 | Day 2 11 |
| Day 3 14  | Day 4 15 School Council Meeting at 7:00 PM | Day 5 16 | Day 1 17 | Day 2 18 Fun Lunch & Spirit Day |
| Day 3 21  | Day 4 22 | Day 5 23 | Day 0 24 Early Dismissal – 12:30 p.m. No PM Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Day 0 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Day 1 28 Individual School pictures  | Day 2 29 | Day 3 30 Individual School pictures Terry Fox Run Watch for Information  | | |



This symbol means that you wear your formal uniform.



Dr. J.K. Mulloy School

PICTURE DAY: September 28, 2015

MAKE UP PHOTO DAY: September 30, 2015

RETAKE & CLASS GROUPS: November 2, 2015

Watch the Fun Picture Day Prep Video

From a Kids Perspective

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d88CG9CezhE>

- Each student will have a head & shoulder and ¾ length photograph taken on a blue background.
- The envelope your child will bring home from school approximately 10 days after photo day will contain your child's proofs and important order information.
- **Your completed photo order must be returned to the school your child attends by the "IMPORTANT ORDER DUE DATE" stamped in red on the order portion of the form.**
- Mail **LATE ORDERS** directly to Lifetouch Canada Inc. or call **1.866.457.8212** to place the order over the phone.

IF YOU REQUIRE A RETAKE, CHECK THE BOX ON THE ORDER FORM, SIGN IT AND HAVE YOUR CHILD RETURN IT TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON RETAKE DAY.

Please contact Lifetouch if you have questions regarding proof order forms and picture packages.

Lifetouch Canada Inc. - 1.866.457.8212

DID YOU KNOW?

- Are you eligible for our Family Plan? Families with more than 2 children in any Lifetouch photographed schools pay only for their first 2 children's packages and receive the same package for additional children complimentary. Further information can be found on the proof order form.
- Lifetouch & our partners at **The Canadian Centre for Child Protection (CCCP)** will continue to supply 2 complimentary **Pictures 2 Protect** child safety cards on your proof sheet. If a child is missing, parents can request through the CCCP that a Lifetouch portrait of their child be provided to law enforcement to aid search efforts. Lifetouch will respond on a 24/7 basis to aid search efforts. For more details on the CCCP, please visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC4u_YRb3WY & <https://protectchildren.ca/app/en/>
- We have expanded our partnership with **The CCCP** to provide the free phone app Find MEid. Information and a photo of your child is at your fingertips in case your child goes missing. Learn more at www.findmeid.ca

