



MORTLACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2018

A learning community
where people are valued

Mortlach School is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We are coming up on our first Friday off for the Alternate School Year! September has flown by and already we are into October! Even though time is flying by we continue to work on our actions that show value to those around us. More specifically we are empowering students with the skills to advocate for themselves, meaning if they see an issue or problem, we are teaching them how to problem solve and come up with a solution. Once they have a solution then deciding with whom they need to communicate their solution. Parents can support the school by listening and asking questions like:

- ♦ What are your choices?
- ♦ What do you think would be a reasonable solution to your problem?
- ♦ Who do you think you need to discuss this with?

In doing this you support us as we teach them the skills of critical thinking and communication. Thank you for your support with this!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Back Bonfire on Tuesday!

Rayleen Eberl, Principal

Where to find the most up to date information, events, pictures and links for Mortlach School

Connect on our school website: <http://www.prairiesouth.ca/mortlach>

- Check the Daily Announcements tab under Events.
- Information items are posted in the News menu.
- Check the Calendar for Events to see what's happening, what sports events are happening, etc.
- There is a new "career education" page with links to keep you up to date. (Under Parent Information)
- We are now on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. (you can access these through the school website).

Also, join our school family on Simply Circle where you can keep up to date with pictures, information and notifications. If you wish to join, please send us your email address and we can set you up!

Mortlach School Staff

- ♦ Rayleen Eberl: Principal, Elementary ELA
- ♦ Mrs. Stephanie McLeod: Kindergarten and Student Support Teacher
- ♦ Mrs. Natasha Veeder: 1, 2.
- ♦ Ms. Margot Keeler: Gr. 3, 4
- ♦ Mr. Greg Kotschorek: Gr. 5,6
- ♦ Mrs. Colleen Hordichuk: Gr. 7,8, 9
- ♦ Mrs. Miranda Sonmor: Gr. 10, 11, 12 homeroom, Senior Math and Sciences, Phys Ed.
- ♦ Mrs. Amber Wakeford, Mrs. Karlie Neal, Ms. Anita Stettner: Educational Assistants.
- ♦ Mrs. Heather Adams: Library Associate
- ♦ Mrs. Sarah Rayner: Head Facility Operator
- ♦ Mrs. Karen Buck: Admin. Assistant

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A learning community that nurtures a sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

Principal: Rayleen Eberl.

Phone: 355-2332

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THANK YOU!

- ♦ Thank you to the parents who are supervising High School gym time during noon hours 2 times / week.
- ♦ Thank you to the parents who are driving for our various sports teams
- ♦ Thank you to the SCC who provided the lunch for the Safety Day, Sept. 25th. IT was a huge event with many visiting schools!
- ♦ Thank you to MCDAS and community who helped fund the School Safety Day.
- ♦ Thank you to Noelle who is coaching the Elementary Volleyball Team.

Mortlach School Staff and the School Community Council invite you to

Welcome Back BBQ & Bonfire

Tuesday, October 2nd

5:30 – 7:00 pm



We will have hot dogs and s'mores

Bring lawn chairs and roasting sticks

Come and meet the new staff and reconnect with the rest of us as well!

A big Thank You to all the parents and community members who have gone out of their way to introduce themselves and make me feel welcome during my first month as part of the Mortlach School community. I grew up in a village, so it feels like coming home. I love it here! To any of you that haven't met me yet, feel free to pop in to the classroom (either room 12 or room 16) or flag me down in the hallway any day after school.

Happy Fall Everyone! Miss Keeler

Please phone the school office if your child will be absent from school.

Office hours are 8:45 am - 3:30 pm

You may leave a message on the answering service,
306-355-2332

or email: school.mortlach@prairiesouth.ca

PIZZA HOT LUNCH

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd.

Please have forms in and online purchases completed by Monday, Oct. 1st.

Kindness crew

The Kindness Crew is a group of Mortlach Students dedicated to spreading kindness in our community and throughout the world!



CHANGE FOR CHANGE -

This month, the Kindness Crew will be creating their own collection boxes to collect money for UNICEF at Halloween. Watch for the boxes Halloween night and please consider having change available to give these dedicated trick-or-treaters.

RAKE AND RUN – Watch for the crew doing a random act of kindness – raking leaves in Mortlach!

Dear Parents / Guardians:

We are very excited to announce that our school will now be offering **School Cash Online**, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as hot lunches, canteen cards, extra curricular trip fees and school clothing. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. **School Cash Online** is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks! **Credit card payments are now accepted!**

Register Online:

- ♦ Step 1: Go to: <https://prairiesouth.schoolcashionline.com>
- ♦ Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.
- ♦ Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

2018/2019 Provincial Dental Screening

A Dental Health Educator will be at **Mortlach School** to provide a visual dental screening for Grades 1 & 7 students on October 17th, 2018.

The inspection is a quick visual look at your child's teeth and mouth. A note will be sent home following the screening.

If you do not wish for your child to participate or if you have questions, call Jennifer at Moose Jaw Public Health: 306 690-5591.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY CHANGES

The school newsletter will be emailed to each family via the school messenger system. It is also posted on the school website. IF you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office and we will gladly do that as well.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

- Please refrain from sending students home with food/drinks at the end of the day to take with them on the bus.
- No food or drinks are allowed on a school bus (water is the exception). This also applies to PAA students!
- School bus interiors are designed to provide each passenger with maximum protection. Carry-on items can jeopardize this safety feature.
- Assuming there is room, every object carried onto the bus for transportation that cannot be held by a passenger is placed as close to the front barrier as possible and as low as possible. These objects cannot exceed the height of the barrier or extend into the aisle, doors or emergency exits and must be placed in front of or under a seat that is close to the front of the bus (directly behind the driver).
- A school bus is not a cargo vessel. Another vehicle is needed to transport cargo.
- Prohibited items include, but not limited to: golf clubs, hockey equipment, hockey sticks, curling brooms, baseball bats, lacrosse sticks, skateboards, snowboards, skis and poles, toboggans, camping equipment, tenting equipment or other similar items. Skates must be in a bag.
- Larger items can be placed in the front few seats, directly behind the driver ONLY if there is room on the bus. Place the larger item on the floor and no higher than the top of the seat back.

Parents of Bus students, Prairie South now has an online portal.

BUS INFORMATION / PORTAL <https://busplanner.prairiesouth.ca/>

The portal access is student specific. The portal will provide up-to-date information on your child's:

- stop location
- pick up and drop-off times
- delays and notifications (subscribe to access)

"Where's My Bus" feature which utilizes GPS on the bus so you can see the bus in real-time.

(Please go to school website to access the links and steps to guide you through the process. (Parent information))



Immunization News

Public Health is responsible to for immunizations and follow-up in the schools. Student immunization records are confidentially reviewed each year using the provincial immunization registry called Panorama by authorized public health team members.

During 2018-2019 school year consent forms will be sent to all:

- Grade 1 students requiring completion of Preschool vaccines.
- Grade 6 students requiring Hepatitis B, Meningococcal, Chicken pox or Human Papillomavirus vaccines.
- Grade 8 students requiring final school age booster doses of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough).

Parents are asked to please complete the consent forms and return to school as soon as possible. For more information on immunizations or Panorama please call Moose Jaw Public Health at 306-691-1500.

Mortlach Fall Supper

Sunday, November 4th

Mortlach United Church & Mortlach Spray Park

Watch for posters with further details!

Mortlach Palliser Regional Library

NEW HOURS!

Tuesday	9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

- **Adult Book Club:** First Wednesday of the Month.

"Meet Me in Mortlach"

Newcomers' Meet and Greet & POTLUCK SUPPER

Everyone Welcome

To WELCOME NEW FAMILIES who have moved to Mortlach and District in the past year.

WHEN: Thursday, October 11th

WHERE: Mortlach Memorial Hall

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

We ask each family to please bring potluck supper.

Come enjoy an evening of community fellowship and meet your neighbors.

Mortlach Community Development and Agricultural Society



Mortlach School Calendar: October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER 2018	1 Day 1/K Hot lunch forms and online orders due! Elem. V'ball @ Sunningdale	2 Day 2 Welcome Back School BBQ / Bonfire 5:30 - 7 pm	3 Day 3/K Pizza Hot Lunch	4 Day 4	5 No School	6
7	8 Thanksgiving No School Early Dismissal 2:20	9 Day 5/K School Picture Day	10 Day 6	11 Day 1/K Community Welcome Potluck supper 6:30	12 Day 2	13
14	15 Day 3/K Elem. V'ball @ Cornerstone Sr. Boys V'ball @ Mortlach	16 Day 4	17 Day 5/K Sr. Girls V'ball @ Mortlach Dental Health visit	18 Day 6	19 Day 1/K	20
26	22 Day 2 Early Dismissal 2:29 Elem. V'ball @ Westmount	23 Day 3/K	24 Day 4 Elem. V'ball @ William Grayson	25 Day 5/K	26 No School	27
28	29 Day 6 Elem. V'ball @ Prince Arthur	30 Day 1/K	31 Day 2 Happy Halloween!			

Education Week: A World of Learning for Every Student