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THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

As we move into the holiday season we will continue to create an environment for your children that is joyful, positive and engaging. Our tree will be set up in the library, our lights will shine brightly in the hallway and we will play cheerful holiday music some mornings as the children arrive.

Our Remembrance Day service was lovely. The gym was beautifully decorated with student artwork, the grade four M.C. 's did an excellent job leading the assembly, and our Honor Guard led the way. It reflected the supportive and respectful environment here at Millgrove.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- Report Cards
 - Winter Concert
 - Winter Break Dec 26-Jan 6
 - First Day back Jan 9
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Millgrove has participated in the Kinette Hamper Campaign for years and we will continue to do so. A note outlining the campaign was emailed to parents, see the Kinette website for more information.

We are so excited to have our in-person concerts! Students have been working hard as Mrs. Davies and her team prepare them for this very special event. Kindergarten and Grade 1 concerts will be here at the school on December 20 and 21, and the Grades 2-4 concerts will be at the Horizon Stage on the evenings of December 13, 14, and 15. A letter outlining the details was sent home with your child.

A reminder that the Winter break is from December 24-January 8. Our school continues to be an environment where children are engaged in meaningful learning experiences, and positive interactions with a focus on well-being.



Thank you to each of you for your continued support, trust, and thoughtfulness. May your holiday season be one of precious family time and joy!

Respectfully,
L. Madge-Arkininstall





Office News Report Cards

Report cards are NOW available on the Parent Portal, please log in to your [PowerSchool](#) account.

Once in Power School, you'll see the Report Card icon on the left menu.



If you require a password reset or any help whatsoever, please contact our office at millgrove@psd.ca or 780-962-6122 ext. 0.

Thank you!

Bus Cancellation Days

When buses are cancelled, please continue to report your child's absence as you normally would. Email our school at millgrove@psd.ca or call 780-962-6122 ext 1 to leave us a message.

Many families still drive their children to school on such days, and we can't assume bus students are all automatically home.

Safe arrival for students of this age is important to us and we appreciate your attendance messages.

Thank you for your continued support.



Calendar of Events

- Thur, Dec 1** Report Cards on the Parent Portal
- Fri, Dec 2** Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)
- Fri, Dec 9** Last Day for Hamper Donations
- Fri, Dec 9** Hot Lunch - Bite to Eat (Prepaid)
- Tue, Dec 13-15** Winter Concert - Grade 2-4, 6:30 pm
- Fri, Dec 16** Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen (Prepaid)
- Tue, Dec 20-21** Winter Concert - Kinder & Grade 1
- Thur, Dec 22-23** Carol Singing - Parents Welcomed!
- Fri, Dec 23** Festive Wear Day - wear your festive best!
- Fri, Dec 23** Hot Lunch - Jack's Drive-In (Prepaid)
- Mon, Dec 26 - Jan 6** **Winter Break**
- Mon, Jan 9** First Day Back to School after New Year
- Fri, Jan 13** Schoolwide PJ Day
- Fri, Jan 13** Hot Lunch - Subway (Prepaid)



Numeracy News

During this busy month before the winter holiday, incorporate Math into the activities you may be doing to get ready for the holidays. Have your child do some baking with you. When they are measuring ingredients in a measuring cup you can talk about how important it is to be accurate to the lines on the cup, talk about the fractions ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ of a cup), compare amounts ($\frac{1}{4}$ cup vs. 1 whole tablespoon or $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon, count with younger children, organize cookies on a tray in rows and columns to talk about multiplication or repeated addition (4 rows of $3 = 4 \times 3$), count how many cookies by 2s, 3s or 4s, and any other Math you can think of that comes with baking.

Another area you can work on is money, if your children are buying gifts or asking for gifts. For example, if your child has \$10 to buy a gift for their friend and they go to a dollar store, have them estimate how much they will spend as they are choosing items and how much money they can still spend. Have them pay in cash and figure out how much money they should get back as change. Children can go to a toy store or bookstore to choose items they would like to add to their list and see what they cost. Then have them add up the total of all the items. If they are not using cash but have a specified amount of money they can spend, they can subtract the amount, rounded to the nearest dollar or nearest ten cents, and subtract from the amount they started with as they choose items.

Math in the real world is a great way to engage children and show them how it is necessary everyday!

Mrs. G. Wright



Literacy Tips

With Christmas just around the corner I have a few Literacy gift ideas. I went on the internet and found LOTS! Below are a couple of the many ideas you may consider for Christmas gifts.

READING:

<https://thriveedservices.com/10-gifts-for-kids-that-encourage-reading/>

In this post:

1. Magazine Subscription
2. Activity Books
3. Kids Kindle
4. Fun Book Accessories
5. Literacy Games
6. Jokes Book or Calendar
7. Comic Books
8. Phonics Toys
9. Book Subscription
10. High Interest Books

WRITING:

On a personal note, I got my daughter her first Journal/ Diary when she was ten. Every Christmas after I gave her a new one. They got fancier as she got older. One Christmas I forgot (she was 25) and boy did I hear about it. I hate Boxing Day shopping, but I went that year! The tradition continues.

<https://lisatannerwriting.com/20-gifts-for-kids-inspire-writing/>

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. L Steigel



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all those who attended our last meeting. We always enjoy meeting new people.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30pm in the library. We will be fortunate enough to have a member of the RCMP attending to share with us some tips on internet safety for children. This is a topic that affects us all as parents in this digital world. It is valuable information and a great chance for you to ask any questions you may have in an informal and casual setting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. Hope to see you in the new year!
Thanks!

Anna-Marie Jackson
Millgrove School Council Chair
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MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We are blown away by the success of our winter fundraiser. We would like to thank all the families that supported the fundraising campaign this past month. We managed to raise \$6,923!!

The next round of hot lunch and milk sales will be December 14-21. This will be for January lunches and milk.

We will not be having a Foundation meeting in December as everyone is busy preparing for the holidays. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm at the school library. It will be combined with the Millgrove School Council meeting.

On behalf of the Millgrove Foundation I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

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