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THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

A huge thank you to all that attended our Hot Diggity Dog (open house). To see our gym filled with families and the halls busy as you explored the school and your child's classroom was heartwarming. I am continually impressed by the support of our community and the positive energy each one of you brings to our school.

Our grades 1-3 staff have taken part in new literacy and numeracy curriculum professional development sessions, and during our October 7 P.D. day, we will focus on small group literacy instruction. Our literacy leads will share strategies and resources with staff and time will be set aside for work sessions and collaboration. Parent-teacher interviews will take place on the evenings of Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6 and we look forward to seeing you again in person.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **Truth and Reconciliation at Millgrove**
 - **Picture Day**
 - **Parent-Teacher Interviews**
 - **Book Fair**
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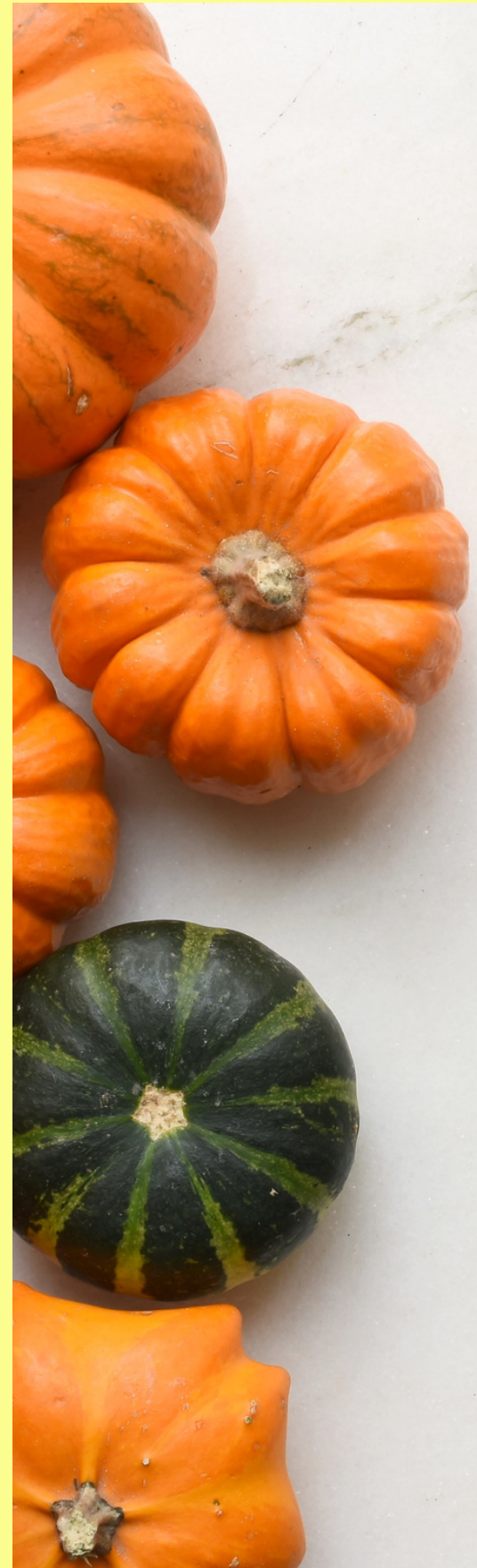
A highlight this month is Millgrove's choir performance at Horizon Stage. We have partnered with Juno award winner Norman Foote, and on October 25 at 7:00 pm the choir will participate in a concert at the Horizon Stage. The students have been rehearsing several songs, with the careful guidance of our music teacher Mrs. Davies, and we are so excited to have this opportunity and unique experience.

Our Millgrove School Foundation and Millgrove School Council meetings were well attended and we were happy to meet new members. Our next Foundation meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 and our School Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm.

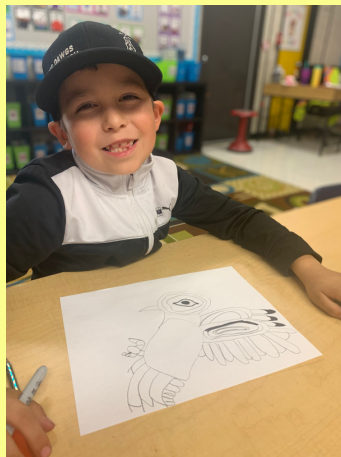
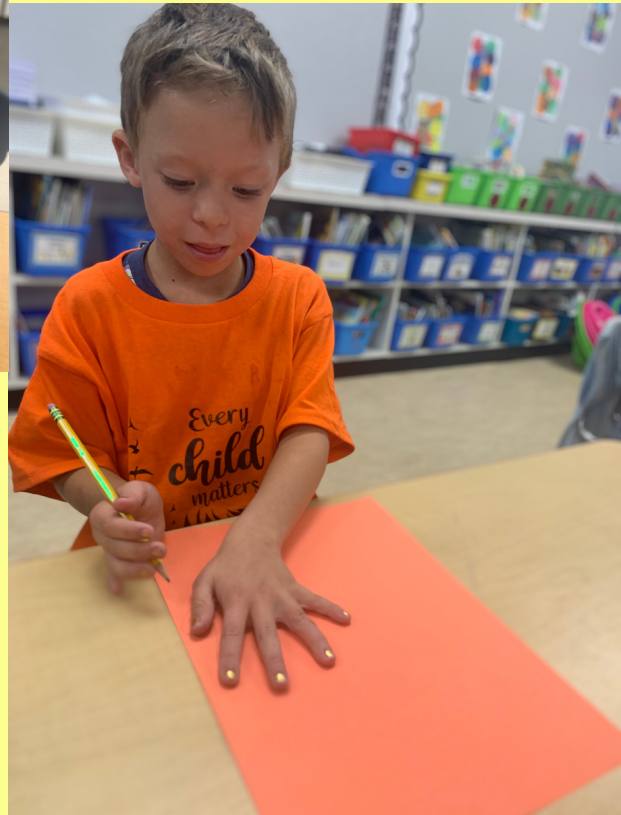
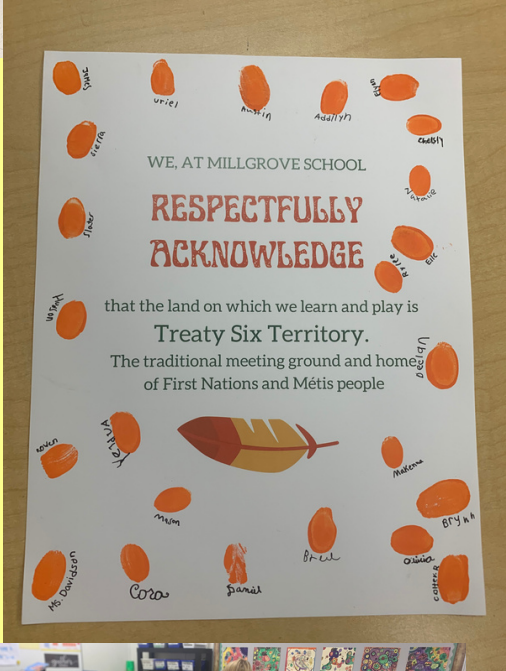
As always, I am grateful to work with this caring community. Enjoy your long weekend!

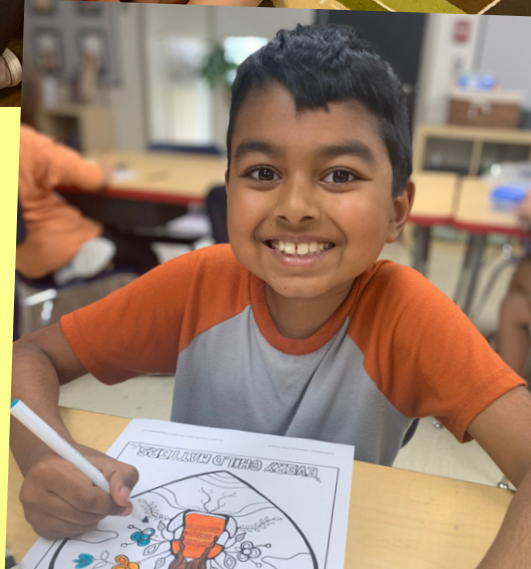
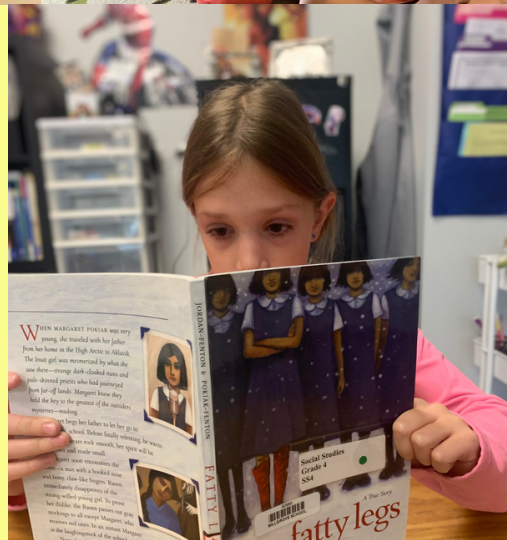
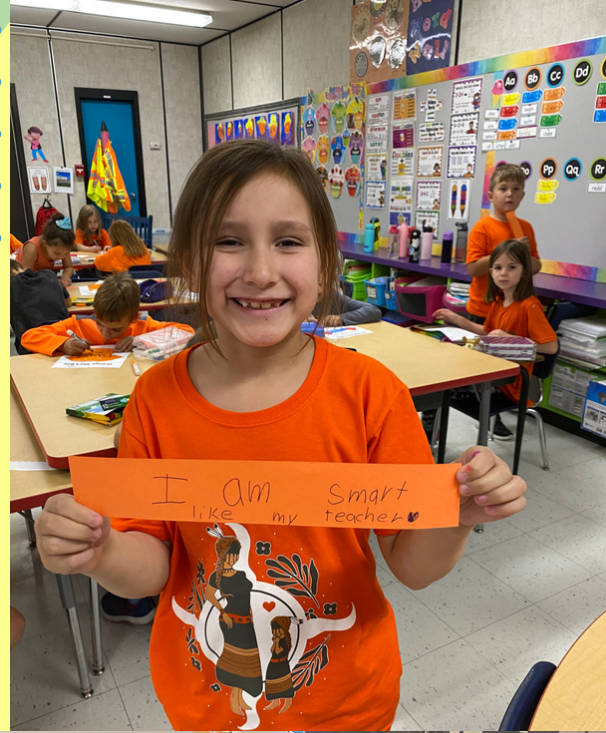
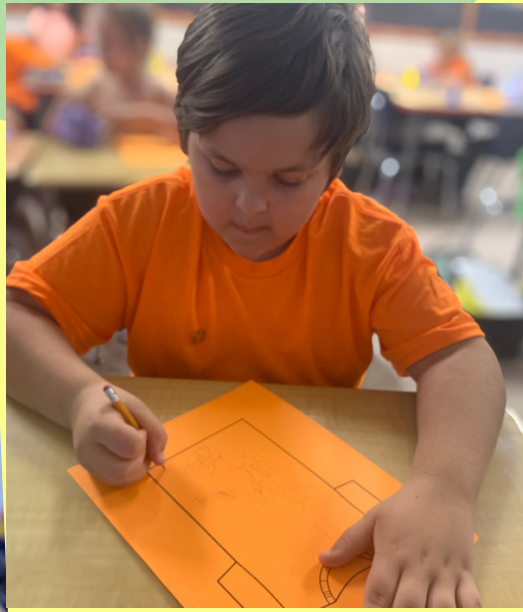
Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY AT MILLGROVE







Smile! Picture Day is Coming

Picture Day for our Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten classes and Grade 2s will be on **Tuesday, October 4.**

Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten classes and Grades 1,3 and 4 will be on **Wednesday, October 5.**

All picture orders will be placed online! Please watch for more information to come home with your child. Free shipping to our school is time sensitive so please read the information carefully for deadline dates and keep your code handy!

Parent-Teacher Interviews NOW OPEN! October 5 & 6

[BOOK HERE!](#)



Office News

School Fees

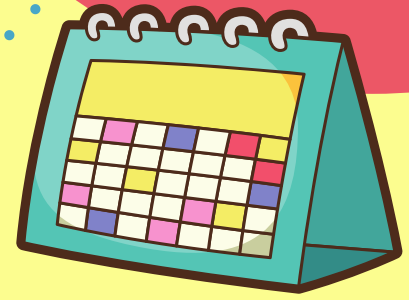
Fee notices were emailed out the first week of September. If you did not receive an email, please check your SPAM folder.

Fees can be paid online through the Parent Portal or in our office school office.

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. Regan at 780-962-6122 ext. 0 or email her at toresa.regan@psd.ca.

Calendar of Events



- Tuesday, Oct 4** Picture Day - Tue/Thur Kindergarten & Grade 2s
- Wednesday, Oct 5** Parent-Teacher Interviews
Picture Day - Mon/Wed Kindergarten & Grades 1, 3, 4
- Thursday, Oct 6** Parent-Teacher Interviews
Running Club - Ecole Meridian Heights School
- Friday, Oct 7** PD DAY - no school
- Monday, Oct 10** Thanksgiving Day - no school
- Wednesday, Oct 12** Millgrove Foundation Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Oct 13** Running Club - Blueberry School
- Friday, Oct 14** Gr 4s Horizon Stage - Going Wild with Brian Keating
- Thursday, Oct 20** Running Club - High Park School
- Friday, Oct 21** Dress Like A Teacher Day
- Monday, Oct 31** Halloween - details to follow

Running Club

Millgrove's running club is very popular with all our students. We had over 100 runners going to events and many, many more attending the twice-weekly practices!

We have had runners place in the top 10 for every event so far. We have two more races this year and we wish all the best for all participants! GO MILLGROVE!!



3 RACES LEFT! We're so proud of our team!

October 6

October 13

October 20

Ecole Meridian Heights School

Blueberry School

High Park School

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

Numeracy News



As I have been getting to know the children and classes during September I am working with teachers to find the best ways to increase Numeracy skills. We will be doing some pull out groups and I will be working within some classrooms.

Numeracy Tips For Home

Play board games and card games. Actual board games where children are moving game pieces and counting as they move the pieces is important. The physical movement as they count is important. Children may start seeing patterns and add on by twos, threes, or more along with counting by ones. Snakes and Ladders, Checkers, Sorry, or many other games will help children with many Math skills.

Card games such as Fish to get children started with identifying numbers and matching the number symbol to the number of shapes on the cards. War, Crazy Eights, Uno, Memory, Crib and many more. All games make it fun and can help build a variety of Math skills. A weekly game night where your child helps choose the games to play helps your child look forward to those nights.

Mrs. G. Wright



Literacy Tips

Parent teacher interviews are just around the corner and your child's teacher may mention Phonological Awareness. Our staff has participated in many researched based in-services last year on this topic and Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall has purchased several resources to assist teachers in developing Phonological Awareness in our students. The umbrella shows the components of Phonological Awareness.

REMEMBER THE FOCUS IS ON THE SOUNDS, NOT SPELLING PATTERNS. Phonological awareness is oral, phonics is visual. What is Phonological awareness? It is the ability to recognize and manipulate the spoken parts of sentences and words. Why is it so important? A student's level of phonological awareness at the end of kindergarten is one of the strongest predictors of future reading success in grade one and beyond. (Adams et al. 2008)

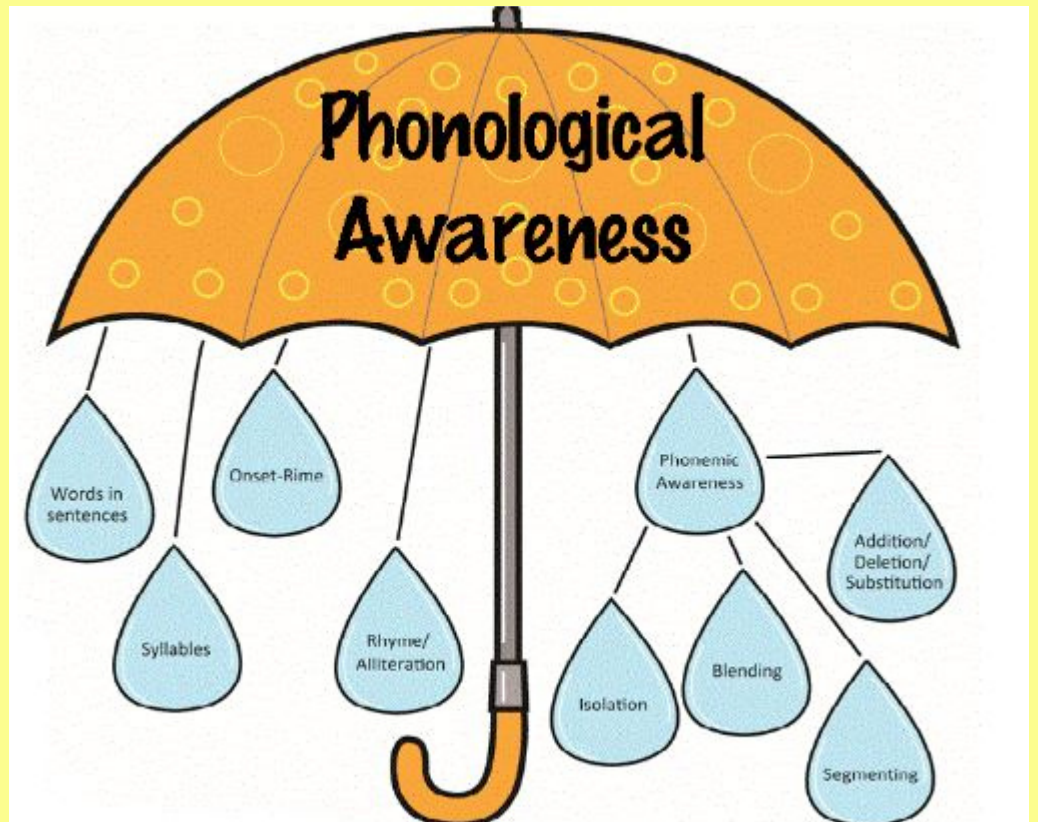
The Phonological awareness umbrella has a section called 'Phonemic Awareness', you can see, 'Phonemic Awareness' has many components to it. Here are some terms you will want to be familiar with:

Phoneme: the smallest unit of sound represented by a letter or letters.

Grapheme: the letter or letters that represent a phoneme.

Phonemic awareness: the ability to identify, hear and manipulate the smallest sounds heard in spoken language, (phonemes.)

Mrs. L. Steigel



Strong Families: Nourishing Your ADHD Child's Full Potential

Parkland School Division is proud to partner with the Alberta Parenting For The Future Association to present another FREE information session for local families.

This upcoming Strong Families session is a half-day workshop that allows parents and caregivers of people with ADHD to explore ways of growing the potential of those with ADHD. We will explore strategies for areas of difficulty, including executive functioning, impulsivity, social skills, learning difficulties, self-regulation, emotion regulation and more. Participants are encouraged to prepare for the workshop by noting areas of potential that they see in their child along with obstacles that prevent potential from shining through.

Doors open at 9am and [Therapyware](#) will have a table set up with items for purchase.

Childcare will be provided.

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Location: Family Connection Centre @ 5600 - 50 Street in Stony Plain

Presenter: Chantal Jackson (Registered Psychologist) from [Elements Health](#)

Please register early to reserve your spot by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/nourishing-your-adhd-childs-full-potential-tickets-396119593367?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

For more information, please contact:

Vicky Mamczasz

Family Supports Facilitator

Email: vicky.mamczasz@psd.ca



Library News



Book Fair Extravaganza!!!

We are so excited to announce that we will be hosting a Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Interviews!

We will be open **Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6, from 4:00-7:30 pm.**

We want you to shop till you drop!! A huge portion of the proceeds goes right back to the school to support the library and classrooms. There will be new and upcoming books, journals, erasers, pencils, and of course posters. Flyers will be coming home next week and students will have an opportunity to fill out a wish list with their teachers the week following the interviews.

We are also hosting our Book Fair ONLINE if you are not able to come in.

Thank you for all your support!

Mrs. P. Pirie



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are so happy to have had some new faces join us at our parent meeting last week. It was great to have in person meetings again, be in the school and have an open table discussion. We were introduced to our wonderful new librarian and given insight on some of the fun things happening for your children in the library. We also had reports from a school board trustee and our lovely principal and vice principal so it's safe to say we are excited for things to come this year.

We re-elected to the parent board the following positions:

Anna-Marie Jackson- Chair
Lorrie Marler - Vice Chair
Amanda Doucette- Secretary

Upcoming proposed meeting dates for the year are as follows:

November 9, 2022
January 18, 2023
March 8, 2023
May 10, 2023
June 7, 2023

The meetings will take place in the library at 6:30pm and typically run for around 1 hr. We are hoping to have some guests speak at the meetings in the future but will send information out with our reminder meeting.

We'd love to see you at our next meeting!

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

MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We recently held our AGM and voted in a great group of people for the upcoming school year. I would like to welcome new faces: Sharri Van Buul, Kristine Giurissevich and Kyla Ferris to the Foundation. As well, welcome back to Jackie Christensen, Joella Anderson, Jamie Stewart-Normand and myself Allison Chuey

We are still looking for a Hot Lunch Coordinator!

It requires about 2-4 hours of work a month. Our past coordinator has everything ready to go for the year so the job would entail emailing vendors weekly, making sure volunteers are booked, answering parent emails and attending our monthly meetings. Please email the foundation if you are interested or have any questions.

The Hot Lunch and Milk Program is up and running. The next round of ordering is October 19-26, 2022. If you are paying with cash/cheque please deposit it in the lockbox located in the main office. Please remember that orders and payments are due by 4:30 pm on October 26th, no late orders will be accepted. Also, if anyone still has the green milk tickets leftover we are still accepting them.

Fundraising information will be coming out at the beginning of November. More details to follow.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm**. It will be in the Millgrove school library.

We will be discussing upcoming fundraisers and are always looking for new ideas. We hope to see you there!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation President