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THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

It has been another wonderful month at Millgrove with many learning opportunities for our students. How lovely to have such beautiful weather, which has allowed students to enjoy extra physical education classes outside and walks through the Participark. As the weather changes, please remember that students will play outside unless the temperature drops below -23 degrees celsius, so be sure to have your children dress warmly.

Our parent-teacher interviews were well attended, and it was a pleasure to have families in our building meeting with staff. Thank you for supporting our book fair, we brought in a grand total of \$5,000 to spend on new materials for our library. Thank you to Mrs. Pirie and the volunteers for all of your hard work.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- Retake Day Nov 2
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 10
 - Millgrove School Foundation Fundraiser
 - Fall Break Nov 11-18
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Our Remembrance Day service is in the planning stages, and students will take part in an assembly on November 10 at 10:30 am, and all are welcome. We encourage any adults who are members of the Canadian military or reserves, RCMP, EMS and/or Fire department to attend and any students in youth organizations (Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Girl Guides, Jr. Forest Wardens, Air Cadets etc) are also invited to wear their uniform to school as part of our assembly Honour guard.

Fall Break is scheduled for November 11 to November 18, with students returning to school on November 21. On behalf of the Millgrove staff, I wish each of you an enjoyable and relaxing Fall Break.

Respectfully,
L. Madge-Arkininstall



Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day ceremony will be held in the gym on **Thursday, November 10 at 10:30 am.**

Thank you, we look forward to sharing our service with you in honour of the men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace.





Retake Day Wednesday, November 3

Picture retake day will take place in the morning on November 3 in the gymnasium.

Please let your homeroom teacher know by email or Seesaw if you would like a retake picture done for your child.

We would ask parents of Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students to please bring their child in that day for a retake picture.

All picture orders will be placed online and is another chance to order the memory books.

Pets During School Hours

As much as we all enjoy pets we would ask that you keep your dog at home or away from the playground and general school population during school hours. For the safety of our students and your pet, distance is key. Our pet parade in June is the perfect time to showcase all of the beautiful animals.



Office News

Cold and Flu Season!

We have many students out of school with a wide variety of cold and flu symptoms.

Thank you for keeping your child home when they are not well.

As a reminder please call or email in your child's absence.

Thank you for your continued support!



Calendar of Events

Wed, Nov 2	Picture Retake Day
Fri, Nov 4	Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)
Wed, Nov 9	Millgrove School Council and Foundation Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Thurs, Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony Dress Your Best Day Hot Lunch - KFC (Prepaid)
Fri, Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Mon, Nov 14-18	Fall Break
Fri, Nov 25	Hot Lunch - Quesada (Prepaid)
Thus, Dec 1	Report Cards on the Parent Portal
Fri, Dec 2	Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)



Numeracy Tips

One of the activities we do at school to increase Numeracy skills is count collections of objects. Counting and organizing the objects children count helps with one to one matching when counting, saying numbers in order, identifying how many objects are in a group, place value, addition, subtraction, fractions, multiplication and division. Objects in your home that your child can count could be toys, hockey cards, Pokemon cards, Lego, rocks, craft supplies, etc.

When your child is counting encourage them to count and move the objects as they say the numbers, put the objects in organized groups to improve accuracy, ask how many they have, how many groups they have, how many are in each group, tell how many they have by skip counting (by twos, fives, tens, etc.) and touching or moving the correct amount as they count. To extend the counting further ask how they could record (write) the way they counted. Can they show it another way? How many more would you need to get to a specific number (e.g. I have 87, how many more do I need to get to 100?).

Have fun counting your collections!

Mrs. G. Wright



Literacy Tips

Parkland School Division has a focus on writing this year. As a school, we will be writing an HLAT (Highest Level of Achievement Test) in the next two weeks. Students are provided with a prompt they need to use to create a narrative writing piece. At the end of February, we will be writing another one with the prompt provided by Parkland School Division. All schools in the division will be using this prompt for their writing. Teachers will all have exemplars to assist them with their marking. If your child has accommodations for writing in their class, these accommodations will be used during the writing of the HLAT. The following link has tips for working with your child at home to develop their writing skills.

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/improve-kids-writing-skills/>



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our upcoming parent council meeting on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30pm in the library.

As always, we welcome any new faces to join us. We will be hosting a joint meeting with the Millgrove School Community Foundation board for this meeting. If you have ever been curious about anything happening in the school or in the division, this is a perfect time to attend. We will have a school trustee there as well as our lovely principal and vice principal. Your voice matters!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks!

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MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Our first fundraiser of the year has come out and it's a big one! We have partnered with 5 different suppliers: Little Caesars, Happy Hippo, Fundscrip (gift cards), Calahoo Meats & Choco-licious. It will be running from October 26 to November 22, 2022. The pick up will be December 9 with the times to be announced closer to the date.

The next round of ordering for the Hot Lunch and Milk Program is November 16-23, 2022. If you are paying with cash/cheque please deposit in the lock box that has been installed in the main office. Please remember that no late orders will be accepted.

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 9 at 6:30pm in the Millgrove School Library. It will be combined with the Millgrove School Council meeting. I hope to see you there!

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