

Millgrove School

Newsletter

October 2020



It has been impressive how well things have gone as our first month was certainly one of new beginnings and new learning. After one full month of school everyone has settled into the school year. While our students have fallen into their daily routines they have also, most importantly, begun to build strong relationships with their peers and teachers. A huge thank you again to our staff, parents and students for following all of the protocols and creating such a positive environment!

We had an excellent turn out at our first School Council meeting. Thank you to Tara Ziemnick who was our chair last year and did an outstanding job navigating through an unusual time, to Darla Hallman who worked as the Vice-Chair, and Pam Pirie and Crystal VanderBurg who were

the secretaries. I am pleased that Tara has agreed to stay on as our Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Anna-Marie Jackson who is our new Chair and Crystal Vandenberg who has agreed to take on the responsibility of Secretary. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 28** in our school library and we are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Our first **School Foundation** meeting is **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30** in our library and I would encourage you to join them and find out more about this committee and the great work they do.

Picture days are **October 6 and October 7** and **online Parent Teacher interviews** are **October 7 and October 8**. More details can be found below.

End of September and October is when we have our planned evacuation drills and we are pleased to report that our students did very well. We were out of the building and lined up in record time. Well done Millgrove!

A reminder that **October 9** is a **professional development day** for staff so no school for students, and **October 12** is the **Thanksgiving holiday**. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall

School Enrollments

Kindergarten - Option 1	70	Option 2	14
Grade One - Option 1	97	Option 2	9
Grade Two - Option 1	84	Option 2	10
Grade Three - Option 1	85	Option 2	5
Grade Four - Option 1	83	Option 2	7

We are excited to be welcoming back some of our online learners and look forward to having others join when they are ready.

The dates for reentry are as follows:

November 16

January 4

February 16

April 7

Parent Teacher Interviews

We're excited to be hosting our first ever Virtual Parent-Teacher interviews on **Wednesday, October 7** and **Thursday, October 8** from 4-7:30 pm

The exception will be Mrs. Taylor's class, her interviews will be held on Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7 from 4-7:30 pm

Please visit our [Parent Teacher Interviews page](#) to book your time.

Picture Day

Picture day this year will be individual photos only and will be taken in our school gym. Our traditional classroom group photos will be a new and exciting collage this year which we hope you will love!



Our schedule for pictures is as follows:

Tuesday, October 6

Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten, Grade 1-4 classes - starting 9:15 am, starting with Kindergarten

Wednesday, October 7

1. Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten classes - starting 9:15 am

2. All our ONLINE learners

Surnames A-L please arrive between 10-10:45 am

Surnames M-Z please arrive between 11-11:45 am

What to expect:

- On the day your child is photographed, they will receive an information sheet with their ONLINE ACCESS CODE.
- Photos will be loaded online within 2-3 business days.
- Login to smartorders.ca to view your child's proofs and place an order.

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- Place your order before the ship to school deadline to have your order sent to the school at no cost.

Halloween

Unfortunately we will not be able to have our traditional Halloween parade in the gym and parents will not be joining in the fun. Mrs. Davies will be teaching the students the Monster Mash and as a school, in our classrooms, students will dance. Please watch for information from your child's teacher regarding their planned activities.

Alberta Health Services has issued [recommendations](#) around Halloween and we will be following these guidelines.

Winner of Neal Yard Hand Sanitizer

Thank you to Denise Hills who entered Millgrove School in a Hand Sanitizer contest earlier this month.

Denise nominated Millgrove and shared the ways she sees us going above and beyond to keep our kids safe and how hard everyone has worked to get the school up and running. This contest was open to all of Alberta and 4 were picked, and we were one of the lucky schools that won! We truly have some of the most amazing parents at Millgrove!!

We appreciate her thoughtfulness and we are enjoying this lovely product.

Millgrove School Council Meeting



Congratulations to our new School Council executive:

School Chair: Anna-Marie Jackson

School Vice-Chair: Tara Ziemnick

Secretary: Crystal VanderBurg

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30.**

Millgrove School Community Foundation

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30pm. It will be held in the library at Millgrove School. This is a great opportunity to come and see what we are about or even run for a position! By being part of the Millgrove School Community Foundation you have the chance to discuss and vote on things like the fundraisers we do and how some of the money is spent to improve the lives of the students at Millgrove. Here is an overview of the positions:

President - chair meetings, coordinate programs, work with the principal

Vice President - assist President, chair meetings if President is unable too

Treasurer - take care of all the financial aspects of the foundation

Secretary - take minutes at meetings

Hot Lunch Coordinator - book vendors, set up hot lunch site, organize volunteers

Milk Coordinator - order milk, set up milk ticket sales, organize volunteers

Fundraising Coordinator - book vendors for fundraising, work with a team of volunteers to distribute items

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com

I hope to see you at the AGM!

Jody Bergey
Millgrove School Foundation President



COVID-19 Protocols

Our [website](#) is always the best source for the newest information. If your child is sick please refer to our [Stay at Home Guide](#). Thank you for your continued support.

Library News

We have decided to cancel our fall Scholastic Book Fair. Scholastic is in the process of putting together an online version so we are excited about that. We will keep you posted! Thanks to those parents who put their children's library books inside bags in their backpacks. It helps keep our books safe.

Mrs. Gail Smith

Community News

The [Strong Families monthly newsletter](#) is a valuable resource. This month is full of great information about the importance of sleep as well as connections to supports and services within our communities. Check out and register for the upcoming **Strong Families session on sleep** offered by Dr. Cary Brown.

October Happenings

Whole School

October 6 - School Photos for Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten and Grade 1-4 students

October 7 - School Photos for Monday/Wednesday kindergarten and online learners

October 8 - Dress like a teacher day

October 7 and October 8 - Online parent teacher interviews

October 9 - Professional Development Day - no students

October 12 - Thanksgiving

October 13 - School Foundation meeting at Millgrove 6:30

October 28 - School Council meeting at Millgrove 6:30

October 30 - Halloween celebrations in individual classrooms



Office News



Visitors

Parents have been very respectful of our rules around limiting entrance to our school whenever possible and we thank you for the cooperation. Please continue to sign in and check in with the office staff for early pickups, item drop off and any other information you may need.

Student Field Trip Fees

At this time, we do not have any field trips planned, therefore there are no school fees for the 2020-2021 school year on your account. When we are able to plan field trips, parents will be notified of any upcoming fees. For Grade 3 music, all students will be receiving a recorder in January, a \$10 fee will be applied to your parent portal account at that time.

Student Absence Line

If your child is away for any reason, it is very important to contact our school to report your child's absence. This helps us to complete our daily attendance as quickly as possible to ensure everyone arrives safely. Call 780-962-6122 ext. 1 to leave a message OR email us at millgrove@psd70.ab.ca Thank you!

Arrival and Departure

The flow of traffic before and after school has gone very well. A reminder that our bell times are as follows:

8:30-4:30 - School Office Hours

8:45 - Supervision Begins

8:50- First Bell

9:00 - Second Bell

11:13-11:28 - Recess (K-2)

11:28 - 11:42 - Recess (3-4)

12:32 - 1:32 - Lunch

3:40 - Dismissal

3:50 - Buses Leave

4:00 - Supervision Ends

Students are not permitted to play on the school equipment prior to the school bell so having your children arrive as close to the first bell as possible is helpful and limits the amount of wait time at their entrance door.

Thank you for respecting the no parking signs and reserving the parking lot for staff. There are a few designated visitor and handicapped parking spots (in front of the school).

Wishing you and your family a lovely Thanksgiving!

