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THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

Welcome, Millgrove community! I am so excited to see all of these wonderful children again, eager to learn, meet new friends and engage in learning experiences. We are off to a terrific start and our staff have been busy preparing their classrooms and creating positive learning opportunities.

Please join me in welcoming a wonderful group of new staff to Millgrove. Mrs. Fuñe, Mrs. McCuaig, Mrs. Cochrane, Miss Careless, Mrs. Rhandhawa, Mrs. Pirie, Miss Hehn.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

Hot Diggity Dog
Running Club Dates
Library News
Literacy and Math
School Fees



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

A highlight this month will be our Hot Diggity Dog on September 22 from 5:30-6:30. This is an opportunity to gather as a community, eat and tour our school. It will be lovely to see you all and provide you with the chance to see your child's classroom. I would also encourage you to meet our school council and school foundation representatives that evening. This highly efficient and supportive group impacts important issues at our school. I am always open to conversations as well, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

September is assessment month and our students will engage in literacy and numeracy assessments to assist in our planning. Our staff is well versed in this area, and we also have our literacy and numeracy leads to support us. This information will guide our practice and decisions as we support every child in our building.



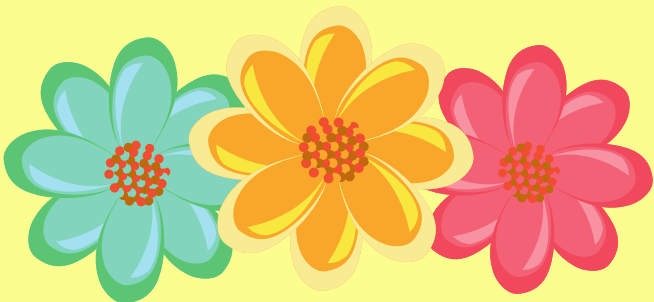
September is also a time for establishing routines and expectations in the classroom and during unstructured times. We have started the year with playground cohorts and zones which, allows staff to closely monitor and support children as they build new relationships. We are able to create play opportunities that are unique, diverse and flexible as students settle in and then we can expand play areas and open up the cohorts.

A huge thank you to all of you who have so kindly supported us these last few years during some challenging times. You have been gracious, open and encouraging. Here is to a year of new beginnings, connections, fun, and learning!

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

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall



PARKING LOT - IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

Our parking lot is one-way starting south of the school on Marlboro Drive and entering at the alley, and exiting north on Millgrove Drive.

There is 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!



Visitors to Millgrove

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.

School Fees

Fee notices have been emailed and are due by September 30, 2022. 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, cheque and credit card payments at the school office. Please make cheques payable to Parkland School Division.

See our website for detailed [Field Trip Information](#).

The division does have a waiver process outlined on its 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 get in touch with Mrs. Regan at 780-962-6122 ext. 0 or email her at toresa.regan@psd.ca.

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

PROMOTE READING IN SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



WELCOME BACK! We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer and now we are back for an exciting new school year. Many of you will be asked to do home reading or promote reading at home. Reading is an important part of your child's overall success in almost everything they do. The skills your child learns early in life will help them well into adulthood.

You can help your child develop good reading skills with these suggestions. Here are a few ideas from the article entitled "Promoting Reading in School-aged Children."

Read to your child

Make reading part of every day. Even just a few minutes will make a difference. It's also a great way to create a special bond with your child. Continue to read out loud to your child even when they can read alone. Read books to them that are a bit above your child's reading level, as long as they are books that they can still understand and enjoy

Read with your child

Children who are learning to read need to practice. If your child is doing well, regular reading at home is a chance for them to show off their skills. If your child is having trouble, it provides a safe place to practice with someone they trust.

Be a role model

Your children should see you enjoying reading. If they see you and other family members reading books, newspapers, and magazines, they'll learn that reading is important, fun, and valuable.

Consider creating a special reading space in your home that is quiet and cozy. Keep books close to this area.



Ask the experts for help. Teachers and librarians are good sources of advice for books that are right for your child’s age and reading level. Bookstore staff can be helpful too.

Limit screen time. Create time for reading by limiting the amount of time your child spends in front of a screen, including televisions, computers, tablets, smartphones, and video games.

Focus on meaning. Reading well is about understanding meaning, not just knowing how to say the words. If your child is stuck on a word, don’t just “sound it out.” Talk about the text and ask questions. Help your child figure out the word by re-reading the rest of the page, or looking at pictures. Try not to interrupt unless the mistake affects your child’s ability to understand the text. At the end of the paragraph or chapter, go back to words your child didn’t know or had trouble sounding out and review them together.

Mrs. L. Steigel



Numeracy News

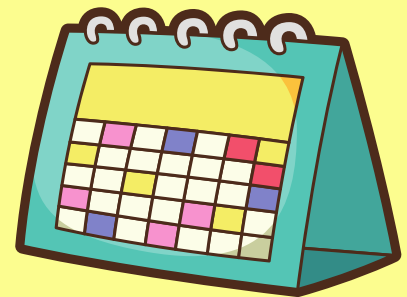
I am excited to continue as the Numeracy Intervention lead at Millgrove this year! As the year begins I am working in classrooms with staff and children to get to know the needs and strengths in the area of Numeracy. I expect to be working with small groups later in the year.

Numeracy Tips For Home:

- This month, notice and point out to your children when we use Math in our daily lives. Ask them to notice and look for ways they have seen Math being used. (e.g. budgeting, prices in grocery stores, measuring ingredients in a recipe, figuring out how much flooring you need if you're doing renovations, telling time, knowing how long it is until you need to leave for hockey, etc.)
- Please, provide an opportunity for your child to have a successful math experience. Don't say to your child "I'm not good at Math or I had a hard time with Math." This gives your child a reason to think they may not be good at Math and that they might not be able to do Math. Working hard, making mistakes and trying again allows children to improve their Math skills.

Mrs. G. Wright

Calendar of Events



Friday, Sept 9	Welcome Assembly - 11:40 am (gym)
Thursday, Sept 15	Dot Day! Celebrating creativity and collaboration - wear dots!
Friday, Sept 16	Terry Fox Run
Thursday, Sept 22	Hot Diggity Dog Open House - 5:30-6:30
Tuesday, Sept 27	Millgrove Foundation Meeting - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept 28	School Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
Thursday, Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day - wear orange
Friday, Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - no school
Tuesday, Oct 4	Picture Day - Tues/Thurs Kindergarten ONLY
Wednesday, Oct 5	Picture Day - Everyone
Wednesday, Oct 5	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, Oct 6	Parent/Teacher Interviews



Running Club Dates

Running club starts early this year! 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 13th.

- September 15 Duffield School (at Grouse Nest Golf Course, leave early)
- September 22 Woodhaven (at Brookwood School)
- September 29 Entwistle School (leave early)
- October 6 Ecole Meridian Heights School
- October 13 Blueberry School
- October 20 High Park School

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

Library Corner

Thank you for such a warm welcome to your school! I am so excited about the wonderful things that will be happening in our library commons this year. The students have had an opportunity to come into the library and have a look around at some of the changes. We will begin signing out books next week. Watch for library books coming home!! I do encourage them to share what they have picked out with their family. We are also embarking on a new adventure with makerspace in the newly created **The TinkerLab**. Throughout the year I will be looking for all sorts of materials that we will recreate and/or repurpose (cardboard boxes are definitely on the list so hang onto those amazon boxes!!) I would like to invite you to reach out to me if you would like an opportunity to learn more about your child's school library and gain some hands-on experience in our library commons. My email address is pamela.pirie@psd.ca

Mrs. P. Pirie



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Millgrove School Community Foundation I would like to welcome you all to the 2022/2023 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 and milk program. The money we collect through fundraising goes to support many different programs and items that benefit the students.

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 @ 6:30 pm. 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, organize volunteers

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

Our hot lunch program will run exactly the same way as last year with parents pre-ordering on a monthly basis. Our milk program will be using milk tickets that will be bought in advance. Hot lunch and milk delivery will start in October. More information will be coming out in the next week or two.

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!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation
President



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back Millgrove families! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 pm in the library. We hope to see you there! It's an informal way to check out all things Millgrove. We'd love to see new faces.

If you have any questions or anything you'd like us to discuss at the meeting, don't hesitate to reach out. Meeting details will be sent out a few days prior.

Thank you!

Anna-Marie Jackson
millgrove.scchair@partner.psd.ca

WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU AT
HOT DIGGITY!





Booking Code:
205spruceGrove22

Children, Teens, and Technology: Raising Kids in the Age of Screens

A three-hour session supports both caregivers and professionals in finding technology use for children, youth, and themselves. Participants will be presented with perspectives from both sides of the debate, current research regarding children and youth's relationship with technology and media, and strategies for healthy technology use.

September 22, 2022
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Border Paving Athletic Centre
9 Tri Leisure Way
2nd Floor; Lodgepole/Pine Room

sprucegrove.org/fcssprograms



Fear-Less Triple P



A 6 week parenting program to help parents of children aged 6 - 14 to set a good example of coping with anxiety, coach their children to become more emotionally resilient, and develop a tool box of strategies and choose the most effective to respond to their child's anxiety.

- September 14th - October 19th.
- 9:30-11:30 am.
- Border Paving Athletic Centre.
- Childcare spaces available.
- Registration is required.

Scan the code below to register.

