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Dear Memorial Parents -

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is the best time of year at Memorial! The Bikeathon kicks it off in March. Daylight and the snow melt follow and then we get into spring sports. It's been a couple of years (due to the pandemic that shall not be named) since we've had Taste of Memorial, but that's happening this Friday. The POC Talks Club has added an entire culture week as a lead up! Memfest is coming back! This year we are hosting Metro Athletics Unified Games on May 30. There are some year end trips and activities. All this leads up to the end of classes, exams and grad. There's excitement in the air as we approach the finish line!

This time of year the admin team has their feet firmly in two school years. The notable majority of you have completed your students' registrations and they have selected courses. If you happen to be in conversation with anyone who mentions they haven't, please encourage them to do so. Timetable construction has started. The more accurate our course selections, the better timetable we can build. More importantly, it's better for students to have their course selections done to be included in the initial timetable build. They are more likely to get the courses they chose.

Even with the wonderful weather, we can't lose sight of the main goal for students... successful course completion with the marks that they need. Please continue to help your student stay on track. PowerSchool is a parent's friend at this time of year. Check there often and offer supportive encouragement to get the work done.

It's important right now to acknowledge our friends and family members in the Entwistle and Evansburg area. Our rural Alberta families are strong people! We wish them the strength they need to make it through the fires out their way.

Take care. Ms. Jensen, Principal

MCHS General Information

APRIL HAPPENINGS

03 - 14 Next Year Grade 11 & 12 Course Selections

03 - G&G Exec Meeting 6:30 pm

05 - Choir & Vocal Ensemble Field Trip to St.

Albert Music Festival

06 - Leadership Field Trip to Heritage Pavilion for PSD Education Planning Day

06- Indigenous Parent Share Your Voice Project

07 - Good Friday

10 - Easter Monday

12 - Student Services to Cinderella's Closet

14 - Grad Ceremony Auditions

14 - Anime Movie Night 3:45 pm

20 - Music Parents Meeting 7:00 pm

20 - Drama 20 Field Trip to Horizon Stage

20 - Astronomy & Sci 30 Evening Observation

21 - LAWS Field Trip - St. Albert Bowling

21 - Drama 30 Field Trip to Horizon Stage

21 - Indigenous Ed Field Trip to Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

24 - School Council 7:00 pm

25 - Grad Assembly

25 - Rotary Pancake Breakfast

27 - Valedictorian - Deadline April 27

27 - LAWS Field Trip - Swimming @ ACT

27 - Music Spring Performance Tour to Red

Deer, Calgary & Canmore

28 - PD Day

MCHS GRADE ADMINISTRATOR & COUNSELLOR TEAMS

GRADE 10 - MS. FISK / MS. MAZEREEUW

GRADE 11 - MS. JEWELL / MRS. NUIJENS

GRADE 12 - MR. COGHILL / MS. COX

Follow us on social media:









MAY KEY DATES

01 - G&G Executive Meeting 6:30 pm

01 - Initial Grad List Posted

01-07 - Mental Health Awareness Week

03 - Hats On For Mental Health

03-06 - Business Field Trip to SBTA Case Competition in Regina

04 - Outdoor Ed Field Trip - Chickakoo Lake

05 - Taste of Memorial

05 - Pep Rally 9:45 am

05 - LAWS Divisional PD - No Classes

09-10 - PSD Art Show @ Memorial

13 - Memfest - Anime Club 11:00 am-4:00 pm

14 - Mother's Day

16 - French 30 Field Trip to Cafe Bicyclette, Edm

18 - Legal Studies Field Trip - UofA Law Building

18 - Music Parents Meeting 7:00 pm

19 - PD Day - No Classes

22 - Victoria Day - No Classes

24 - KAE Information Night - SGCHS 6:00 pm

25 - Metis Sash & Eagle Feather Teachings 3:30-7:30pm

26 - Student Vote - Provincial Election (if the election

date remains May 29)
29 - School Council - 7:00 pm

30 - Metro Athletics Unified Games @ MCHS

31 - Final Grad List Posted

BELL SCHEDULE

Mondays:

Block 1 8:30 - 9:55 am

Block 2 10:00 - 11:25 am

Lunch 11:25 - 12:25 pm

Block 3 12:25 - 1:50 pm

Block 4 1:55 - 3:20 pm

Tuesdays-Fridays:

Block 1 8:30 - 9:45 am

Block 2 9:50 - 11:05 am

Lunch 11:05 - 12:05 pm

Block 3 12:05 - 1:20 pm

Block 4 1:25 - 2:40 pm

Torch Time 2:45 - 3:20 pm

MCHS General Information

PowerSchool



This is our parents' primary way to check in on their child's marks/assignments, update contact information, and pay fees.

Sign into your account here. For a tutorial on how to use PowerSchool, please visit our websites "For Parents" tab. Please contact Mrs. Campbell at the office if you need assistance accessing your account.

Reporting an Absence?

Please email mchs.absence@psd.ca or call 780-963-2255 and dial 1 anytime to leave a message. Please leave your child's full name, grade, and reason for the absence.

Reaching Your Child At School

Cell phones can be a distraction and a disruption to classroom learning. Our teachers and your kids have worked hard together to come up with routines so that cellphones are not disrupting class. Here are some things for parents to know about communicating with their kids while they are at school.

During class time, your child has most likely turned off the phone and put it in a pouch on the classroom wall. They may not be able to respond immediately.

You can contact your child during their designated lunch hour:

Mondays: 11:25 - 12:25 Tues-Fri: 11:05 - 12:05

We appreciate your support in reaching your child directly to minimize disruption to classroom instruction. Of course, we are happy to assist in an emergency.

School Fees

Please note that school fees are not visible on the PowerSchool App. Access to all information is only available through the <u>PowerSchool website</u>.

Payment Options:

- PowerSchool Fees can only be seen through the parent portal using a browser. Fees can't be seen through the phone app.
- Cheque Payable to Parkland School Division and may be dropped off or mailed directly to the school.
- Debit or credit Is available at the high school or Parkland School Division.

If you have any questions, please contact

Ms. Miller at the Finance Office.

School Culture	\$10
COURSE MATERIAL FEES	
Art 10	\$70
Art 20/30	\$80
ART 35	\$70
Communication Technology	\$44
Construction	\$75
Cosmetology 10 (5 credits)	\$32
Cosmetology20/30(10 credits)	\$65
Fabrication	\$80
Food Studies	\$60
LAWS	\$75
Mechanics	\$80
Outdoor Ed	\$70
Personal Fitness	\$40
Phys Ed 10 (5 credits)	\$80
Phys Ed 20	\$80
Phys Ed 30	\$80
Sports Medicine 15/25	\$60
Sports Medicine 35	\$65
Wellness 10	\$55

This table provides information on the school fees that will be charged for the 2022-2023 school year. Invoices for fees were sent in September and are due upon receipt.

MCHS General Information

School Council

Last Meeting of the School Year:

May 29, 2023 7:00-8:30 pm
MCHS Conference Room
All MCHS Parents Welcome and a special
welcome to any incoming MCHS parents
who would like to check it out!

Green & Gold Athletics

Last Green & Gold Executive Meeting:

June 5, 2023 Gmeet Link
6:30pm-8pm
MCHS Conference Room or Google Meet

Green & Gold Website

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TORCH TIME

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Monday Torch Time is integrated into class time and therefore, Mondays will run on a full day bell schedule with dismissal continuing to be at 3:20 pm. This changes lunch time on Mondays to 11:25 pm.
- Tuesdays to Fridays will continue to have Torch Time scheduled from 2:45 3:20 pm and lunch will run from 11:05 am 12:05 pm.
- Students and the school are still accountable for the whereabouts of students until the end of the full school day. All students need to be signed up for a Torch Session every Tuesday to Friday through PowerSchool.
- Parents and teachers can also sign up a student for a Torch Session. Students cannot unenroll from those sessions. There is a video below explaining to parents how they can sign their child up for a session.
- If a student is in good standing (meeting the expectations of their teachers, parents, and themselves) and have all of their assignments submitted to a passing level, they may use that time for a personal interest Torch Session (Open Gym, Fitness Training, etc.) or sign up to be Off Campus With Parent Approval (must leave school grounds). Students are also encouraged to sign up for academic sessions if they wish to improve their marks.

<u>Video - How to sign up for Torch Time using a phone</u> <u>Video - How to sign up for Torch Time on PowerSchool Website</u>

Coming Up!



Thanks for going the extra mile!



SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 1, 2023

Good To Know!





Friday, June 30th At the Heritage Pavilion in Stony Plain

- Doors Open at 7pm
- Close at 2am
- Appetizers & Finger Foods
- Graduate and Plus One (Not a family event)
- DJ, Dance, & Photo Booth
- Refreshments
- Sign in and Sign out
- No one in attendance is permitted to drive



Led by Memorial Parent Grad. Committee







You are invited to Taco Tuesday

May 9th

The funds raised will support the Class of 2023 Celebration!

Location: MCHS Common Area

Accepting both **Tap** and **Cash** so bring your appetites and friends to enjoy:

- Taco in a bag: \$5
- Pop \$2

A few of your 2023 graduates will be serving you so come by and say hi!

--we'll see you there



Organized by: Memorial Parent Graduation Committee

Coming Up!

Cosmetology 30s are accepting clients!

Appointments are available during block 2 (9:50 -11:05) Solid Color \$25.00



Haircut \$5.00
Hairstyle \$5.00
Treatments \$5.00
Facial \$5.00
Manicure \$5.00



Please email jessica.gardner@psd.ca to book an appointment.

Good To Know!

Taste of Memorial is a school wide event where staff and students can participate by sharing their culture through food. This event will take place on May 5th.

Volunteers will be asked to create a food sample that represents their heritage and/or culture. They will set up a booth in the small gym on May 5th, 2023 where students and staff will then have the opportunity to purchase tickets in exchange for food samples. All food samples should be small in size (think the samples you can get at Costco).

For example: The French Club (and others with this cultural heritage) could collaborate to set up a booth to represent the French Language program and provide a cultural treat like crepes.

All proceeds from tickets purchased will go to the following:

POC Talks Club & Leadership Class (organizers of this event)

POC Talks Scholarship Fund for future students that have a focus and desire to ensure belonging within our school and community.

If students are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Karley Guthrie at karley.guthrie@psd.ca.





Coming Up!





Good To Know!

PSD VISUAL ARTS CELEBRATION

Parkland School Division is holding its **Visual Arts Celebration** at Memorial Composite High School this year! **Location and Date of 2023 Visual Arts Celebration:**

Memorial Composite High School Library 50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain, AB

May 9th & May 10th.

Memorial School will be open for public viewing of student artwork between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on May 9th and May 10th.



ARTISAN MARKET

FEATURING VENDORS FROM THE I.AM COLLECTIVE

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SGCHS Lounge/Cafeteria

1000 Calahoo Road

ALL ARE WELCOME

I.AM Collective is an Indigenous Arts
Collective of nearly 100 First
Nations, Metis, and Inuit artists,
Traditional Knowledge Holders,
Entrepreneurs, Performers and
Creatives who promote
authenticity over appropriation by
providing a place for market goers
to purchase authentic, local,
Indigenous arts and experience the
splendor of Indigenous culture.









- Friday, June 23, 2023 Bus pass deadline to make payment arrangements or pay-in-full.
- Thank you to everyone who has registered. The deadline has passed and if you have not registered yet, you may not get the transportation you need - register as soon as possible!

For all the information you need to register your child(ren) for school and transportation please follow this link:

2023-2034 Registration/Verification

MCHS is proud to be hosting the 2023 Metro Athletics Unified Jamboree!





May 1, 2023 - Excitement is building! Memorial is proud to be invited to host the Metro Athletics Unified Jamboree, an inspirational event where we will be welcoming athletes and partners from Edmonton and surrounding community high schools. We are expecting over 600 participants from over 20 high schools for the day. Unified Sports sees student athletes with disabilities paired up with partners (without disabilities) to train and compete as a team. This inclusive experience provides participants with the opportunity for authentic high school sports competition with a championship banner on the line. All students experience an opportunity to develop leadership, social and sport specific skills.

The program for the day includes:
Opening ceremonies
3-on-3 basketball
Bocce ball
Bean bag toss
A variety of fun activities throughout the day
Closing ceremonies

What: Metro Athletics Unified Jamboree

Where: Memorial Composite High School Athletic Fields

When: Tuesday, May 30th beginning at 9:30 am



Belonging at Memorial has been a priority topic for several years now as we continually develop an inclusive environment for all. The Unified Jamboree will be an important event for our school community. Participating in sports builds friendships that start on the field and carry over to other aspects of life. The Jamboree experience has taken hold at Memorial as we prepare to defend our 2022 banner win. This sparked the MCHS Unified Club which runs all year long organizing sporting and other activities. The Jamboree will be the pinnacle event to end the school year.

It is a huge undertaking with many MCHS students volunteering in every aspect of the games. Just as in past events, we are anticipating that this year's Metro Athletics Unified Jamboree at Memorial will be truly inspirational.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Jensen, Principal and Unified Jamboree Communications at (780) 963-2255 or carolyn.jensen@psd.ca



Grad 2023 Friday, June 30, 2:00 pm Edmonton Convention Centre

Upcoming Student Events in May

Grad Speech Applications - Historian, Tribute to Staff, Tribute to families, Indigenous Blessing Grad Song Voting

Graduation Fees

The Grad Fee is due for all students wanting to participate in the Ceremony. Payment can be made online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal or by cheque, debit, cash or credit card at Memorial's Finance office. Grad Fee Form

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Grad fee form is used to track all students who wish to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Reminder to hand in your Grad Fee form to Mrs. Sorenson in Student Services or via email at wendy.sorenson@psd.ca if it has not yet been submitted.

Graduation Tickets

Ceremony ticket sales will run from June 1 starting at 9:00 am until June 22, 2023. All information regarding tickets can be found on the MCHS website graduation page. Please have the graduate's Alberta Student Number (ASN) on hand—you will need to enter it in order to purchase a ticket.

Graduation Requirements & List

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the Alberta High School Diploma/KAE Certificate requirements to graduate and must be on the Final Grad List to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Any student concerned about their eligibility to graduate must see Mr. Coghill (Grade 12 Administrator) or Ms. Cox (Grade 12 Counsellor). More information can be found by visiting the MCHS website graduation requirements page.

Class of 2023 Graduation Speeches

Memorial welcomes all students to apply for the honour of representing their peers during the Graduation Ceremony. Following the selection of the Class Valedictorian students interested in presenting a speech for Class Historian (Memorial Memories), Tribute to Families, and Tribute to Staff are invited to a meeting during the lunch hour (11:05 am) on May 10, 2023, in the conference room. MCHS staff grad committee members will be in attendance to present an overview of the speech criteria.

Class of 2023 Graduation Song

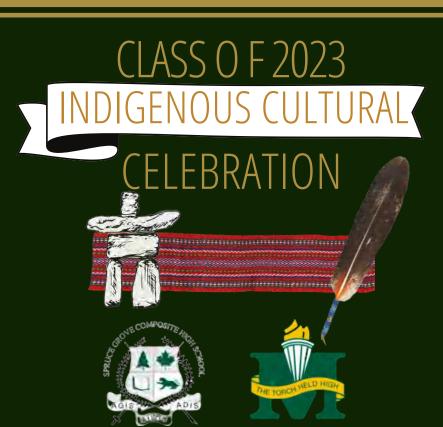
The deadline for entering a song choice for the first round has passed.

The top 3 song choices will then be voted on to determine the final selection.

The final voting will take place on May 12, 2023.

Please visit the MCHS website Homepage News or the Grad Google Classroom to enter your song choice!

As we continue to plan for our Graduation event, please check Memorial's website often for updates and watch for messages in your inbox from the school.



Join us in honouring the First Nation, Metis and Inuit graduates of Memorial Composite High School, Spruce Grove Composite High School and Outreach.



Wednesday, June 14, 2023
5:30pm-7:30pm
Memorial Composite High school
Main Gym
50 Westerra Centre

There will be a feast for all attendees after the celebration

Each graduate may bring up to 5 guests. Please RSVP to either email below no later than June 2nd

LEANNE.TRAVERSE@PSD.CA RHONDA.HARBERT@PSD.CA



Hats on for Mental Health

Students please wear your hats on *Wednesday, May 3rd* to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health!

Events in Stony Plain & Area for Mental Health Awareness Week:

- May 2 Youth Night (ages 11-24) at the Tri-Leisure Centre Drop-in Activities, Recreational Sessions, Food/Snacks, and connections to Youth Service Providers (Please note recreation sessions may require registration.)
- May 6 Darkness Into Light Walk
- May 7 Nurture Your Mind: A Mental Health Week Celebration
- May 7 Jane's Walk FREE

For more information on any of these events go to:

https://www.stonyplain.com/en/play/mental-health-awareness-week.aspx

Need to talk to someone?

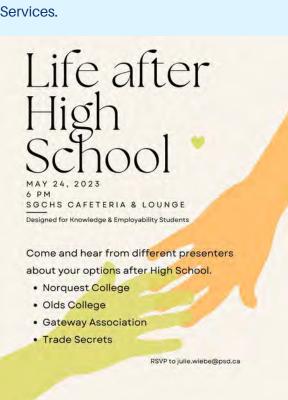
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-877-303-2642
- Talk Suicide Canada (call 1-833-456-4566 or text 45645)
- Wellness Together (call 1-866-585-0445 or visit their website for resources)

Find a **CMHA near you**.

If you need assistance with post-secondary options, career ideas, scholarships and/or personal matters please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Student Services.

Life after High School

Spruce Grove Composite High School is hosting a "Life after High School" event specifically designed for Knowledge and Employability students. Olds and Norquest will be there to present on their transition programs; Gateway Association about supports; and Trade Secrets will be here to inform them of job aspects and requirements. The program will begin at 6:00 pm. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. This will take place in the cafeteria and lounge area so families can park by Horizon stage to enter.

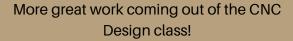












CNC stands for Computerized Numerical Control. It is a computerized manufacturing process in which preprogrammed software and code controls the movement of production equipment.







On Monday May 8, Adam MacArthur from Community Futures will be visiting our Entrepreneurship class to talk to the students about the YETI (Young Entrepreneurs Training Initiative). Students can apply for the program where they will be granted money to start their own company. The program runs in the summer.

On May 11, the Entrepreneurship class is travelling to several successful businesses in the Tri-region. We will visit Talking Dog Brewing, Homegrown Foods, Mira Timberframe, Jack's Drive-in, and Wilhauk Beef Jerky.

In Legal Studies, the class will be participating in a mock trial at the University of Alberta Law building on May 18.

Student Legal Services allows us to use the Moot courtroom so the students will get to experience a trial. The kids will take a role and participate in a murder trial. Law students will be there to assist the kids in the trial. On June 1, the class will next travel to the Edmonton Law Courts to watch live court. It will allow the students to understand what they have learned by watching it unfold before their eyes.

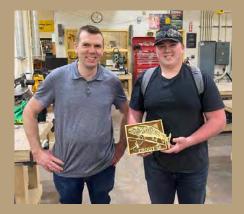


MCHS CONSTRUCTION



This was Stephen Ramage's last day as student teacher in our programs. We enjoyed your time with us!

Grade 10's finished their designed cutting boards, and end tables are getting finished.















CHOIR



The MCHS Choir closed April with a fabulous Spring Tour! With elementary school performances in Stony Plain and Lacombe, and a collaborative workshop with the choirs of Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School in Red Deer, plus bowling, swimming, shopping, and sightseeing, we sure made the most of a short trip! The choir students sang beautifully, made wonderful memories, and were excellent ambassadors for our school as we travelled the province.

In other music tour news, the choir has received conditional approval to pursue our 2024 tour plans...to DISNEYLAND! This tour choir will be made up of MCHS choir students, as well as singers from two other PSD schools. We're thrilled for this opportunity to perform onstage in the Disney park, and to travel and spend time together at the happiest place on earth! Stay "tuned" for Disney '24 updates!







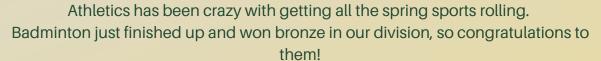






Marauders ATHLETICS





Handball has finished up and had an amazing first season - looking forward to next year.

Soccer, rugby, slo-pitch and track & field are busy trying to get as many games/meets in as possible this month as we have such a short season.





The **Green & Gold Athletic Scholarship** for grade 12's is open for applications. One female and one male athlete will be awarded \$1000.00 each at the annual Athletic Banquet. See Mr. Drolet to pick up an application for the award - applications due by **May 20th**.



The annual **Athletics banquet** and dinner is being held on Tuesday, **June 7th** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the large gym. All athletes have already paid for the dinner in their fees and it looks to be another awesome night of laughs and awards.

Outdoor Education

Outdoor Ed has been doing lashing and shelter building recently . They also will be going to Chickakoo on May 4 and canoeing May 18!



















Upcoming events:

Memorial has successfully nominated three students who will participate in the Germany/Alberta exchange, hosted through Alberta Education. Congratulations to those students, and we hope you have a wonderful time!

For any German students interested in this opportunity next year, stay tuned: Expect another announcement in December/January next school year.

Past Events:

- German Food & Culture trip: Students explored Edmonton's
 Old Strathcona neighborhood, including visiting places with
 German roots, such as K&K Foodliner and Barb and Ernie's
 Restaurant. Students were treated with delicious local German food and a great cultural experience.

 Easter and descriptor Students pointed Easter ages in the (almost)
- Easter egg decorating: Students painted Easter eggs in the (almost) traditional way, with eggs pre-blown-out and sanitized, then hand-painted by the students.

In the German classroom:

In addition to learning more every day about the German-speaking world, students are currently working on grammatical skills like cases, tenses, and more in preparation for final projects. Wishing them viel Glück!

General Information

All interested students are welcome to join Memorial's German program. No experience or prerequisite is required to enroll in German 10. For more information about the German program, please visit https://mchs.psd.ca/programs/second-languages/german



For more information about registration, please visit https://mchs.psd.ca/newcomers/registration

Deutsch lernen macht Spass!



Indigenous Wellness Trip to Epcor

Our students learned about career opportunities, engaged in hands-on learning and listened to Indigenous tradespeople share information about Epcor.













MCHS ART























MCHS ART

























Parkland School Division offers Summer School for current and incoming high school students at Connections For Learning. Students over the age of 18 are also welcome to register, and select courses are open to students who have completed Grade 7.

Registration for Summer School at Connections for Learning opens on Monday, April 3, 2023, and will remain open until Friday, June 23, 2023. Please view the <u>Summer School</u>

<u>Registration and Fees pages</u> for more information.

For a detailed list of the courses on offer and their prerequisites, check out the <u>Summer</u> <u>School Courses page</u>.

Schedule & Calendar
Summer School 2023 will run from Tuesday, July 4 until Wednesday, July 19 using the following schedule:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm Saturdays: 8:30am-noon

Please see our school calendar for specific Summer School dates.

Indigenous Community Resources







Metis Nation of Alberta Website

First Nations Health Consortium

The Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta (ISCA) is a non-profit provincial multi-sport organization representing all First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-Status First Nations peoples in Alberta. The ISCA prides itself in promoting sport, physical activity, recreation and leadership opportunities built on the foundation of culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples in Alberta.



https://www.ncsa.ca/



Community Resources

Stony Plain Public Library

Stony Plain Youth Centre

The Town of Stony Plain Community & Social Development Programs including:

- Webinars
- Neighbourhood Connect
- Grief Support
- Support Groups (Living with Loss to Suicide, BILY Because I Love You, Caring Friends Bereavement Group)

AHS Caregiver Information for the Edmonton Zone - contains the Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

<u>The Green Book</u> - community resource directory for the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County

Alberta Heath Services

- Find a doctor
- Find programs and services
- Find information and news about a range of health topics
- Stay informed about what is happening in your community

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter.

