

APRIL 2023

THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

April is a lovely time of year as we experience warmer days, new growth, and new beginnings. It is also a time that we see continued growth in our students' progress. Routines are well established, curriculum expectations are clearly outlined and after spring break we observe renewed energy in the students and academic gains. Please continue to commit to excellent attendance and support with home reading and homework.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **Returning Registration is NOW DUE!**
- **Easter Break - Apr 7-10**
- **Earth Rangers Presentation - 1:30 whole school**
- **Volunteer Tea - Apr 19 RSVP on page 4**
- **PD Day - Apr 28 - no school for students**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students have participated in various extracurricular activities and field trips, and watching the students head out on an adventure has been delightful. Some highlights in March included swimming, grade four ski day, Aerials gymnastics, and Telus World of Science. Students also enjoyed a presentation by the Parkland Ukrainian Dancers and Kung Jaadee, a traditional Haida storyteller, singer, drummer, and author.

A huge congratulations to our archery team that participated in the provincials at the Expo Center during the Sportsman show on March 18 and did incredibly well. 146 students from grades 3-12 attended - the Elementary team came in first, and the Middle school team received second, only four points away from winning.

Our amazing choir had 44 students attend the Choral Celebration on Monday, March 20. How terrific to gather again and celebrate the gift of music.

Enjoy the warmer days and sunshine!

Respectfully,
L. Madge-Arkininstall





RSVP

NOW!

Office News

Memory Book Cover Contest Winners!

We are pleased to announce our cover contest winners. Congratulations to our first place winner, Aria Vandermeulen from 3S! Her artwork will be featured on the cover of our Millgrove memory book!

Our runner-up was Sam Phillips from 3B! Her artwork will be featured on the back cover.

We're very proud of our artists and thank everyone who submitted beautiful pieces.



Left to right: Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall - Principal, Aria Vandermeulen - Cover Winner, Samantha Phillips, Runner Up, Donna Miners - Assistant Principal

2023-2024 Returning Registration NOW DUE!

This is very important in helping us to plan for next year.

Visit <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/> and log into your parent account. Once inside the Parent Portal:

1. Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.
2. Select the **RSVP** icon on the left side of the screen.
3. Begin reviewing all of your current Student Information we have on file, and follow the instructions on the screen to navigate through the various tabs in the form (Student Info, Address, Contacts, Medical, etc.).

Please contact our office if you require any assistance.



THANKS FOR HELPING US BLOOM!

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

WED, APRIL 19

12:45-1:45 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR: TEA, COFFEE
AND COOKIES. ENJOY A SPECIAL
CHOIR PERFORMANCE!

KINDLY, [RSVP HERE!](#)



Edwin Parr Nominee

Congratulations to Ms. Shae Careless, one of our Grade 1 teachers. Ms. Careless is one of five PSD 1st year teachers nominated for the Edwin Parr Award. The Edwin Parr Teachers Awards are presented annually by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) to honour outstanding first-year teachers.

Ms. Careless has created a warm, welcoming environment where each child is recognized for their unique and special gifts. She often comments on how much she enjoys her students, appreciates their contribution, and has established remarkable relationships with them. She celebrates as they progress, meets each child exactly where they are at, and provides a rich learning environment.

Congratulations Ms. Careless, on your nomination!

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 the beautiful animals.



APRIL

Calendar of Events

April 3	World Autism Awareness Month
April 3-11	Swimming 1L&1C
April 5	Millgrove Choir Workshop at Greystone 8:45 am-12:15pm
April 6	Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)
April 7-10	Easter Weekend - no school on Friday and Monday
April 12	Zoo Field Trip - Grade 2A and 2V Millgrove Foundation Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm
April 13	Zoo Field Trip - Grade 2W, 2P and 2H
April 13	Earth Rangers Presentation 1:30 - 3pm - whole school
April 14	Hot Lunch - KFC (prepaid)
April 17-21	National Volunteer Week Swimming 1M & 1CA
April 19	Volunteer Tea 12:45-1:45 pm
April 21	Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza (prepaid) Earth Day - bring a garbage-free lunch
April 25-27	Visual Arts Celebration
April 27	Hot Lunch - DQ (prepaid)
April 28	Staff Planning & Development Day - No School for students
May 1	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
May 3	Hats on for Mental Health Day
May 5	Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)

MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Millgrove Families!

Hope you all had a wonderful Spring break!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm in the library. We hope to see you there! We won't be joining our School Foundation meeting on April 12, as we normally do, because of our special resolution meeting on April 5.

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

Thank you!

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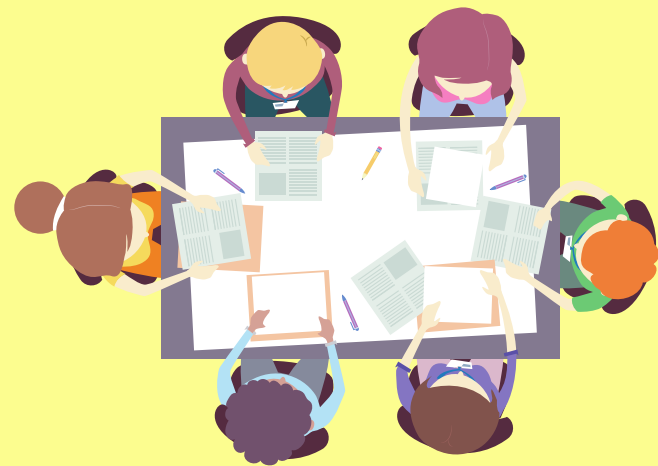
MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Hello Millgrove Families!

I hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather! The next round of hot lunch and milk sales will be April 19-26 for May. Please ensure all orders & payments are completed by 4:30 pm on the last order day. We will be having our Spellathon in April. The forms will be coming home the 1st week of April. Money and forms are due April 25th, and the spelling tests will be done the week of May 1st. Each child that raises money will receive a prize as well as the top class from each grade will receive a class prize.

Our next meeting will be April 12 , 2023 @ 6:30 pm in the school library. I would love to see more people come out to talk about where our fundraising money goes!!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation President



Literacy Tips

Millgrove Writing Journey

Have you heard of Brain pockets, double and triple-scoop words, walking stories, chunk to chunk or sneaky sounds? These and many more are some examples of catchy ways to help our students remember writing strategies. Millgrove School, alongside Parkland School Division, has started a writing journey as one of our literacy components supporting the new curriculum. Our teachers have been learning from experts such as Adrienne Gear, [Jennifer Serravallo](#) and Lucy Calkins, to name a few.

Children need to be taught and develop writing, an essential skill that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Writing helps children connect to the world around them and build meaning. Writing can take children to new places and give them an opportunity to expose their imagination. Writing can develop good study habits that will help them remember important information. Millgrove is working on introducing and practicing these skills with engaging writing activities. Our ultimate goal is to increase writing joy and give our students the tools to enable them to be confident writers.

Every day your child walks through their classroom door they are exposed to beautiful pieces of reading and writing. Students have the opportunity to read, listen and write. Exposing students to well-crafted literature is one of the best ways to increase student writing skills. Parents can do the same at home with daily reading and perhaps even keeping a journal at home where students can respond to books read, which is not only helping with comprehension but a great way to improve writing skills. Here is an article by [Reading Rockets](#) that can help support your child at home with some writing ideas. We are excited about our writing journeys in and out of the classroom!

Mrs. Lindsay Graham & Mrs. Leslie Steigel



Numeracy Tips



Learning Addition and Subtraction Facts

Addition and subtraction facts to 18 (e.g. $0+1$ through $9+9$) are an important part of Mathematics. When we teach these facts they are not taught all at once to be memorized. If we had children memorize them randomly they would go into their short-term memory and out again. Children need to be able to visualize amounts in an organized way to learn and remember the facts. We use ten-frames to help children see amounts in an organized way so they can use strategies for addition and subtraction. Counting becomes a difficult habit to break if that is the only strategy they have.

We teach the facts in groups by type. We start with addition of 1 and 0 to build confidence and because children can visualize adding one more. Then we go to adding 10 because they can see 10 on a ten-frame and another number with it (e.g. $10+6=16$). This is also the beginning of place value and helps to prevent them from counting to add. Then we go to adding 9 (e.g. $9+6=15$) because it can be related to adding 10 (9 is one less than 10 so the sum is one less). Similarly we go to adding 8. We use ten frames and/or objects so the relationship between the numbers is visual. Then we go to adding 5 because 5 spaces filled on one side of the ten frame can be seen clearly and become a 10 when adding numbers above 5 (e.g. $5+7=12$ can be seen as $5+5+2=12$). We continue with adding 2 and 3. The “Friendly Facts” (the ones that make 10, e.g. $2+8$, $3+7$, etc) are another type we work on. By the time they have learned these facts there are only a few doubles left to learn. When we work on facts we have the children find the type they are working on and the ones they know on a page with a variety of types. This way they recognize the type of equation they are working on and know how to solve it when it is mixed in with others.

Children often think there are an infinite number of addition facts to learn. There are actually only 81 and many of them are the inverse of each other (e.g. $4+6$, $6+4$). There are many sites with pictures of ten frames and games to play to practice the facts by type or strategy.

Teaching addition and subtraction facts at the same time is a good idea. For the sake of not being too wordy I will address subtraction facts in the May newsletter.

One game to play to practice the “Friendly Facts” is Fish for Ten. Play the game following the traditional rules. The only thing that is different is that you don’t ask for the matching number from the other players, you ask for the number that makes 10 (e.g. If you have a 3 in your hand you ask for a 7 because $3+7=10$). The ace is the number 1 and you remove the face cards.

Have fun!

Mrs. G. Wright

RunWild - Spruce Grove

Leading Edge Physiotherapy RunWild is a challenging, competitive, and fun event with races designed for every level of runner and walker.

RunWild is excited to return for our 12th year of racing on the May 6-7, 2023 weekend. May 7th events include the 5km, 10km, Half Marathon and WildOnes Kids MaraFun all in St. Albert. Don't forget to check out the Race Village, which includes a kids' fun zone, live entertainment, food and beverages and much more.

We had so much fun bringing our WildOnes MaraFun to Sherwood Park and Spruce Grove last year that we will be coming back to those satellite sites for a second year! Our Sherwood Park and Spruce Grove WildOnes MaraFuns will be taking place on May 6, 2023. , or they can join us in St. Albert on Sunday May 7, 2023. Check out the Gateway Pediatric Dentistry WildOnes Kids MaraFun page or runwild.ca for more details!

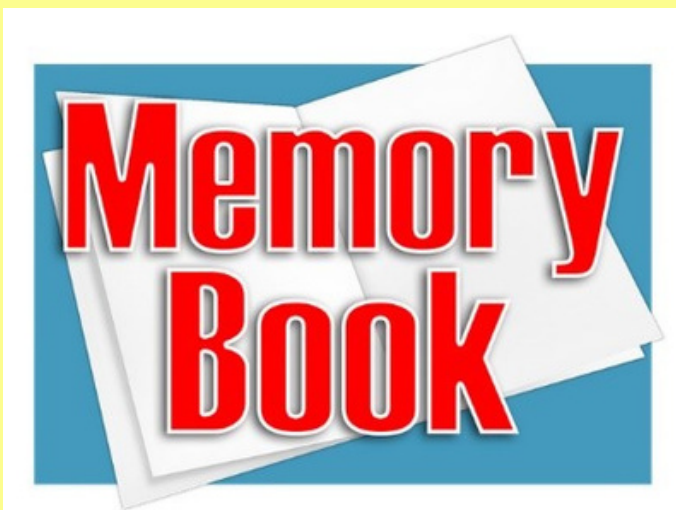




Millgrove is again offering parents the opportunity to pre-purchase school supplies for fall through Write-On Stationery. This **online service** is not mandatory, but it promises to save you time, and as an added benefit, a portion of your purchase will be returned to the school as a fundraiser.

New!! Due to our portable renovations this year, we'll start this earlier and have supplies available for pickup at the school in June before we close for the summer. We cannot hold supplies until August, so if you place an order, please plan to pick them up before the summer break.

Please watch for an email coming soon with details on how to order.



Millgrove School 2022-23 Memory Book
can now be pre-ordered online
at www.smartphotography.ca
\$12.50 plus tax

Memory Book Online Code:
MIL_2022-23

The deadline to order is June 1st, 2023.
Memory Books will be shipped to home in late
June.