

Millgrove School

Newsletter

March 2020



A Message from our Administrators

Welcome to March! We want to thank you for the wonderful meals that were supplied to us during the parent teacher interviews in February. Wow, so many choices to choose from and such tremendous support! Thank you! Your children's **report card will be available online Thursday, March 19** at the end of the day.

March 23 - March 27 is Spring Break and **March 30 is a PD day** therefore, no school for any students in Parkland School Division during this time. We'll see students back on Tuesday, March 31.

As I am sure you are all aware, the parking at the school is problematic. Please do not double park. There have been many complaints and you are making it unsafe for other children when you do this. Staff have different finish times, be polite when asked to move so they can go home. Do not park in the bus lane unless you have been directed to do so. Thank you in advance for paying attention to this.

We are looking towards next year already so please go online and complete your registrations. If you know of any kindergarten students for next year please let them know that they can register online as

soon as possible. This is important for two reasons, not only for our class planning but to register for busing.

Archie Lillico

Linda Madge-Arkininstall

Class Placements for 2020-2021

We will soon be moving down the path of planning a successful transition for our students as they move into next school year! This seems like a good time to share a bit about our process for creating class lists for our grade 1-4 classrooms.

Our staff devotes a tremendous amount of effort and time into the creation of class lists and student placement is an attempt to maintain balance for each classroom. The process starts with each homeroom teacher who sits with their grade level team and discusses every student within the grade.

Teachers discuss many critical elements such as individual learning styles, individual student strengths and areas for growth, social relationships and the emotional wellness of each of our students. We very much understand the value of student friendships and take every step to ensure that all students have some peer support and friends within their classroom. When teachers have taken all of these (and more) factors into account, they then begin to create class lists for the following school year. They work to create classes that will ensure success for all of our students.

When these lists have been created by the classroom teachers we work through these lists with our Inclusive Education Lead (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall, who can provide additional information on our students with diverse learning needs. Finally, we work to match the resources that we have available with the needs of our students.

As you can certainly appreciate, the staff of Millgrove School invest much time and energy to ensure success for all of our students throughout the school year, and transitioning into next year is no exception.

While we cannot manage all parent requests for 2020-2021, if you feel that your child has a learning need which their classroom teacher is not aware of, or which would assist us during this placement process and you have not yet had the opportunity to share this need with your child's homeroom teacher, please do so in the coming months. We greatly value your unique understanding of your child as a learner in our school community.

Registration 2020-2021 School Year - due March 20!

Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 is OPEN! 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 4:30 pm 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.

Parent and Student Literacy Night - rescheduled to April 8!

Dear parents, The literacy game night has been rebooked for **April 8**.

Please RSVP to acillico@psd70.ab.ca if you are going to attend with your child. Include in the email your name and your child's name so that we know which grades we have coming in case we need to split the group. This evening is aimed more towards grades 1-4 not for our kinder students. We will begin with pizza at 6 pm and then will promptly start games at 6:30- 7:45 pm. There will be limited seating for 50. If you are wanting to be there please book early.

Choir

The date for **Choral Celebration is Monday, March 16th and the performance will begin at 10:00 am**. This year we are doing it as a **virtual performance** as the school division was unable to secure a venue large enough for all the choirs.

On March 16th, students will check in with their teachers and then head to the music room where we will be able to watch choirs perform via live stream. Our performance will also be live streamed as part of the concert. Parents are welcome to be our live audience here at the school! Given the completely new format, we will be having a dress rehearsal on March 12 which will be video recorded. Please wear concert black (outlined below) on BOTH our dress rehearsal day (March 12) and our performance day (March 16).

As usual, we will have a little lunch celebration and we will order in pizza which will be served at the school. If your child would like to participate in a \$5.00 pizza lunch, please return the permission form coming home with your child. Also, we were wondering if there were any parents interested in bringing in a veggie tray or treat tray to help supplement the pizza lunch.

Concert Black

When we perform the choir looks absolutely wonderful when everyone dresses alike. Choir members are to wear black bottoms (pants, skirt) and a black top (no pictures, words, spaghetti straps, and tank tops).

Archery

The Millgrove Archers had a fantastic first tournament at Austin O'Brien in Edmonton. Thirty students competed and our Elementary Team placed 1st! There were also multiple students on the team who placed in the top 10 individually in the elementary school divisions. We received compliments from the officials at the tournament about how respectful and committed our archers were. Way to go Millgrove Archers for bringing pride to Millgrove School! We are looking forward to the remaining tournaments in Ardrossan on March 7th and Alberta Archery Provincials in Edmonton on March 14, where we have 77 students entered. This is the largest team competing in all of Alberta. Students on the team will continue to work hard during practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at noon and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. Please contact Mr. Cherry at the school or email mcherry@psd70.ab.ca if you have questions about the archery program.

Literacy Tips

Frustrated with your child's lack of interest in reading? How are you showing that reading is important? I love the saying, "Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you." What message do we send our children when we schedule dance classes, soccer practices, and piano lessons that can't be missed, but a trip to the library doesn't get the same treatment? Show your kids the value of reading by making it a priority in your time commitments.

P.S. One great way to do this is to set aside 15-30 minutes every day for a whole-house reading time. Everyone reads together as a read aloud or just in companionable silence.

Kindness Tree

Millgrove has been filled with acts of kindness! We will continue to recognize students' acts of kindness with our hearts on our kindness tree.



March Classroom Happenings

Whole School

Monday, March 2-March 11 - Hot Lunch Orders - Available ONLINE

**Friday, March 6 & 11 - Hot Lunch & Milk Cash Sales available @ Millgrove School
8:30am-9:15am & 3:30-4:00pm**

Friday, March 6 - Hot Lunch - Jack's Drive In - (pre ordered)

Friday, March 6 - SPC Performance in gym @ 1:40 pm

Friday, March 13 - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 - (pre ordered)

Thursday, March 19 - Report Cards available ONLINE

Friday, March 20 - Hot Lunch - Bite to Eat - (pre ordered)

Friday, March 20 - World Down Syndrome Day

Monday March 23-27 - SPRING BREAK!

Monday, March 30 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL for Parkland School Division Students

Kindergarten

Monday, March 9 - Field Trip to WEM Marine Life - 12:30 - 3:00pm

Tuesday, March 10 - Field Trip to WEM Marine Life - 12:30 - 3:00pm

Grade 1

Monday, March 9- 13 - 1V & 1S - Swimming all week 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Monday, March 16 - 1M, 1C, 1R - Swimming all week 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday, March 19 - 1M, 1R, & 1S - Popcorn Party Celebration 11:30-12:30

Tuesday, March 31 - 1C dairy Farm Tour - 9:15- 11:45

Grade 2

Stay tuned for upcoming events

Grade 3

Thursday, March 5 - Play Parkland 3D & 3P - Swimming and land - 12:00 - 2:30

Thursday, March 12 - Play Parkland 3SK & 3T - Skating & Land - 12:45-3:15

Friday, March 13 - Freaky Friday Performance - All grade 3 at Horizon Stage - 9:15 - 11:15

Wednesday, March 18 - 3D & 3T - PJ party

Thursday, March 19 - 3SK & 3T Play Parkland - Skating and Land - 12:00 - 2:30

Grade 4

Monday, March 9 - Rescheduled Play Parkland 4C & 4D Gymnastics - 1:00-3:15

Friday, March 13 - Freaky Friday Performance -All grade 4 at Horizon Stage - 9:15 - 11:15

School Council News

The next Millgrove School Council Meeting is **March 11 @ 6:30 p.m.** in the Millgrove Teacher's Lounge. All parents are welcome to attend.

This month, we will be discussing and pre-sorting the 2020 Advocacy Resolutions from the Alberta School Councils Association. You can see the resolutions at:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/107705>

We will also decide on who will attend the ASCA AGM in April as our school's proxy to vote on these resolutions.

Tara Zieminek

Millgrove School Council Chair

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Millgrove School Community Foundation News

Hot Lunch order for April to June will be available to be ordered online from March 2-11. Please be sure that your order and payment have been completed by midnight March 11 as no late orders can be accepted. Orders can be completed online and they accept payments through PayPal.

Milk orders for March to June can be ordered online from March 12-19. Orders must be completed for the Milk program by 4:30 pm on March 19 - again no late orders will be accepted.

If you require assistance with the ordering please contact the hot lunch coordinator, Dayla Cochrane, at millgrovehotlunch@gmail.com

Cash Payments for Hot Lunch and the Milk program will be accepted at the school March 6 & March 11 from 8:30-9:15 and 3:30-4 pm by the volunteer coordinator not the school staff. Do not send money to school with the students.

Any grade 4 student that would like to apply for the milk program needs to have their resumes handed into the office by Monday, March 9, Attn:Mrs. Bergey. Interviews will be conducted on Friday, March 13 at lunch recess for all those who have submitted their resume.

Library News!

Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who helped with our February book fair and supported our school by purchasing books for their families. Congratulations to the Pardely family who won the Family Draw and got free books for their classroom and themselves.

Author visit. Marty Chan will be at Millgrove school on Thursday, March 19 to read to the students in grades 2, 3, and 4.

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

Evening 1: We will focus on defining the concept of addiction, exploring how addiction develops, identifying the types of drugs that youth may be using and how those substances can affect the brain and body.

Evening 2: We will focus on how to talk to your child/teen about drugs (and what to expect when you do) as well as what addiction and mental health services are available for families.

Dates: Tuesday, March 10 and 17, 2019

Time: 6-7:30pm

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

Presenter: Lisa Kimmerly (Alberta Health Services – Addictions)

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

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