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THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



Hello
Summer

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

As I write my last principal message for the year, I am delighted to celebrate the students' fun and excitement as they finally participate in extracurricular activities. Students have been to the Royal Alberta Museum, Winspear, Telus World of Science, Aerials Gymnastics Club, The Prairie Farm, a Horizon Stage high school performance and the Tri-Leisure Center. Everyone enjoyed Mary Lambert's sing-along and, as many of our students experienced their first assembly, they were respectful, attentive and involved throughout the presentation. We have a wonderful group of students, and I am continually impressed and proud.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **Pet Parade & Carnival Last Day of School**
- **Report Cards on the Parent Portal June 29**
- **City of Spruce Grove Summer in the City Info**
- **HELLO SUMMER!**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

June will be a time of discovery. Some highlights include planting vegetables in our planters, participating in the track meet, biking, the spray park, the John Janzen Center, birdhouse building, and returning to our last day festivities. Our planning committee is in the process of organizing our pet parade and carnival, which will take place on June 29, and we are all excited to bring back this tradition that closes out the year in a celebratory way.

Thank you for your support as we navigated through the changes in protocols, new beginnings, and finally, the return to some of our favourite activities. This community has risen to the challenges these past two years with grace and kindness, and I am grateful and honoured to work with such fine families and staff.

Respectfully,
L. Madge-Arkininstall



MILLGROVE TRACK MORNING - JUNE 7 9:30-1:00 PM!

Millgrove's **grade 1-4 students** will be participating in a mock track meet/cooperative games day. This half-day is designed to get our students outside and to have them be active as well as interact with students in different classes and at different grade levels. In addition, this will also allow us an opportunity to get some ideas for running a track meet next year at Millgrove for our K-4 students.

The front playground will be a communal break area for students to set up camp which might include a blanket or a lawn chair. It will also be where they can eat their snack and lunch, This will be the only eating area. No food will be allowed outside of this area. Students are expected to bring their own lunches. Snacks from the parent council are not meant to replace their healthy lunches.

Snacks will be provided when students complete certain events. This will be run by the parent council. Each teacher will be provided with a set of 3 tickets for each student. One for a drink, one for a bag of chips and one for a freezie. These will be given out to the students at varying times during the day.

Teachers will be setting up a station each which will be run by one to grade 9 students travelling over to help us make this day awesome for everyone. Each class will travel around with their teachers and support staff to stations, rotating every 15 mins.

Parents are welcome to come out and watch the festivities!



**20TH
ANNUAL!**

PET PARADE & CARNIVAL! LAST DAY OF SCHOOL JUNE 29, 2022

Pet Parade

We kick off the day with a **Pet Parade** from **9:15-10:00 am** in the field south of the school. Please take care in following a few simple rules of participation:

- pets and adult pet owners can assemble in the south field along the fence between 8:45-9:05 am
- students go to class as they normally would and join parents and pets after attendance
- NO PETS are allowed in the school
- have pets on a leash, harness, in a cage or in a bowl, especially if they have trouble making friends
- bring your own pooper scooper supplies as the Millgrove carnival will be held in the same area
- all pets must return home after the pet parade at 10:00 am while students return to their classrooms to prepare for the carnival activities

Carnival

The **carnival activities** will take place between **10:15 am - 12:30 pm**

Students will earn points as they participate in carnival activities. Once they earn enough points, they can be redeemed for 1 freezie and 1 bag of popcorn.

Lunch

Our Millgrove School Council is providing a **FREE HOT LUNCH!** Students will receive a hot dog, a bag of chips and a bottle of water. Please supplement with other snacks to get students through the day.

Please be sure to send your child with appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, hat and most importantly a water bottle.

The year-end assembly will be in the gym at approximately 1:45 pm.

Volunteers make the day a huge success! Please let your classroom teacher know if you'd be available to help with the carnival activities. In addition, we would love help with the following:

- 6 volunteers to help with the hot lunch assembly
- 2 volunteers to BBQ hot dogs
- 2 volunteers to manage the popcorn table during the carnival
- 2 volunteers to prepare hot dogs for the Kindergarten classrooms the day prior, on June 28



Calendar of Events

June 2 3B/3K Play Parkland Swim
4C/4D Play Parkland Aerials

June 3 Pre-ordered Hot Lunch KFC

June 6-10 1M/1CL Tri Leisure Swimming

June 7 Millgrove Track Morning
Millgrove Foundation
Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm

June 8 Gr 4's Bird House Building
School Council Meeting
3B Participark Walk

June 9 Kinders In-school Field Trip
4C/4D Play Parkland Aerials
Gymnastics

June 10 Kinders in school Field Trip
Pre-ordered Hot Lunch Bite
to eat
Gr 4's Shake Rattle n Roll
Woodhaven

June 13-17 1C/1S Swim at School

June 15 3BY/3G John Janzen Centre

June 16 4C/4D Play Parkland Swim
3B/3K John Janzen Centre

June 17 Book Hero Day - dress like
your favourite character!
Pre-ordered Hot Lunch Subway

June 20 Metis Dancer - Kenton Alook
Kinders in school Field Trip

June 21 Kinders in school Field Trip

June 22 Grade 2 Movie Theater Picnic
3B Participark Walk

June 23 4C/4D Play Parkland Swimming

June 24 Gr 4's Fort Edmonton Park
Pre-ordered Hot Lunch Pizza 73
Gr 1s Jubilee Spray Park

June 28 Gr 1's Jubilee Spray Park

June 29 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
Canadian Spirit Day
Pet Parade/Carnival
Report Cards on Parent Portal



Numeracy Tips



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, a 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, and 12 as the "Target Numbers" and then the water balloons would have corresponding equations that equal those numbers like; $5+2$, $6+1$, $3+6$, $9-2$, 4×3 , 3×3 , $36/3$, 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.
- **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!



City of Spruce Grove Summer in the City Programs - 2022

We are excited to be back this summer to offer the community a variety of summer programs for children 5 – 17 years of age!

Check out the www.sprucegrove.org/sitc for more information. Registration is now open!



The weeklong Adventure Camps offer a variety of themed programming throughout the summer. Join us for a week of fun in the sun, and stay for the memories! Campers will get the chance to make new friends, try new things, and express themselves through activity and play. Our fantastic and energetic team leaders will guide participants through a wide variety of games and crafts, and will join the campers on weekly field trips and outings across Spruce Grove and beyond!



NEW*** Check out the weeklong Art Explorer Camps that will for sure unleash your imagination? We will explore a wide variety of artistic mediums and techniques each week. From making sculptures and building Lego, to learning graffiti art and practicing Musical Theatre. The exploration is waiting for you!



The Leaders in Training program is looking for you! If you are 13 years of age and older and have completed Grade 7 volunteer as a Leader in Training. You get to meet new friends and challenge your leadership skills in a fun and exciting atmosphere. As a volunteer, you will be partnered with Summer in the City leaders to run various summer programs, such as Adventure Camps, Art Explorer Camps and the Pop-Up Playground. Registration for the Leaders in Training (LIT) program opens on June 1st.

If you have any questions about the programs or registration visit www.sprucegrove.org/sitc or e-mail recreation@sprucegrove.org.

MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Millgrove Families!

Hard to believe the school year is almost over. Our final virtual meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm.**

It's never too late to join. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or anything you'd like to discuss at the meeting, don't hesitate to reach out. Meeting details will be sent out a few days prior. Thank you!

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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 \$26,856!!**

The winning classes of our Spellathon enjoyed a Dilly Bar party on May 17. Congratulations to the following classes: KLT, 1S, 2A, 3K, and 4T. Spruce Dairy Queen graciously donated all the dilly bars, so a huge thanks to them!!

The foundation is currently in the process of purchasing hockey skates and helmets for the school. We are also in the process of sourcing some exciting new outdoor equipment. If anyone is interested in bringing forward ideas for where they would like to see the fundraising money go please attend our meetings.

Our final foundation meeting is June 7 at 6:30 pm. It will be online so watch for a meeting code email to come out that week. I would personally like to thank everyone for their support and patience over the last year. 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