



JUNE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

2023

**TO LEARN. TO GROW.
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.**

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2023-2024 School Fees

The Board approved next years school fees. There are minor increases in a few areas, primarily for field trips, extracurricular sports/tournaments, as a result of inflation. Activity, travel and sports fees are updated throughout the year, as projecting costs can be challenging for certain activities. Fees for courses and options will be fixed. We don't want cost to be a barrier for students to access an activity, option, course, travel or sports program that has fees associated. Families can speak with school staff or the principal about applying for financial relief, or they can access the fee waiver form on our website. Completed fee waiver forms can be submitted to the principal.

- [2023- 2024 SCHOOL FEES](#)
- [FEE WAIVER FORM](#)

2. World Teacher Day

October 5 is celebrated annually as World Teacher Day. The Board looks forward to sharing appreciation for teachers by sending fruit baskets to schools.

3. International Off-Site Activity - Japan Exchange

The Board approved, in principle, an international off site activity for students from MHHS and CHHS, represented by Glen Mori, to travel to Japan for a student exchange from July 19 - August 3, 2024.

4. International Off-Site Activity - Spain & Portugal Band Trip

The Board approved, in principle, an international off site activity for students from the MHHS band program, represented by Teague Bates, to travel to Spain/Portugal from March 29 - April 7, 2024.

PRESENTATION

1. Our Collective Journey (OCJ)

The partnership between OCJ and MHPSD is made possible by AB Education Grant funding - Enhanced Mental Health Continuum of Supports and Services in Schools. A pilot project was created, bringing recovery coaches (RCs) into middle and high schools, adding to existing supports for mental health and wellness. The goal of having RCs in schools is to create a connection, instill a feeling of hope and build resiliency, to support a healthy future for youth. The message delivered by RCs resonates with a variety of people, helping students feel like they are not alone when they can see that someone else has experienced something similar.

Over the past three months, RCs presented to 863 students and worked with staff to improve their understanding of the impact of addictions. During presentations, over 500 students were surveyed:

- 54% agreed that they know someone, or have personally had challenges with addictions and mental health
- 71% shared willingness to engage with a RC
- 33 students returned to speak with a coach for a second time, to seek more information or connection to resources

- [RECOVERY COACH PRESENTATION](#)
- [RECOVERY COACHES IN SCHOOLS - LEARN MORE](#)

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Medicine Hat High School student trustees were welcomed to the meeting: Andrea Perez and Tyson Van Ham

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT 5 BACK TO SCHOOL
First day of classes

SEPT 29 ORANGE SHIRT DAY
Recognized in schools



RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Honoured Educator Awards

Teachers who are retiring from service in the 2022-2023 school year are all recipients of the Honoured Educator Award. Congratulations Honoured Educators!

**LAUREEN AUSSANT
CONNIE BUKMEIER
ARLENE COOPER
LYLE CUNNINGHAM
NEERMAL HOSANEE
GREG MOORE**

**DARCY NIELSON
GRANT SCHABER
GILLIAN SANDHAM
LYN TSCHITTER
WES KING-HUNTER**

TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. OPTIMAL LEARNING
2. THINKING & ACTING INCLUSIVELY
3. WELLNESS
4. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

MHPSD FAMILY WHERE KIDS COUNT!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

SEPT 26, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Board meetings will be held in the MHPSD central office board room at 601 1st Ave SW. Board packages will be available the Friday prior to the meeting, contact joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca for more information.

