

# Millgrove School

## Newsletter

June 2021

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It is hard for me to believe that I am writing the June message. I am so proud of this community and the resilience everyone has shown; it has been a successful year because of your unwavering support! From the day the students arrived they navigated through the COVID protocols with confidence and grace. The students played in assigned areas, washed, masked up, lined up, took turns, helped, adjusted to online learning and were absolutely incredible. Our families supported the changes in expectations, limitations and responded with kindness and understanding. Staff sprayed, cleaned, wiped, disinfected, monitored, cared for, advised, supported, all while providing outstanding learning opportunities for our students. A huge thank you to our school council and school foundation that, through google meetings, kept our school community updated, managed fundraisers, and provided a milk and hot lunch program for our students. Your commitment and interest continued to enrich our school and the lives of our children.

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You may have noticed the beautiful five cedar planter boxes beside the back park. Each grade level has planted vegetables and will tend to their garden plot until the end of June. We also have two planter boxes out front that will be filled with flowers and we are hoping that some of you will help us continue to care for the gardens throughout the summer. Weekly watering and weeding will allow students to enjoy their gardens in the fall. If you are interested in helping please contact the office.

Thank you for a year like no other that included challenges, milestones and celebrations. You are an outstanding group!

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall

## Office News

### **Class Placements for 2021-2022**

You can expect an email from us the last week of August regarding your child's class placement. We always have some movement and new enrollments over the summer which requires changes and careful thought for us to maintain well balanced classes.

### **School Fees 2021-2022**

In hopes of getting back to a normal school year we are in the process of planning our school activities and field trips for next year. School fees will be added to your parent portal account by the end of August and are asked to be paid by the end of September. An email will be sent out in August with a breakdown of these fees/field-trips and will also be available to view on our website. If restrictions are still in place next year, you can either be refunded or your credit can be forwarded to the next school year.

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## 2021-2022 School Supplies

Millgrove is once again offering parents the opportunity to pre-purchase school supplies for fall through Write-On Stationery. This online service is not mandatory, but it promises to save you time, and as an added benefit, a portion of your purchase will be returned to the school as a fundraiser. You may place your order directly on the [Write-On Stationery website](#) with Visa or MasterCard. Online orders must be submitted by Thursday, July 15. Ordered supplies can be delivered to your home for a cost of \$10, or you can pick up your order at the school office on August 18, 19 or 20 between 9:00am-3:30pm.

If you wish to shop for your supplies, please see the attached supply list. Please note that you are not required to purchase brand named supplies.

[Supply List Kindergarten](#)

[Supply List Grade 1](#)


[Supply List Grade 2](#)

[Supply List Grade 3](#)

[Supply List Grade 4](#)

## Final Report Cards - Kindergarten to Grade 4

We're pleased to have Term 3 report cards **available** to parents on **Tuesday, June 29** through your [PowerSchool account](#). Marks and comments will not be available on the parent portal until June 29. If you require assistance with setting up your account or resetting a password, please email our school office at [millgrove@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:millgrove@psd70.ab.ca) and our secretaries will be happy to help. Once logged in, go to the Report Card button on the very bottom left margin.



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## June Happenings

**Wed, June 2** - Greystone Visits Millgrove Grade 4's

**Thu, June 3** - All Grade 1 In-School Field Trip Build a Zoo

**Fri, June 4** - Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten

Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

**Fri, June 11** - Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten

Hot Lunch - KFC

**Wed, June 16** - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

**Fri, June 18** - Book Hero Day

Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten

Hot Lunch - Subway

**Fri, June 25** - Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten

Hot Lunch - Pizza 73

**Tue, June 29** - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Canadian Spirit Day

Virtual Pet Parade

## Grade 4 Farewell

On June 25, at 2:45 pm, the grade four students will be standing on the sidewalk on Calahoo Road beside Millgrove School for a Car Parade. We would like to invite any parents/community members that would like to drive by and wave at the students, passing on words of encouragement as they get ready for their move to Middle School to join us between 3:00 and 3:15. At 3:15, grade four students will enter the school and share a special DQ Treat with their classmates.

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## Millgrove School Council

Hard to believe it's the end of the school year already!

We will be hosting our final parent Council meeting on **Wednesday, June 16 at 6:30 pm** via Google meets. These meetings are always fairly informal, open to everyone and a great way to get involved in your child's school. A link will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Anna-Marie Jackson

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## Millgrove School Community Foundation


We have had an amazing fundraising year and would like to thank everyone for their support.

With the 3 fundraisers we did we surpassed our goal of \$20,000....we raised \$21,668!!

Our Pots & Pansies winners for top sales were Maurice Brown, Isabella Raw, Kade Walker and Aubree Melnychuk! Nice work!

If anyone has a credit left on their account for hot lunch and milk we will be sending out cheques over the next couple of weeks. If anyone does not want a cheque for their credit, please let us know and the money will be donated to the school.

We have set up an account at the Spruce Grove Bottle Depot (Located at 39 Diamond Avenue) under Millgrove School Foundation for donations. When you take your bottles in for refunds just ask them to put the money towards the school. This will run until the end of the school year.



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Our **next foundation meeting** is **June 8 at 6:30 pm**. We will be moving our AGM to the next school year. **If you would like to attend please email [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com) for an online invite.**

I would personally like to thank everyone for their support and patience over the last year....it has had its challenges. And a huge thank you to everyone on the Foundation, volunteers and staff; we could not do this without you!! Have a great summer!!

Allison Chuey

Millgrove School Community Foundation President

## SUMMER READING

Your children have worked very hard this year to make progress in their reading and writing. **PLEASE** continue to read over the summer to maintain the many gains your child has worked so hard to achieve this year.

Use your home library books or visit the Spruce Grove Public Library. The library offers many exciting summer reading programs and has books at different levels and interests to engage your child in reading.

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The following is a list of some of the activities that the Spruce Grove Public Library is offering. (Information is from their website.)

Summer Reading Club for all ages. It is all online and can be done at home.

\*\*\* ALSO: Local Hero Story times, Stories in the Sun, Tech Bowl, Special Events, Kids Coding Workshops, Kids Virtual Writing Camp, Steps for the Story and more. Visit their website for program information and registration information.

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Register online starting June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy your time together reading, writing and talking about books!

## Library News

The library is excited to be publishing non-fiction that Mrs. Barker's Grade 3 class has written. They are being signed out by other students already.

Grade 2 will be learning about bees and honey until the end of the year. Mrs. Smith is reading books to the Grade 3 classes about other countries. Grade 4 will be learning a little about how we shelve non-fiction in our library using the Dewey-Decimal system.

## Character Education

During the month of May and June the Character Education committee will have a focus on Fairness and Sportsmanship. Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need. Sportsmanship includes being able to win without gloating, respecting one's opponents, and being able to lose gracefully.



Mrs. TeLeni Woloszyn and Mrs. Elaine Dynan

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# Literacy

## What You Can Do When Your Child Makes a Mistake When Reading

The following are some prompts you can use when reading with your child.

1. Encourage your child to cover up endings (ing, s, ed, est, er, es, ly, etc.) this allows your child to focus on the base word.
2. Remind me about the silent /e/. I tell my students that its only job in the word is to make the vowel say its own name.
3. Point out tricky words that have a /c/ followed by an /e, i, or y/ will make the /s/ sound. Also /g/ followed by an /e, i, or y/ will make the /j/ sound in most, but not all words.
4. Say 'try again' if a mistake is made.
5. Make note of high frequency words (sight words) that your child does not know. Keep a list of these words and work specifically on them. You can print the words on recipe cards. Many sight words don't follow our typical 'sound out' strategies. For example, /want/ we say/wawnt/. If your child's teacher has sent home sight words to practice, PLEASE work on them. Knowing words by sight has a direct correlation to reading fluency and comprehension.
6. Ask your child to skip the word they are having difficulty with and read to the end of the sentence and then go back and re-read the entire sentence. See if that helps them determine the unknown words. Also, make the initial sound of the unknown word on the re-read. For example: Your child is having difficulty with the word/was/ in the sentence "Orson was a good dog." Have them re-read it like this "Orson 'MMMM' a good dog." Then "Orson ww... a good dog. If they don't get it, tell them. Also note that /was/ is a sight word and should be added to their practice list.
7. When your child makes a mistake on a word in a sentence, after they have corrected it, have them go back and re-read the entire sentence with the corrected word. This helps fluency and comprehension.
8. If your child is reading word by word encourage them to re-read sentences to develop fluency. Also model how it should sound. If your child makes several mistakes on a section, encourage them to re-read the entire section.



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9. Depending on the word, remind them to use picture cues to help.
  10. Remind your child that when a word has two of the same consonants, in the middle of the word, encourage the student to break up the word between the consonants. /better/ would be /bet/ /ter/.
  11. If the prompts above don't work, tell them the word. Have them read from the beginning of the sentence to include the new word.

## Numeracy

Numeracy is really easy to fit into your child's day and does not take long or require fancy materials. Below are some numeracy tips you can use at home!

- Water Balloon Math! This is great for students of all ages. You will need some water balloons, sharpie and chalk. Start by writing "Target Numbers" with the chalk. Depending on what your child is working on (addition, subtraction, multiplication or division) write target numbers that will correspond to equations written on the water balloons with the sharpie. For example; you could write 7, 9, 12 as the "Target Numbers" and then the water balloons would have corresponding equations that equal those numbers like;  $5+2$ ,  $6+1$ ,  $3+6$ ,  $9-2$ ,  $4 \times 3$ ,  $3 \times 3$ ,  $36/3$ , etc. Your child will try to hit those target numbers with the matching equation. Lots of fun to be had here!
- Count and compare with watermelon seeds. Your child can place their watermelon seeds on a plate and count them. If you eat a lot of watermelon make a chart to compare seed counts. You can ask questions like; how many seeds were there on Monday? Which watermelon had the most seeds? How many seeds in total did we find during the week?
- Take a Math Hike! For older students, have them look for different geometric shapes. Estimate the angles of tree branches or leaves and then check with a protractor. For younger students, measure and chart elements like daily temperature highs and lows, the growth of a certain plant on a trail or the amount of rainfall.

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- At a restaurant? After you order, hang onto the menus and try these games while you wait for your food to arrive. Ask your kids to find the most and least expensive items. Challenge them to count up the total number of dishes between \$8 and \$12. Tell them you have \$47.23 to spend on the meal and ask how that can be divided equally between each family member. Issue a challenge to find the weirdest combination of menu items that totals \$36.
  - Math on the Beach! Write the numbers 1 to 11 on a beach ball or another large ball. When a player catches the ball they either add, multiply, divide or subtract (depending on what skill you want to practice) the two numbers that their hands are touching.

We hope these games give you some fun and different ideas to help your child with their numeracy skills during the summer!