

Opportunities for learning this year will include:

- STEM challenges
- Project Based Learning
- A.D.S.T. Rotations
- Community Building Activities
- Music classes
- Tinker Trays
- Play Based Learning
- Community Meetings
- Student Leadership
- H.E.R.O. Days
- Voice and Choice in learning



Kindergarten students getting ready to make Stone Soup as a learning pod!

Right: → Art mural prepared by all students for the grand opening



Buddy activities around the book "All Are Welcome"



Fun on our new playground~
Making friends 😊



We are H.E.R.O.'s!

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Murray Community School

Margaret "Ma" Murray Community School

2018-2019

Enhancing Student Learning



"Our strength lies in our differences,
not in our similarities."

At Margaret Ma Murray Community School,

we are creating a community that will provide creative, hands-on learning experiences. Students are empowered to become kind, inclusive, responsible, and curious lifelong learners.

We are a caring community.

We create, we learn, we collaborate!

We Value:

- Kindness
- Responsibility
- Curiosity
- Perseverance
- Acceptance

Margaret Ma Murray Community School is the home of the "Firebirds". We are a brand new school in Fort St. John, opened on September 4th, 2018. Our current student population is 330. We have students here from 8 other elementary schools in town. Students come from diverse backgrounds. Many of our students have moved in from other areas in Canada and around the world. We are excited to have 80 students who have

an ELL background and speak 18 different languages.

Our school is named after Margaret Ma Murray, a pioneer woman who started the Alaska Highway Newspaper. She was known as a hero in her community. At the front of our school is the Bella Yahey Gathering Space. This is named after Bella Yahey, an elder from the Blueberry Reserve. Bella was known for her kind and nurturing nature. She was the keeper of the traditional stories and had a prominent role as the educator in her community. We will strive to be like Ma Murray and Bella Yahey and have adapted a H.E.R.O. theme to start our year. We want to emanate the legacy of these fine ladies and be heroes in our school community.

"A H.E.R.O. is an ordinary person who does extraordinary things for other people."

What makes us unique?

- Multi-purpose rooms for use by all pods and the neighbourhood
- Collaborative classroom pods with flexible spaces

- Gathering Centre named for Bella Yahey available daily for learning
- Inquiry based learning with collaborative planning model



School Goals

1. To foster a community where everyone feels safe, respected, welcome and accepted.
2. To identify students' abilities and develop personalized opportunities for academic growth.
3. Provide a variety of engaging opportunities for students to develop ADST skills.