

# HAVE YOU HEARD...

ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT

## Mills Haven Elementary

Read all about it in the  
November 5, 2018 edition!

Follow the link below for important dates

<http://millshaven.ca/about/calendar>

**November 11:** Remembrance Day

**November 12-16:** Fall break (all schools are closed)

**November 13:** World Kindness Day

**November 18-24:** Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Within our school community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio).

We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within our school community to:

a. avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients.

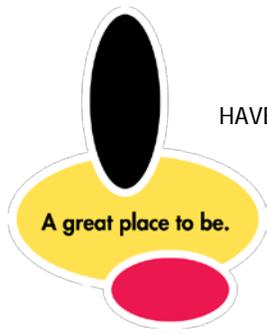
This link will take you to our school anaphylaxis plan which will help us provide an “allergy-safe” environment for children at risk of anaphylaxis. I ask you to read the plan carefully and contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is appreciated.

### Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.



Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, “school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

### **Caregiver Education Series**

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

### **New SchoolMessenger Call-display Number**

Effective November 1, all phone calls going out through SchoolMessenger will display one of the following toll-free numbers rather than the school or Division number.

- Messages programmed from Student Transportation: 1-833-298-5234
- Messages programmed from schools and the Division office: 1-833-202-1419

With this change, parents/guardians have the ability to call back to this number to replay all recent phone messages they've received through SchoolMessenger. If you've missed a call or would like to replay a message to confirm you have all the details, simply call back the applicable 1-833 number and follow the prompts to repeat any recent messages.



### **No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students**

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Mills Haven Elementary School** is once again participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four and 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at **780-467-5556** To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

### **Rustic Sign Night - School Fundraiser**

Mills Haven School Council and German Bilingual Association are hosting a Christmas wooden sign making evening November 23rd at 6:30pm. Come and make a one of a kind piece of Christmas art for your home or as a gift! Cost is \$58 per sign. Participants get to pick a pre-painted background color and choice of stencil. Please register at the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePPa51ovCsqPMRmuKcbBGDV3dxtOybAbFMKjABkKZWBD5mhA/viewform>