

# Millgrove School

## Newsletter

February 2020

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### A Message from our Administrators

Wow what a week we had last month. Record lows and a whole week with buses cancelled.

A reminder that **February 3 and 4** are our **parent teacher interviews** and that you must register for online. If you need assistance signing up, please see our [website for instructions](#) or contact our school office.

**The Northern Alberta Teachers Convention** is **February 6 and 7**, which means a short week for our students. Please be aware that the **school is closed on these days** as it is mandatory for all teachers to attend the convention; enjoy the long weekend!

**Attendance reminder:** Please keep an eye on your child's attendance at school in the new year. Always report their absences, and if chronic, repeated illness is the issue, ask your doctor for a note

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that we can add to your child's file . Upon reaching approximately 15%, you will be notified and the Attendance Board could also be advised.

**February 5 is our Winter Walk Day.** Some classes will be pairing up with other students and heading out into the community and others will be walking in the field. Your classroom teacher will update you in terms of what their plan is for that day. Generally speaking, the walk will start at 1:45 pm and parents are welcome to join students on the walk - if you plan to join, please check with your child's teacher to be sure of the time in case they have an alternate time or date. Remember, if it is too cold, the walk will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

**Pink shirt day is February 26.** Please wear a pink or pink themed shirt as we are showing awareness that schools should be safe places for all people to be without any fear of bullying.

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## Registration 2020-2021 School Year - opens February 3

**Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year will open February 3!** This process must be completed for every student each school year. Please check your email beginning February 3 2020 for a message from "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply@noreply.psrsupport.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

**All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 20, 2020.** This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. **Any applications received after the March 20 deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.**

Payment arrangements for bus passes must be received through Parkland School Division's online payment system (Rycor) or at the Parkland School Division Centre for Education on or before **Friday, June 26, 2020** for students to be eligible to ride the bus the first day of school. Remember: If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important registration dates and deadlines, please visit [www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php](http://www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php).

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## Parent and Student Literacy Night - rescheduled to April 8!

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Literacy Night set for January 16th. **Our new Literacy Night is Wednesday, April 8.** I will be sending our more information, please watch for the registration for this evening of fun learning.

## Health Champions

### HELP!!!

My children aren't getting anywhere close to the recommended number of servings of fruits and vegetables! About half of the food we consume should be a variety of fruits and vegetables, but how do we get our little people to eat them.

- 1) Have prepared produce easily accessible - fruit bowl, cleaned and cut veggies in the fridge.
- 2) Boil and puree veggies to add to any sauce.
- 3) Use applesauce or mashed avocado in baking.
- 4) Have them talk to peers and people they look up to about their favorites.

And, probably one of the most effective ways to encourage your kiddos to eat more fruits and veggies is by educating them on their importance and by eating them yourself. There are many resources available on line or in the library that are geared toward children.

Thank you  
Your Health Champions

## Choir

**Grade 2-4 Choir began in January.** We will be rehearsing during second recess on all Mondays leading up to Choral Celebration which is the week before spring break. Any students in grades 2 to 4 who love to sing are welcome to join!

## Archery

Archery season is now in full swing. The Millgrove Archery team has been working really hard during their practises at lunchtime and after school preparing for the first tournaments of the season. We will

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be travelling to **Morinville on February 21** for the first tournament. Then on **February 22 we will be at a school in Edmonton** competing. The **final tournament in February will be on the 29th** and that tournament will take place in **Bon Accord**. Wish us luck! We will be attending two more tournaments in March and if you have any questions about the archery program please feel free to contact Mr. Cherry at [mcherry@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:mcherry@psd70.ab.ca).

## Acts of Kindness

At Millgrove we are celebrating kindness! Our Kindness Tree records different acts of kindness, showing the students what a kind group of people we are. These acts of kindness can happen at school, or at home. From Feb 3- March 20, we will be recognizing kind children that help out with chores at home without being asked. Be sure to communicate these acts of kindness to your child's teacher so that these acts can be recognized. Keeping a kindness focus helps our students to look for the kindness around them, and encourages them to see it in themselves.



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## Numeracy Tips & Literacy Tips

Literacy and Numeracy two for one

You can count items on a page or have your child count items on the page (works well with picture books). Remember that you can also ask how many paragraphs are on the page, how many question marks or exclamation marks. These type of questions aid your child in looking not just at reading but at the types of punctuation is being used.

## Library News - Book Fair!

Our learning commons is very excited to host our second **Scholastic Book Fair this year on February 3, 4, and 5**. All funds earned help us get new books for our students to read. The book fair will be **open from 12:32 to 1:32 and 3:45 to 4:45**. It is also **open during Parent-Teacher Interviews**.

## February Classroom Happenings

### Whole School

Monday, February 3 - Parent Teacher Interviews - ECS Student led conferences  
**Monday, February 3 - Online Registration opens for the 2020/21 school year**  
Tuesday, February 4 - Parent Teacher Interviews - ECS student led conferences  
Wednesday, February 5 - Winter Walk Day  
**Wednesday, February 5 - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 - pre ordered**  
**Thursday, February 6 - PD day - NO SCHOOL**  
**Friday, February 7 - PD day - NO SCHOOL**  
Wednesday, February 12 Kindergarten Open House - 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
**Friday, February 14 - Hot Lunch - Little Ceasar's - pre ordered**  
**Monday, February 17 - Family Day - no school**  
**Friday, February 21 - Hot Lunch - Bite to Eat - pre ordered**  
Wednesday, February 26 - Pink shirt day  
**Friday, February 28 - Hot Lunch - Subway - pre ordered**

### Kindergarten

Tuesday, February 4 - Field Trip to Aerials Gymnastics - 12:30 - 2:30  
Thursday, February 13 - Valentines Celebrations  
Friday, February 14 - Valentines Celebrations

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### **Grade 1**

Wednesday, February 5 - 1R & 3SK - Winter Walk Scavenger Hunt 10 - 11am (weather permitting)

Wednesday, February 5 - 1S & 4C - Winter Walk 2-3pm - (weather permitting)

Friday, February 14 - 100 day celebrations + Valentine celebrations - all classes

### **Grade 2**

Monday, February 3 - In School Field Trip - Safety - All grade two's

Thursday, February 13 - Telus World of Science Field Trip - All Gr 2 Classes

Friday, February 14 - Valentine celebrations - all classes

### **Grade 3**

Wednesday, February 5- 3Sk & 1R will walk to participark at 10:15

Wednesday, February 5 - 3T Winter Walk @ 1:45

Thursday, February 13 - Play Parkland Gr 3D & 3P Aerials Gymnastics- 1:00 - 3:15

Friday, February 14 - Valentines Celebrations - all classes

Thursday, February 20 - Play Parkland Gr 3SK & 3T Swimming - 12:00 - 2:30

Thursday, February 27 - Play Parkland Gr 3D & 3P Swimming - 12:00 - 2:30

### **Grade 4**

Monday, February 3 - In class Box Car qualifications for distance and creativity

Tuesday, February 4 - All grade 4 classes in the gym for final box car races

Wednesday, February 5 - 4C & 1S - Winter Walk 2-3pm (weather permitting)

Wednesday, February 5 - 4K Winter Walk 2:15-3:15pm (weather permitting)

Friday February 14 - Valentine's Celebrations

Friday, February 14 - Honk 4 Kindness 3:15 outside

Thursday, February 27 - Grade 4 Ski Day

## **School Council News**

Dear Parents, Your School Council has arranged for two ASCA seminars to be held at Millgrove School on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**

- 10:00 -11:30 School Council Purpose
- 11:30 - 12:30 Light Lunch
- 12:30 - 2:30 Creating School Council Plans

All parents are welcome to attend one or both seminars to share their ideas and help us build a school council plan for the coming years. This is an excellent chance to meet other parents and provide input about the direction you would like your school to take.

**Please RSVP to [millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca)** before the day of the event so we can get a rough idea of numbers for lunch.

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The next Millgrove School Council meeting is **February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm** in the Millgrove teacher's lounge. All parents are welcome to attend.

I hope to see you there!

Tara Zieminek  
Millgrove School Council Chair  
[millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca)

## Millgrove School Community Foundation News

Hello Millgrove Families!

I hope you all were able to stay warm through the cold snap in January!

**Our application for the Casino was accepted!** This means that when we receive our date we will need approximately 20 people to volunteer. When we started the application process for the casino we were told that we would be placed on a waitlist and that it could take up to 12 months for our date. We received an email after being accepted/approved that stated due to a dramatic increase in the applications that our date has been pushed to February 2022. This date may change with little notice. We may get our casino sooner than anticipated or it could be pushed back.

The Millgrove School Community Foundation has 2 big events left this year. We have the **Family Dance on April 17, 2020 and the Spell-A-Thon in May!** Tickets for the Family Dance will go on sale near the end of February. Tickets are \$2 each (children under 3 are free) This year we will also be selling pizza tickets that you can purchase when you purchase your dance tickets. A letter will be coming home with the students mid February with more details about the dance and prices. Pledge packages for the Spell-A-Thon will be coming home with the students in April. If you are able to help with either of these events please email Jody or Jackie at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)

### Scheduled Foundation meetings:

February 11 @ 630pm

March 10 @ 230pm

April 14 @ 630pm

May 19 @ 230pm

June 9 @ 630pm (AGM)

Wishing you all a wonderful Valentine's Day and relaxing Family Day!

Jody Bergey  
President  
Millgrove School Community Foundation

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# Offerings from Division Office & The Community

Center For Education

Parkland School Division is proud to present another **FREE** information series for local families.

## **Positive Parenting Program: TEENS**

Learn ways to help your teenager communicate well, develop healthy routines, follow rules and solve problems. Think of this session as a toolbox of ideas. You choose the tools you want to make your family life better. You can adapt the ideas you learn to suit your culture, beliefs and personal situation, using them to build better relationships with your child, solve problems, become a more confident mom or dad and give your child the best start to life.

**Dates: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11 and 25, 2020 (no session on Feb. 18)**

**Time: 6–7:30pm**

Location: Centre for Education (4603 - 48 Street, Stony Plain)

Presenter: Rebecca Plant (Alberta Parenting for the Future Association)

**Information and topics discussed will build on each other, so participants are asked to attend all dates, if possible.**

A light supper will be provided. Limited childcare is available. Space is limited, so please register early to reserve your spot.

To register, please contact:

Vicky Mamczasz, Family Supports Facilitator

phone: 780-963-8472

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