

SEPTEMBER 2021

# THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

*The official newsletter of Millgrove School*

welcome  
back!



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

I am so pleased to welcome our students back to school! To watch them arrive with smiling faces, excited and ready to learn is a lovely experience. Our staff have worked hard to prepare a meaningful learning environment and we all took part in some excellent literacy training during our professional development days. As well, we had the opportunity to engage in a virtual broadcast message with Dr. Tanya (Toni) DeMello on the topic of human rights, equity, diversity, and inclusion. It was an inspirational and positive start to the year.

## HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

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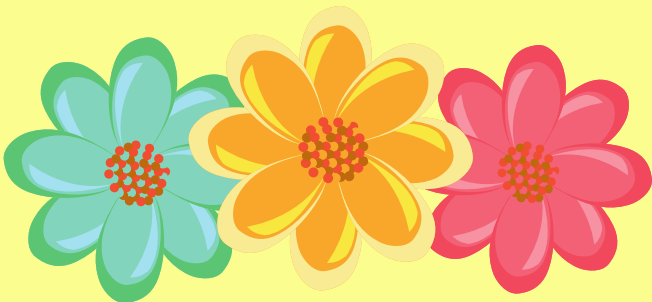
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members Miss. Jenny Clarke (grade 1) and Ms. Jolayne Jones (working afternoons in 2A). Mrs. Paulette Reeson and Mrs. Linda Sinclair have begun a new wonderful chapter and we wish them the very best and they enjoy their retirement. They were committed and caring staff that positively impacted many children's lives over the years and we are grateful for their contribution.

As we continue to learn how to exist with COVID-19 we will be following the recommendations of our Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Education. Thank you for your patience as we tweak and make the changes necessary to create a safe and caring place for our students. We are always available to answer questions and work with you. Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community and your support is invaluable.



Thank you for following our drop off and pick up procedures. Please always enter in the alley off of Marlboro Drive. You will find that in the morning we have a fairly smooth and steady flow of traffic and you can do a quick drop off. After school is very busy and congested so we ask that you do a quick pick up and if possible park in the neighbourhood or in parking spots if they are available and walk to pick up your child.

We are so appreciative of our School Foundation and School Council. These two groups impact the wellness of our school and I am grateful for their feedback and involvement. I would encourage you to join one of the groups; it is a positive experience to participate in the "behind the scenes work." Our School Council meeting will be online on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm and our School Community Foundation meeting will be online for Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm.

On behalf of our entire staff, we look forward to working with you and your child.

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall



# Covid Protocols - staying the course for September...

## COVID UPDATE

August 18, 2021 - Parkland School Division (PSD) has updated our COVID-19 Protocols prior to welcoming students back to school on August 30th.

We recognize there are varying levels of concern when it comes to the Division's approach to addressing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The PSD COVID-19 protocols have been developed in compliance with the direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Education.

Most importantly, PSD is committed to providing safe and caring environments for our staff and students to learn. Learning to exist with COVID-19 is our next challenge as a school community. Many measures will look the same as last year.

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[Read PSD's Guidance for School Re-Entry Principal's Handbook.](#)

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## Highlights include:

**General Building Safety** - continued enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, promotion of healthy hygiene practices, and increased circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.

**Responding to Illness** - Staff or students with COVID-19 symptoms (new or worsening and not related to other known causes), will be required to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result, as per provincial guidelines. Students or staff who develop symptoms while at school will be sent home and be required to isolate, as per AHS guidelines.

**Masks** - Masks are strongly recommended for all students and staff in all common areas and in situations where 2 metres of distance cannot be maintained. As per the Alberta Health Services (AHS) directive, masks will be required for all students (regardless of age or grade) while on a school bus.

**Cohorts** - Where practical, PSD schools will have students work in a limited number of cohorts.

**Close Contacts** - As per AHS guidelines, close contacts of a positive case will not be required to isolate for 14-days as per provincial guidelines on self-isolation.

**Vaccinations** - Immunizations will be available through temporary clinics in schools selected by AHS, for students in Grades 7 - 12 as well as school staff. Students under 18 will not be vaccinated in schools without parent or guardian consent. Further information will be shared when it becomes available from AHS.

For more information, including links to Alberta Government's plans and guidance, visit our [COVID-19 page](#) on the PSD website.



## Important Attendance Reporting - Safe Arrival

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@psd.ca](mailto:millgrove@psd.ca)

## Office News

### School Fees

Fee notices will be emailed out the first week of September and are due by September 30, 2021. Please pay fees online through the Parent Portal. Methods of online payment include Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Interac Online Debit. Alternatively, we will accept cash or cheque payments at the school office. Please make cheque made payable to Parkland School Division.

The division does have a waiver process outlined on their website or payment options are available through the Parent Portal. Please visit [PSD's REGISTRATION FEES page](#) for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Tanya Nelson at 780-962-6122 ext. 0 or email her at [tanya.nelson@psd.ca](mailto:tanya.nelson@psd.ca).



### Visitors to Millgrove

To start the year we are **continuing to limit visitors to our school** so please rely on our office staff to call students to the office for early pick-up or to collect dropped items.

We **strongly encourage** visitors to wear masks.

Visitors that do enter the school after checking in with the office must **sign in**, fill out a **covid screening questionnaire** and **wear a visitor tag**.

**NEW!** We ask parents picking up students during school hours to please sign them out in the visitor book just outside the office door.

Thank you, we appreciate your continued support.



## WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!

Our school has received a much needed facelift and we're very excited about the new look!



## PARKING LOT - IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

OUR PARKING LOT IS A ONE WAY ONLY STARTING SOUTH OF THE SCHOOL ON MARLBORO DRIVE AND ENTERING ON THE ALLEY AND EXITING NORTH ON MILLGROVE DRIVE

NO PARKING IN BUS LANES, STAFF PARKING AND FIRE LANES

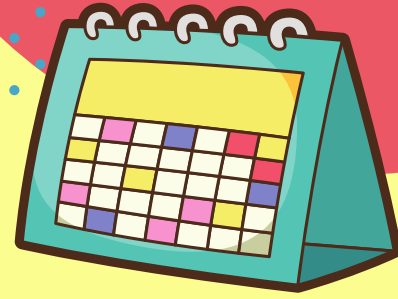
HANDICAP PARKING IS FOR REGISTERED TAG HOLDERS ONLY

PLEASE DRIVE SLOW AND BE CONSIDERATE, WE ARE A BUSY PLACE!



**safety  
first**

# Calendar of Events



- Wednesday, Sept 8** Millgrove School Council Meeting
- Tuesday, Sept 14** Millgrove School Community Foundation AGM
- Wednesday, Sept 15** DOT Day! Celebrating creativity and collaboration - wear dots!
- Friday, Sept 29** Terry Fox Run
- Thursday, Sept 30** Orange Shirt Day - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Wednesday, Oct 6** Picture Day - Grades 1-4 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- Thursday, Oct 7** Picture Day Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

*Please note:*

*Our **Welcome Assembly** on Sept 3 and **Hot Diggity Open House Barbeque** on Sept 23 have both been **cancelled**.*

## Running Club Dates

Running club starts early this year! Please refer to the Running Club [FORM](#) for detailed information to sign up. **DEADLINE IS September 7th!** If your child is interested in joining the running club, please mark your calendar with the following dates and return the form to the school by September 7th.

- September 9 Entwistle School
- September 16 Ecole Meridian Heights School
- September 23 Blueberry School
- September 30 Tomahawk School
- October 7 Woodhaven School
- October 14 Living Waters Christian Academy

Please remember that parents are expected to provide and arrange transportation for their children to and from the race events.





## Library News

The library is looking forward to another year of students finding wonderful books to read. We will be continuing all our safety protocols like last year. We will also be bringing our Makerspaces materials back and will be sure to sanitize hands before we use them just like we do when we sign out books.

Every month our Grade one and two students will have the chance to win a poster if they read to their parents at home. Notes will be going home from the classroom. Also, Grade 3 and 4 classes will have the chance to win a bookmark when they try reading a new book or series that they haven't tried before.

Welcome back Millgrove. Let's keep reading!!!!

## Community Resources and News

The AHS Children, Youth and Families - Addiction and Mental Health Caregiver Education Team is proud to offer free mental health programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth through our partnership with the Mental Health Foundation. In response to the global pandemic, our programming continues to be offered virtually at this time.

Please refer to [Alberta Health Services Caregiver Education](#) for more information.

To register for a session, follow this link: <https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/virtual-education>



# MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back Millgrove families! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday!

We are right around the corner from our annual AGM for the Millgrove parent Council. Millgrove parent Council meetings are a casual way to be updated on all things going on at the school, while also allowing for open dialogue and any questions that you may have! *The date for the first meeting is September 8 at 6:30 pm and will be hosted online. An invitation will be emailed to families.*

We always love seeing fresh faces at our meetings as it's an easy way to connect with other parents so please join us! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Anna-Marie Jackson  
millgrove.scchair@psd70.ab.ca



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 to

**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, organize volunteers

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

Our hot lunch and milk program will run exactly the same way as last year. Hot lunch and milk delivery will start in October. More information will be coming out in the next week or 2. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)  
I hope to see you at the AGM!

Allison Chuey  
Millgrove School Community Foundation  
President

# MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Millgrove School Community Foundation I would like to welcome you all to the 2021/2022 school year at Millgrove! For those of you new to the school the Millgrove School Community Foundation is a group of volunteers and elected board officials that run the fundraising efforts, Hot lunch Program and Milk Program.

**Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 @ 6:30 pm, it will be hosted online, an invitation will be emailed to families.**

This is a great opportunity to come and see what we are about or even run for a position!