

MAY 2023

THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

Welcome May!

There is much excitement at this time of year when classrooms engage in field trips and extra-curricular outings. Excellent learning opportunities such as an author visit, Alberta Opera presentation in the gym, trips to the zoo, botanical gardens, Horizon Stage, the Art Gallery, Royal Alberta Museum, and Muttart Conservatory have been planned, and students look forward to these adventures. We even have a physical education activity scheduled for May 25 as Fitset Ninja sets up an obstacle course for our school.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **Returning Registration is PAST DUE!**
- **May long weekend 19-22th (No school)**
- **Horizon Stage presents Sponge Bob the Musical: 10 & 11th**
- **Grade 4's Visit Greystone: 16th**
- **Rainbow day - 26th**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students continue to make gains in all academic areas, and our literacy and numeracy targeted intervention is in full swing. Mrs. Colleen Schmaus has become our literacy and numeracy small group intervention teacher and works daily with students requiring extra learning opportunities. Welcome, Ms. Mandy Rowse, who has taken over in the grade 3 classroom, and it has been a smooth transition. Mrs. Stegiel and Mrs. Graham continue to support students in literacy in small group settings, and Mrs. Gail Wright is focusing on numeracy. We are pleased to be able to offer this wonderful support to many students in our school as all staff works together to provide the best possible programming for our students.

As you can see, our modular construction is well underway, and the back park will be moved to accommodate the new modular classrooms. The front park will also be moved as this is stage one of our improvement to our parking. Thank you for your support and patience as we progress through the changes. I am grateful to the staff and parent community that support one another so well in our Educational journey.

Respectfully,

Linda Madge-Arkininstall



Office News



We are excited to announce that we will be having a school pep rally on Friday, May 5th. All grades will gather in the gym around 2:45 to spread some cheer and recognize all the amazing groups and clubs that have taken place this year.

We encourage all students and staff to please **wear Millgrove's colours: red and navy blue** on Friday, May 5th!



Greystone Info

It is that time of year when we start to think about the transition between Grades 4 and 5, as students move between Millgrove and Greystone schools.

Our future Greystone Grade Five students and their families are welcome to come and join us for our annual "Inferno Night" on Thursday, May 4, 2023 (6:00-7:00 pm). We will begin with everyone in the gymnasium at 6:00 pm, followed by some activities for the students and a presentation for families. Everyone will then have the opportunity for a quick look around the school, and we will finish around 7:00 pm.

On the morning of May 16, the Millgrove Grade 4 students will have the opportunity to come out for a few hours and spend some time with us at Greystone.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new students!



**Thanks for
going the
extra mile!**



**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 1, 2023**

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.



Calendar of Events

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- May 1 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 3 Hats on for Mental Health
1:30-3:30pm: Jack and the Beanstalk - Alberta Opera
- May 4 Star Wars Day – 4T
9-2:30pm: All Grade 2- Devonian Gardens
- May 5 Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)
9:15 – 10:15am: Weyburn Band Concert
10am – 12pm: Dental Presentation – Gr.1
2:45 – 3:30pm: School Pep Rally - Gym
- May 8 Christy Jordan-Fenton's Presentation - Library
- May 10 9:30 – 10:30am: Horizon Sponge Bob - M/W: K, Gr 1, Gr 2
6:30 – 7:30PM: Millgrove School Council and Foundation Meeting
- May 11 9:30 – 10:30am: Horizon Sponge Bob - T/TH: K, Gr 3, Gr 4
- May 12 Hot Lunch - Subway (Prepaid)
- May 16 Grade 4's Visit Greystone
- May 17 Kinder Muttart Conservatory KMM, KFM - AM; KJM – PM
- May 18 Hot Lunch - BPs (Prepaid)
1:30 - 3:30pm: Jack and the Beanstalk - Alberta Opera
- May 19/22 PD Day – No School & Victoria Day
- May 24 Royal Alberta Museum: 3B & 3S
- May 25 Fitset Ninja Obstacle Course (Day 1/2)
9am - 12pm: Grade 4 Track Morning at SGCHS
- May 26 Hot Lunch – Bite to Eat (Prepaid)
Fitset Ninja Obstacle Course (Day 2/2)
Rainbow Day
- May 29-
2 June 1:30 - 2:24pm Swim Class - 3B & 3S
- May 30 9:00am - 12:00pm - Kindergarten Muttart Conservatory
- May 31 Royal Alberta Museum - 3C & 3GH

MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

I just wanted to say thank you to the amazing staff at Millgrove for putting on a wonderful Volunteer tea this week. From the beautiful flowers and spring themed tablescapes, to the talented choir, it was truly a lovely event. While Millgrove is lucky to have parent volunteers, we are also very lucky to have such an amazing school staff.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 10th at 630pm** in the library. We hope to see you there!

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
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MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Millgrove School Community Foundation News

We would like to thank everyone that supported the Spell-a-Thon fundraiser. We raised an impressive amount.....**\$16,426.85!!** Way to go Millgrove Families!! We are all blown away by the support. The top classes will be announced later in the week.

Also, a huge thank you to the 20 volunteers that helped out with our 2-day casino event at Century Casino. It would not have been able to run without all of you giving up your days and nights. We will know our total money made in July/August, but we expect it to be between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

Our last round of Hot Lunch & Milk sales will run **May 17-24** for the June menu. Please ensure all orders & payments are completed by 4:30 pm of the last order day.

Our next meeting will be May 10, 2023, @ 6:30 pm in the school library. This meeting will be in combination with Millgrove School Council. I would love to see more people come out to discuss where our fundraising money goes!!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation President



Literacy Tips

Millgrove Writing Journey

Here is some interesting information that explains the foundation for building strong reading skills. Ultimately, the goal of the reader is to read words and comprehend what they are reading.

Reading-related activities in your home are key to early literacy development. These might be:

- **Joint reading** entails children and their parents or caregivers taking turns reading parts of the book. The children are asked to describe what they're thinking as they read. Try reading some nursery rhymes together

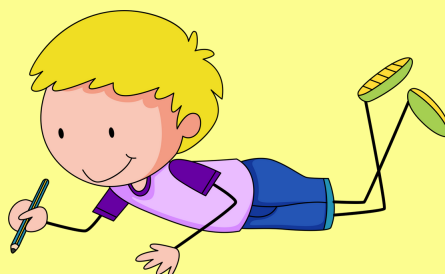
NURSERY RHYMES

- **Drawing** not only helps develop a child's motor skills but also encourages creative thinking and lays the foundation for early writing. It also helps children gain cognitive understanding of complex concepts and builds their attention span.
- **Singing** makes it easier for children to identify small sounds in words and build their vocabulary. A song's rhyme structure teaches similarities between words, and singing helps develop a child's listening skills.
- **Storytelling** sparks a child's imagination in addition to teaching sounds, words, and grammar. Children learn to focus and concentrate while also picking up social and communication skills.
- **Game playing** presents an opportunity for children to learn language and reading skills while engaged in favorite activities, such as using props and objects to act out scenarios, role-playing, and imagining new experiences.
- **Rhyming** is both enjoyable and memorable for young children while also teaching phonemic awareness and fluency in reading and speaking. In addition to helping children learn the fundamental patterns in language, rhyming helps build their confidence and instills in them a joy of reading.

Source :<https://online.maryville.edu/blog/literacy-development-in-children/>

Finally, do you as parents/guardians have any questions about literacy that we could help you with and give some tools to avoid the "summer slide" please email : lindsay.graham@psd.ca

Mrs. Lindsay Graham



Numeracy Tips



Our April Professional Development Day had a Numeracy focus. Kelli Holden, our division Numeracy lead presented a great session on targeting our instruction to specific needs. The staff followed this up with grade group meetings to continue the discussion and planning.

Subtraction Facts

Last month I addressed addition facts and will now give some information about subtraction facts. One important thing we can do with subtraction is spend just as much time working on it as addition. Once again children need to know there are a specific number of subtraction facts to learn. They do not go on infinitely.

With subtraction facts, as it is with addition, giving a visual like ten frames helps children make connections and think about what the numbers mean. Starting with subtraction of 10 facts (e.g. $14-4=10$ or $14-10=4$) where they visually see a whole ten frame being subtracted helps them with other facts. Subtracting 9 is where we go next using the visual (ten frame) to see how subtracting 9 relates to subtraction of 10 (if you take one less away the difference will be one more or subtract 10 and add 1 back). Subtracting 8 is a similar strategy once they know how to subtract 10 and 9. The next step is subtraction of 5 and using the visual (ten frame) for how they know 10. Then we work on the “friendly numbers” (the ones that make 10, 2 and 8, 3 and 7, etc.). The doubles above $5+5$ can also be related to 10. If they can visualize 10 as 5 and 5 then they can see $6+6$ as 10 and 2. Similarly with $7+7$ (10 and 4).

Understanding that subtraction is a comparison of numbers not just taking away is important. We are often finding the difference between the numbers with subtraction.

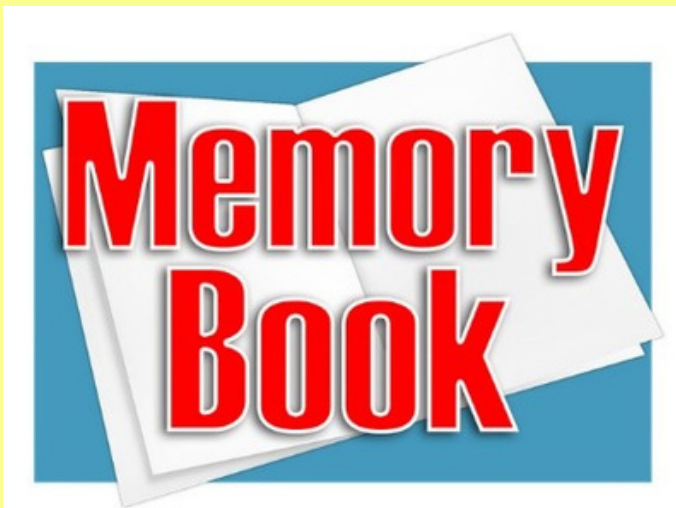
One way to practice is to take a specific number of objects, tell the child how many there are in total, cover some and ask them how many are hidden. E.g. Start with 12 pieces of Lego, cover or hide 8, ask how many are missing. Activities where children are seeing the whole and finding the parts is very helpful for subtraction.

Mrs. G. Wright



Hats on for Mental Health Day

Hats On for Mental Health is a day Albertans wear their hats to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Mental Health is invisible and an unhealthy mental health can go unnoticed. It is important for all people, of all ages, to be aware of what mental health means and how to take care of this aspect of our lives. It is also important to understand so that we can be aware of the fact that just because we don't see an illness does not mean it is not present.



Millgrove School 2022-23 Memory Book

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June.