

October 28, 2025

Dear MHPSD Families,

Following the announcement that schools will reopen on Wednesday, October 29, we want to share how we plan to support students as they reconnect with their school communities and reengage in learning.

- We anticipate that we will receive direction from the education minister about **Diploma Examinations and Provincial Achievement Tests** in the coming days.
- **School Schedules** | Schools will operate on their regular bell schedules.
- **Edsby and the PowerSchool Parent Portal** are open.
- **Transportation** | School bus and alternate transportation services will resume as regularly scheduled.
- **Extra Curriculars/Academies** | All school based programs and activities will be permitted to start again once schools reopen. Please wait for communication from your child's school. There may be opportunities for reimbursement for fees that were not already spent prior to the strike. Calculating this will take some time and we appreciate your patience.
- **Learning Continuity** | Teachers will be working to reconnect with students and assess learning needs. We appreciate your support as we reestablish routines.
- **Before & After Care Program** | This program will resume on Monday, November 3.
- If you have questions or feedback, please reach out to your school principal or the central office communications@sd76.ab.ca. We are here to listen and support you.

Due to the duration of the labour disruption, we have made a few changes to our **MHPSD School Year Calendar for 2025-2026**. To help recover lost instructional time, our Board has approved the change of four previously scheduled Professional Development (PD) days into instructional days (schools will be open and fully operational for in class instruction): [Updated Calendar](#)

- Nov 10, 2025
- Jan 23, 2026
- Jan 28, 2026
- April 24, 2026

We will retain March 20 and May 15 for necessary professional development days for teachers.

We understand that all students are at different points in their academic development and some grades may face greater academic challenges than others. Our intention is to use these days to provide meaningful opportunities to reinforce key learning outcomes. Teachers will also use targeted strategies to address key learning outcomes and support students who need extra help.

Over the past few weeks, we've heard from many families, through emails, messages, and phone calls. Some shared words of encouragement and kindness, while others expressed frustration and concern. All of these perspectives matter. This labour disruption has not been easy, and we recognize the emotional and practical toll it may have taken. Relationships are at the heart of our work, and we are committed to moving forward together, in partnership, so that every student can thrive in their learning journey.

We look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow. Thank you again for your understanding and partnership.

Take Care,
Tracy Hensel
Superintendent, Medicine Hat Public School Division

Medicine Hat Public School Division | School Year Calendar

2025-2026

August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025
Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
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17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
24 25 26 27 28 29 30	28 29 30	26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
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December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
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21 22 23 24 25 26 27	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	22 23 24 25 26 27 28
28 29 30 31	25 26 27 28 29 30 31		29 30 31
April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
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5 6 7 8 9 10 11	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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	Operational Days	Instructional Days	Instructional Days (less strike)
SEMESTER 1			
August	4	0	0
September	21	20	20
October	22	21	6
November	19	18	19
December	15	15	15
January	18	17	18
Total Semester	99	91	78
SEMESTER 2			
January/February	19	17	17
March	22	21	21
April	16	15	16
May	20	19	19
June	20	19	19
Total Semester	97	91	92
YEARLY TOTAL	196	182	170

- Division Wide Professional Development (PD) Days | No School for Students
(Feb 19, 20 is teacher's convention and June 26 is the last day for teachers)
- Student start & end days
(Jan 29 – Start of Semester 2)
- National Truth & Reconciliation Day | Schools Open
- Holidays | Schools Closed