

Millgrove School

Newsletter

February 2021



As I write this message I am grateful for the beautiful weather we have had as it has allowed many opportunities for students to be outside during a time when fresh air and exercise have been needed. Please continue to dress your children for the weather, we will have outside recess until it reaches -23. As Richard Louv (2008) stated in his book, *Last Child in the Woods*, "In nature, a child finds freedom, fantasy, and privacy: a place distant from the adult world, a separate peace" (p. 7).

A reminder that our online **parent teacher interviews** are **Monday, February 1** and **Tuesday, February 2**. If you have not had the opportunity to read the report card that was available online in December, please let the office know. We are happy to help you access the document and can make you a paper copy if need be. **Teachers Convention** for our staff is **February 4** and **February 5**, this too will be in a virtual format which is new to all of us but we are looking forward to the wonderful learning available during this time. We will continue our learning during our **professional development day** on **February 12** as we focus on the grade book and create common grade level assessments. There is no school for students on these days.

Have a lovely family day on Monday, February 15 and I would encourage you to continue supporting your children through daily reading, a good story and play!

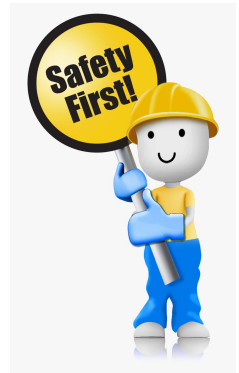
Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall

Important Crosswalk Safety

As the weather has become colder and more families are dropping off and picking up their children we ask that you **please be very cautious**. If you are dropping off on Millgrove Drive or Marlboro Drive it is imperative that you have your child walk to the **designated crosswalk** and safely cross the street.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, safety is a priority.



Kindergarten Open House Video

Our Kindergarten open house will be in a **video format**, available to you on our website on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021**.

We will present to you **a day in the life** of a Kindergarten student including a tour of our school, activities in the classrooms and what your child can expect. For parents, we will share information regarding registration with the promise to keep families informed as we move towards the coming school year.

How to Register for Kindergarten

Fill out the **online 2021-2022 New Student Registration Form** once it becomes available beginning **February 8, 2021** on our Millgrove website. The student's birth certificate and proof of residence will be required as part of the registration process—you will be able to upload these when you fill out the form or you may submit copies of these documents to the school.

Important: Be sure to register using the [2021-2022 New Student Registration Form](#). The “New Student Registration Form” link currently live on the Division’s Registration page is only for students registering for the balance of the current 2020-2021 school year.

All parents are encouraged to **complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 25, 2021**. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of [bus pass applicants](#), the routing of buses and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. Registrations will continue to be accepted after the deadline for those families who may be moving into the jurisdiction.

For more detailed information on the online registration process, visit PSD’s [Registration page](#).

Character Education

As we continue to focus on **Being kind to yourself**, we ask that students help decorate our bulletin boards by creating unique hearts of different sizes with a message or picture of being kind to yourself. Be creative and have fun. Hearts can be brought to school and students can drop them off in a box located in the library. We look forward to seeing all of the beautiful hearts!



Mrs. TeLeni Woloszyn and Mrs. Elaine Dynan

Millgrove School Council

Thanks to everyone that attended our parent meeting this week! We loved seeing some new faces!

On **February 10**, some of our school council will be participating in the **stakeholder engagement meeting**. The event is held across PSD and gathers parents of children with varying ages and schools. This event allows for smaller group discussions of issues that are relevant to education today. We will look forward to recapping it at our March meeting.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 24 at 630pm!**

Hope to see you there!

Anna-Marie Jackson

Millgrove Parent Council Chair

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Millgrove School Community Foundation

Hello Millgrove Families

Our next round of **Hot Lunch sales** will be **February 8-14** and **Milk sales** will be **February 15-18**. There will be 1 day of **cash sales** on **February 11** from **3:50 pm to 4:30 pm**. This will be for March hot lunches and milk. For anyone that had milk tickets left over from last year we will be able to honour them, please send them into the school with parents name/child name/email address.

We have our next fundraising campaign running in February. We will be selling a variety of items including flower baskets, strawberries, peppers, tomatoes, perennials and herbs from Pots'n'Pansies and the gift cards from Fundscrip. Watch for information coming out the first week of February.



Our **next foundation meeting** is **February 9th at 6:30 pm**. If you would like to attend please email millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com for an online invite.

Allison Chuey

Millgrove School Community Foundation President

Foundation Meetings for 2021:

January 12, 2021 - 6:30 pm

February 9, 2021 - 6:30 pm

March 9, 2021 - 6:30 pm

April 13, 2021 - 6:30 pm

May 11, 2021 - 6:30 pm

June 8, 2021 (AGM) - 6:30 pm

For the time being, we will be doing these meetings online so if anyone would like to attend, please email millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com.

Allison Chuey

Library News

We have decided to host our next book fair in April when things will be safer. Hopefully we can do a combination online and in school book fair. Thank you to all those families who are taking care of their library and home reading books by putting them safely in their pouches or plastic bags when they bring them to and from school. We appreciate it very much!

Mrs. Gail Smith



Office News



Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews - Grade K-4

The **last chance to book your virtual parent-teacher interview** is on **Monday, February 1**, please visit our [interview page](#) to make your appointment.

Interviews for both in-school and at-home learners in all grades will be held virtually using Google Meet from **4-7pm on Monday, February 1** and **Tuesday, February 2**.

Interviews for the following classes will also be held from **4-5pm on Wednesday, February 3**:

Mrs. Long & Mrs. Harley's Kindergarten classes

Mrs. Mills' Grade 1 class

Mrs. Schmaus' Grade 1 class

Visitors Entering the School

Please be reminded that we are limiting visitors in our school so rely on our office staff who will call students to the office to collect dropped items. Please continue to wear masks at all times and sign in when you arrive.

Thank you for your continued support.

Staff Change

You will notice a new face in the office, Mrs. Tanya Nelson will be joining our staff in the office starting on February 2nd. We thank Mrs. Krista Auch for all her wonderful contributions to our school and our Millgrove community and wish her all the best with her new endeavors.

February Happenings

February 1&2: K-4 Parent/Teacher interviews (4pm-7pm online format)

February 3: Parent/Teacher interviews (4pm-5pm: Long/Harley/Schmaus/Mills)

February 3: Hot lunch - Pizza 73 (pre-ordered)

February 4&5: PD day - No school for all PSD students

February 8-14 - Hot lunch ordering for March (online)

February 8: 2021/22 school registration opens online

February 11: Hot lunch - Bite to Eat (pre-ordered)

February 11: Hot lunch cash sales (3:50pm-4:30pm - school lobby)

February 12: PD day - No school for all PSD students

February 15: Family Day - No school for all PSD students

February 15-18: Milk ordering for March (online)

February 16: Optional return date for online students

February 19: Hot lunch - Boston Pizza (pre-ordered)

February 26: Hot lunch - Jack's Drive-In (pre-ordered)

February 26 - Pink Shirt Day!

Parkland School Division - Strong Families Newsletter

Please find attached [Supporting Mental Health Stronger Together Newsletter](#) for this month.

Inside you will find many ideas for supporting positive mental health. During this time of continued isolation it is important to practice self care and know when to get help from others.

