

Millgrove School

Newsletter

May 2021



Beautiful May has arrived and how lovely to see the green, daffodils, tulips and smell the blossoms. We are awaiting the arrival of chicks in Mrs. Barker's classroom. We will also begin planting in our new planters designed by the high school and supported by Little Green Thumbs. Each grade has one large planter that they will care for until June. We hope to have some of our Millgrove community members help us water and weed throughout the summer and we will send out more information next month.

A huge thank you to our Millgrove families for raising **\$13,783** during the Spell a thon fundraiser. Your generous contribution allows the school foundation to purchase important items for our school. They replaced our broken slide at the front park and are a valuable support.

Our new siding project has begun and will definitely spruce up the outside of our school. We have also ordered a new sign that will be installed by the end of the month. The digital sign will enable us to update parents and share news.

Plans for next year are in the works which seems hard to believe. Staff will be creating class lists and the transition for our grade four students to their designated middle school will begin. The administration team from Greystone will visit on Thursday, May 12 and they will share more information in May and June.

I am grateful for your ongoing support, kind words and encouragement. Millgrove is a special place because of this outstanding community.

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall

Important Parking Lot Safety


For the safety of your child, we ask you to **please park** in a **designated parking stall** or **along the street** when picking up your child from school. Over the past few months it has become hectic at the end of the school day with parents parking in the bus zone or in an undesignated parking spot and that is unsafe for our students.



We know this can be inconvenient as you may have to park a little ways away but we appreciate your understanding and patience as the safety of our students is of utmost importance to us.

Thank you.

May Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Hats on Mental Health 	6	7 Hot Lunch – Jack's Drive In Kinder PD Day	8
9	10 Hot lunch ordering online this WEEK (for June) ➔	11	12	13 Hot lunch cash sales (available in the Millgrove Lobby 3:50 pm – 4:30 pm)	14 Hot Lunch – Dairy Queen Tues/Thurs Kinder	15
16 Hot Lunch orders DUE	17 Milk Orders available online this WEEK (for June) ➔	18	19	20	21 PD Day NO SCHOOL	22
23 Milk order DUE	24 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	25	26	27	28 Hot Lunch – Pizza 73 Mon/Wed Kinder Rainbow Day	29

May 5th is Hats On for Mental Health Day!



Hats On for Mental Health is a day Albertans wear their hats to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Mental Health is invisible and an unhealthy mental health can go unnoticed. It is important for all people, of all ages, to be aware of what mental health

means and how to take care of this aspect of our lives. It is also important to understand so that we can be aware of the fact that just because we don't see an illness does not mean it is not present.

Virtual Visual Art Celebration

Parents, students and staff can visit www.psd70.ab.ca during the week of May 3-7, 2021 to check out the original artworks

Millgrove School Council

Our next and **final meeting** for the year will be on **Wednesday June 16th**.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks!

Anna-Marie Jackson

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Millgrove School Community Foundation

Hello Millgrove Families,

We would like to thank everyone that supported the Spell-a-thon fundraiser. We raised an impressive amount..... **\$13,783!!** Way to go Millgrove Families!! We are all blown away by the support.

Congratulations to the top classes:

KLT - \$880 raised

3B - \$552 raised



1D/1C - \$1881 raised

4G - \$405 raised

2V - \$1090.25 raised

The Spell-a-thon **prizes** and **pie in the face** will be **May 14th**.

Our **last round of Hot Lunch & Milk sales** will be running at the same time, **May 10-16**. There will be 1 day of **cash sales** on **May 13** from **3:50 pm to 4:30 pm**. This will be for June hot lunches and milk.

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.

A reminder to those that ordered from the **Pots'n'Pansies fundraiser that pick up** will be **May 27th**. Will send out the message closer to the date as well as an email reminder.

Our next foundation meeting is May 11 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to send please email millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com for an online invite.

Allison Chuey

Millgrove School Community Foundation President

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

Literacy

What You Can Do When Your Child Makes a Mistakes 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 based word.
- 2) Remind about the silent /e/. I tell my students that its only job in the word is to make the vowel say its own name.

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- 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 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.
 - 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.
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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!

- Chalk it up! With the warm weather comes opportunities to get outside so why not have your child create a BIG number line with chalk on the sidewalk. For older kids they could create grids in chalk to represent an area 3×4 or 6×7 . Creating a life sized game board in the driveway, like snakes and ladders, is something the whole family and neighborhood can enjoy!
- Give me groups! Understanding and creating groups of numbers is an important concept and helps with skip counting, multiplication and estimation. I wonder how many lego pieces our house has? What would be the best way to organize and count them? Maybe we should put them in groups of 5, then 10 and then 3. Which group was easiest to count? These are questions you can pose to younger and older children and it doesn't have to be lego. It can be clothing, utensils, stuffies, etc.
- Calendar curiosity? Displaying a large calendar on your fridge is an amazing way to get your child counting, adding, comparing and understanding time. At the beginning of each month spend a half an hour with your child and mark down special events for that month; birthdays, activities, appointments, etc. As the month progresses the calendar provides an opportunity to pose questions for your child. How many days until the dentist? What day of the week is your soccer game? How many days are we going on the special road trip for?
- Figuring it out! Mental Math is the perfect skill practice on the go, even on short car rides, math can be practiced by posing questions to children on any topic that requires them to think about the answer in their head. The problem can be as simple as: It is 10 minutes from our house to the mall. We've already driven four minutes. How much farther do we have left to drive?

Parkland School Division - Strong Families

Newsletter

This has certainly been a long year so far...but we are in the homestretch! Warmer days will make it easier for us to get outside and see some people we know. Getting outside and being with friends is certainly one of the best things you can do for your mental health. Speaking of which, May is Mental Health Awareness month. Inside this month's newsletter you will find lots of information and ideas for the best ways to support your positive mental health. Jennie McLester from AHS will be sharing a great session on May 4th. Tracey Urquhart a pediatric Occupational Therapist will be doing a session on picky eating on May 18th on zoom. Lots of things to keep you busy and informed.

Take care and if you have any questions or need some support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

[Mental Health - Stronger Together Newsletter](#)

Take care,

Vicky Mamczasz -Family Support Facilitator

