

HAVE YOU HEARD...

ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT

Mills Haven Elementary

Read all about it in the
October 2, 2018 edition!

Follow the link below for important dates

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

October 5: World Teachers' Day

October 5: Professional learning day (all schools are closed)

October 8: Thanksgiving Day (all schools are closed)

October 10: World Mental Health Day

October 22-26: School Bus Safety Week

October 24: Take me Outside Day

October 24: United Nations Day

Kids See Free at Superstore - Is your child 4-10 years old? They're entitled to once complete pair of glasses FREE. Click here for details - www.realcanadiansuperstore.ca/optical

Caregiver Education Series - These free sessions are for parents, caregivers, teachers and community members to learn about mental health challenges that can impact children and youth. Click here for the [Fall Catalogue](#).

Connect Parent is a nine week program for parents of children between 10 and 17. It provides a new perspective on relationships and adolescent development. Parents meet in small groups with two trained leaders for 90 minutes each week. Interested in attending? Call Strathcona County Family and Community Services at [780-464-4044](tel:780-464-4044).

Future Fair - October 22, 2018 - EIPS, EICS and Strathcona County are partnering to offer a free event to provide information to families about adult options for students with special needs. Students, parents, guardians and teachers can explore funding opportunities, employment, vocational training, recreational opportunities and many other services available to students after completion of high school.

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REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!



Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish-brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If head lice are found on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice. Alternatively, you can contact the school at **780-467-5556**

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Mills Haven Elementary School** continues to be registered 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 of 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.



Read In Week takes place October 1-5.

Read In Week 2018 returns on October 1. The theme for this year is Bringing Books to Life. Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories live on, even when the book is finished. Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include:

- Parents/family members have been invited to come in and read to classes.
- A local comic book artist Jeff Martin is coming in on the Monday to do a presentation for some of the div 2 classes.
- The evacuation drill has been scheduled for the morning of October 2nd. Once MHV students are at Cloverbar, they will stay and the Junior High students will read to MHV students.
- Literature character costume contest happening at lunch time on Thursday.

Read In Week is a Division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

And, don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag *#eipsreads*. We hope you discover some amazing stories.

School Bus Safety Week: October 22-26

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 22-26. The theme: School Bus...Bully Free Zone, which is all about promoting the importance of healthy relationship among students, staff and school bus operators. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.



More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/transportation or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://millshaven.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact **Kathy Wheeler** at **Mills Haven Elementary School** at 780-467-5556.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5

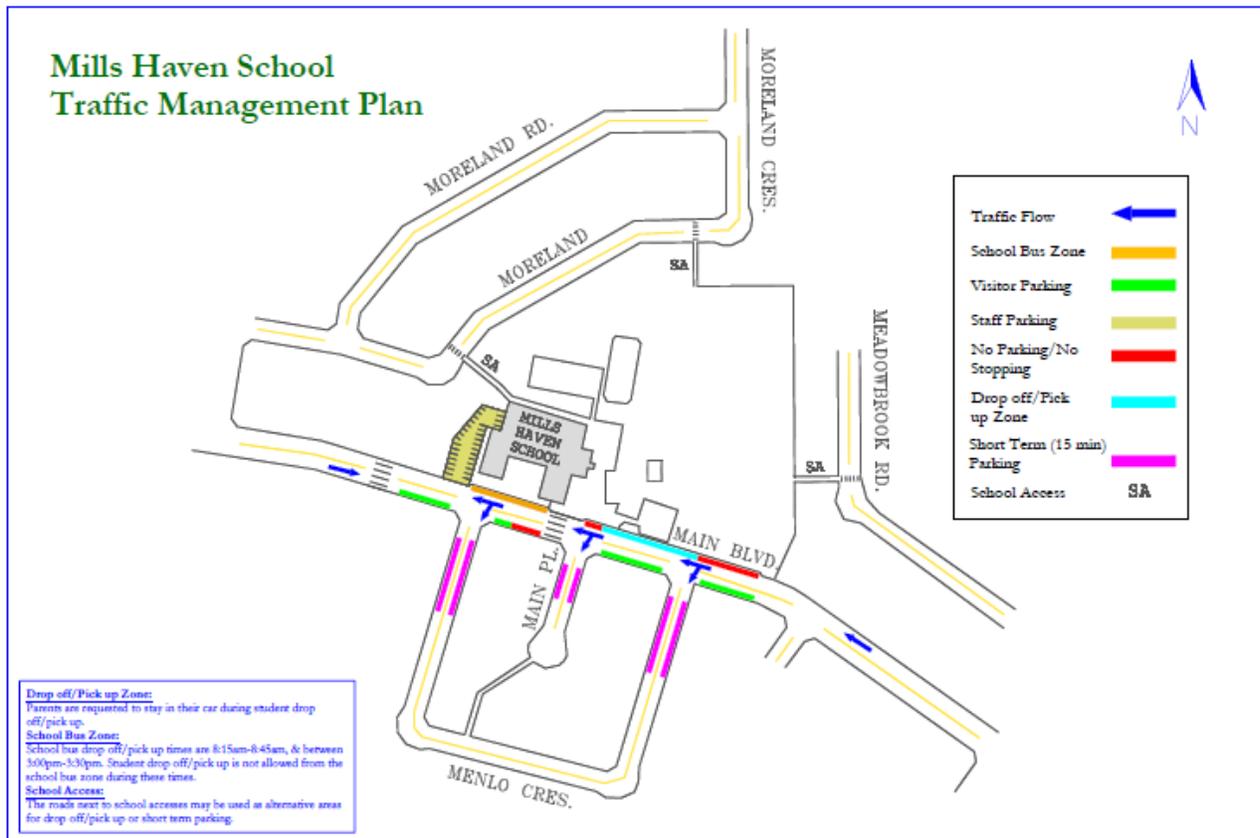
October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all students, families and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

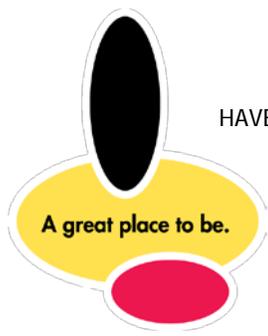


Parking at Mills Haven Elementary

Ensuring our students get to school safely is everyone’s responsibility. Please be mindful of crosswalks, parking rules and speed limits when you’re near the school, especially during the morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal times. If you drive your child to school, make sure to review the map below, which indicates visitor parking, pickup and drop-off zones, where not to park and traffic flow directions.



NOTE: The area immediately at the front of the school is the bus zone—and a no parking area. Drop-off and pickup zones are located on Main Boulevard next to the playground and field. Meanwhile, visitor parking is located on across the street.



Strathcona County Family and Community Services

Hello, my name is Ernesta and I am the Solutions Navigator for Mills haven School.

At Strathcona County Family and Community Services (FCS), we recognize that **sometimes life is complicated....** Solutions Navigators at the FCS are here to help. We are located in the Community Center at #200, 501 Festival Avenue.

Solutions Navigators will:

- Help with a variety of topics, such as parenting, mental health, housing, income supports, basic needs, employment, child care, skill building, counselling, support groups
- Assist with forms, applications, and documents
- Support with accessing subsidies and eligibility for transit and recreation based programs
- Listen and find appropriate strategies, supports or referrals for you and/or your family
- Assist with accessing community services and maneuvering through the complex system of social supports
- Provide support for individuals of all ages and families by using a strength based approach and building on individual and family skills

Navigation support is free, there is no wait list, and no appointment is necessary. You can phone in, walk in or arrange home or community visit.

How to connect with us:

- Contact your school's psychologist/counsellor or call your Solutions Navigator directly at 780-410-6584.

Community Adult Learning & Literacy Society (CALLS) is a program for adults who struggle with reading and writing or want to learn English as a new language. Located in the Community Center at #200, 501 Festival Avenue, **CALLS offers:**

- One on One Tutoring
- English Language Classes
- English Language Conversation Circles
- Literacy & Essential Skills

For more information, please contact CALLS directly at 780-464-8441.

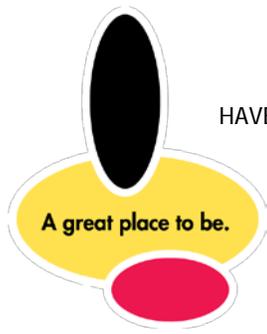


In partnership with Strathcona County's Family and Community Services, The altView Foundation is offering **free drop-in peer support** beginning September 2018. This is intended to be a complement for [Family and Community Services' existing drop-in counseling](#) to offer peer support for LGBTQ2S+ people in Strathcona County. Their drop-in hours are every Tuesday and Thursday 9am-noon, at #200 501 Festival Avenue

More information can be found on AltView website at <http://www.altview.ca/family-community-services-drop-in-peer-support/>

School Council / German Bilingual Association News





Parents: Did you know Mills Haven has 2 different organizations that exist to support our students?

That means there is a LOT of fundraising going on! **Just a reminder that you are NOT obligated to participate in specific fundraisers, and can choose which ones you like (if any)!** We know it's confusing, so here's a little info about each group to help:

Organization	School Council	German Bilingual Association (GBA)
Mandate	The mission of the School Council is to assist the school community in pursuit of student educational excellence at Mills Haven School	The GBA has fundraised since 1981 to support German programming and cultural experiences at Mills Haven.
Who runs which fundraisers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mom's Pantry (fall) - Hot Lunches (2 per month) - Casino (every 3 years) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BC Apples (fall) - Stawrich's Sausage (early spring) - Casino (every 3 years)
Combined Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bottle Drives (fall & spring) - Holiday Sign Painting Event 	
What the fundraising \$\$ is used for	Funds are used to benefit the school in general. This includes things like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classroom incidentals for all students (stickers, rewards) - School trips / performers coming in (ESO, authors) - Recess equipment (balls, skipping ropes...) - Purchases technology and resources for the music program - Supports programs i.e., the milk program, and school events i.e., Welcome Back Dance & Movie Nights 	Approximately 60% of GBA fundraising goes towards activities for the entire school. All Mills Haven students benefit from these funds, regardless of whether they are actually in the German program. These are larger events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oktoberfest - St Nicklaus Tag - Fasching - St Martin's Tag The remaining 40% of funds are used towards items specifically for the German program such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher resources (German classroom books, iPad apps, magazine subscriptions etc.) - German library books - Student scrapbooks - Grade 6 lunch