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# THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

*The official newsletter of Millgrove School*



June



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall

As I write my last principal message not only for the year but also as I leave Millgrove, I am sharing a note of gratitude. Gratitude for the tremendous support from each one of you as you shared concerns and celebrations, trusted me to make decisions, and supported the work at our school. Gratitude as we navigated through the many challenges during the year of covid with grace and kindness. Gratitude for a staff that is so incredibly skilled in every way. In their daily instruction, their willingness to learn and explore and to do what is best for kids. Gratitude for an office staff that I could laugh with, roll up our sleeves and work with and find joy in the little moments throughout the day. Gratitude for a School Council and School Foundation that always put kids first, had wonderful ideas and suggestions, and created an environment of true collaboration.

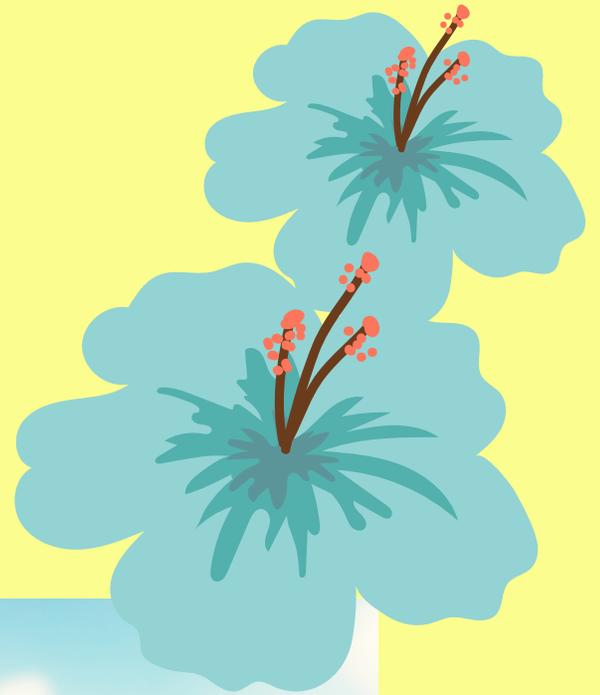
## HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **National Indigenous Peoples day Wednesday, June 21.**
- **Author Visit: Christy Jordan-Fenton - June 13**
- **Year End Kindergarten Celebration - 27th & 28th Gym**
- **Grade 4 Farewell @ Jubilee Park 27th**
- **Pet Parade & Students Last Day: 29th**
- **Pizza Day for ALL - June 21**
- **Pizza Day for T/Th K - June 22**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I have had the privilege of working as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Millgrove, which has allowed me to grow as an individual, teacher, and leader. I am grateful to take all of this learning with me into my new position as the Division Principal of Literacy. Each child holds a special place in my heart, and I have been fortunate to work with such a fine staff and community. Wishing you all a lovely summer as you spend time with your delightful children, they are gifts.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Madge-Arkininstall



## Office News



### Write-On Stationery

If you ordered before the June 1st deadline, your order will be delivered to the school between the 3rd or 4th week of June.

Write-On Stationery will still accept orders throughout the summer; however, there will be a \$10 delivery fee to your home.

We appreciate your support!

### Memory Book 22/23

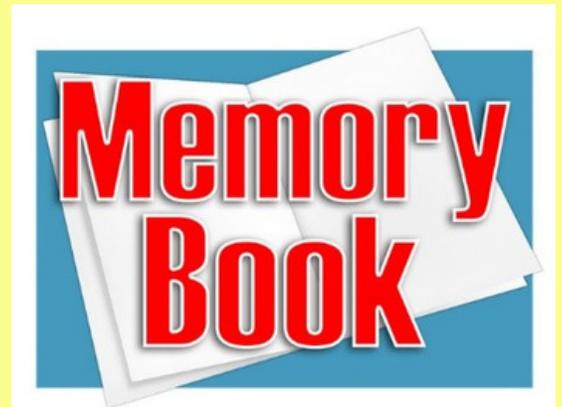
Millgrove's Memory Books will be shipped home in late June 2023

### Book Hero Day



Book Hero Day on June 16<sup>th</sup>

As this year comes to a close, we celebrate all of the reading we have done throughout the year – at home, at school, together, and on our own. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we ask that students dress as their favourite character from a book. This can be as simple or as extravagant as you would like to make it.



# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

We are excited to welcome talented author Christy Jordan-Fenton to our school on June 13. Christy is the author of *Fatty Legs*, *A Stranger At Home*, *When I was Eight and Not My Girl*.

We look forward to hearing her story and learning from her.

A planning committee has been put together to plan activities for Wednesday, June 21. Teachers will communicate through their classroom SeeSaw account the specific details of the day.

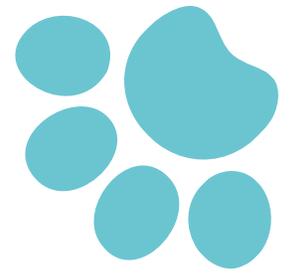


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# **PET PARADE & CARNIVAL!**

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

### **JUNE 29, 2023**



#### **Pet Parade**

We kick off the day with a **Pet Parade** from **9:15-10:00 am** in the field south of the school. Please take care in following a few simple rules of participation:

- pets and adult pet owners can assemble in the south field along the fence between 8:45-9:05 am
- students go to class as they normally would and join parents and pets after attendance
- NO PETS are allowed in the school
- have pets on a leash, harness, in a cage or in a bowl, especially if they have trouble making friends
- bring your own pooper scooper supplies as the Millgrove carnival will be held in the same area
- all pets must return home after the pet parade at 10:00 am while students return to their classrooms to prepare for the carnival activities

#### **Carnival**

The **carnival activities** will take place between **10:15 am - 12:30 pm**

Students will earn points as they participate in carnival activities. Once they earn enough points, they can be redeemed for 1 freezie and 1 bag of popcorn.

#### **Lunch**

Our Millgrove School Foundation is providing a FREE HOT DOG! Please supplement with other snacks to get students through the day.

**Please be sure to send your child with appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, hat and most importantly a water bottle.**

**The year-end assembly will be in the gym at approximately 1:45 pm.**

**Volunteers** make the day a huge success! Please let your classroom teacher know if you'd be available to help with the carnival activities. In addition, we would love help with the following: *(please let the office know if you're able to help)*

- 6 volunteers to help with the hot lunch assembly
- 2 volunteers to BBQ hot dogs
- 2 volunteers to manage the popcorn table during the carnival
- 2 volunteers to prepare hot dogs for the Kindergarten classrooms the day prior, on June 28
- 2-4 volunteers to make popcorn the day before on June 28th



# Calendar of Events



- June 1 & 2 1:30 - 2:25pm Swim Class - 3B & 3S
- June 2 Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (Prepaid)
- June 5 1:30 - 2:25pm Swim Class - 3C & 3H  
Winspear Sound School - 3B - Day 2/5
- June 6 1:30 - 2:25pm Swim Class - 3C & 3H  
Winspear Sound School - 3B - Day 2/5  
Bird House Building on the Tarmac- Gr. 4's
- June 7 1:30 - 2:25pm Swim Class - 3C & 3H  
Winspear Sound School - 3B - Day 3/5  
6:30 - 7:30PM: Millgrove School Council and Foundation Meeting
- June 8 Winspear Sound School - 3B - Day 4/5  
1:30 - 2:25pm Swim Class - 3C & 3H
- June 9 Winspear Sound School - 3B - Day 4/5  
1:30 - 2:25pm Swim Class - 3C & 3H  
Hot Lunch - Bite to Eat (Prepaid)
- June 13 Author Visit: Christy Jordan-Fenton
- June 14 & 15 9am - 1:15pm Devonian Gardens - All Kinder Classes
- June 15 12:30 - 2:30PM Spruce Grove Vision Care Trip - 4T
- June 16 Hot Lunch - KFC (Prepaid)  
Book Hero Day; Come dressed as your favourite book character
- June 19 Tie Dying - Grade 4's
- June 20 John Janzen Nature Center - 3B & 3S
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 21 PIZZA DAY - For Students
- June 22 Fort Edmonton - Grade 4's  
John Janzen Nature Center - 3C & 3H  
PIZZA DAY for T/TH (Kinders)
- June 23 Hot Lunch - Jacks (Prepaid)
- June 27 Farewell @ Jubilee Park - Grade 4's  
Year End Kindergarten Celebration (T/Th) - Gym
- June 28 Year End Kindergarten Celebration (M/W) - Gym
- June 29 Pet Parade & Students Last Day  
View Report Cards on Power School

# MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

It's hard to believe the end of the school year is coming so quickly!

Please join us for our final meeting of the year on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30pm in the Millgrove library. It's never too late to pop in and join us.

I wanted to take this time to send a special thank you to our wonderful principal Mrs. Madge! Our children were so lucky to have had you at the helm of our school all these years. You will be missed but we wish you all the best on your next adventures with PSD! It's not goodbye, it's see you soon!

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

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# MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We have had an amazing fundraising year and would like to thank everyone for their support. With the 3 fundraisers we did we surpassed our goal of \$20,000...we raised \$27,849!! This does not include the money we will get from our casino in August.

The winning classes of our Spellathon enjoyed a Dilly Bar party on May 16. Congratulations to the following classes:  
KFM & KFT 1L 2A 3B 4T

Our final foundation meeting is June 7 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

I would personally like to thank everyone for their support and patience over the last year. And a huge thank you to everyone on the Foundation, volunteers and staff; we could not do this without you!! Have a great summer!!

Allison Chuey  
Millgrove School Community Foundation President



# Literacy Tips

Millgrove Writing Journey

## Prevent the SUMMER SLIDE!

READING OVER THE SUMMER is crucial to student SUCCESS and HAPPINESS in the fall.

**Did you know?** Reading just 4-5 books during the summer can prevent a decline in a child's fall reading scores.<sup>1</sup>

Teachers spend an average of 4-6 weeks re-teaching material that students have lost during the summer.<sup>2</sup>

Students who participated in summer reading programs entered the following school year with a positive attitude about reading, were more confident in the classroom, read beyond what was required and perceived reading as important.<sup>3</sup>

"Knowledge is power."  
SIR FRANCIS BACON

### 5 Ideas and Tips for Summer Reading with Kids

1. Sign up for your local library's summer reading challenge.
2. Ask your librarian or teacher for a list of good books.
3. Start a book club with friends, neighbors or family.
4. Find a Little Free Library near you, or start one in your area. Visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).
5. Get a free Biblionasium account to see peer book reviews and reading challenges. Visit [biblionasium.com](http://biblionasium.com) to join!

<https://www.learningally.org/Blog/PostId/774/plan-battle-summer-slide-struggling-readers>  
Ron Fanzoid, Executive Director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Summer Learning  
<https://www.today.com/parents/prevent-summer-learning-loss-your-kids-wbns13388817>

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June is a pivotal month where we see much growth in our students' literacy skills. The BIG smiles from being able to read independently or the excitement of a well crafted story that we get to share. There's so much to celebrate as we wrap up some pretty exciting weeks of learning but we can't help but to think of the lazy summer days ahead.

Summer break is typically a time for kids to kick back, sleep in, play outside, and embrace the kind of freedom that only comes with being young and having zero responsibilities. However, all of this free time can lead to what is known as the **summer slide**; *To lose some of the achievement gains that students made during the previous school year.*

Fortunately, learning never has to stop! The best way for children to improve their learning is by reading. Children who read throughout the summer gain skills and develop a better understanding of language and the world around them. Please encourage your child to experience the joy of reading during the summer break. Try to prevent the slide and take the time daily to spend twenty or so minutes reading.

**Scholastic Canada** suggests the following ways to help your child avoid summer slide.

1. **Make reading important:** Be a role model for reading. Let your child see you reading throughout the day and use daily routines as reading opportunities. Cooking, reading TV listings, looking for information on-line, reading directions, or following a map all provide authentic reading experiences.
2. **Give your child the power of choice:** Having reading materials available is key to helping kids love to read, and the reading materials kids choose themselves are best. Help your child find texts that appeal to their interests, yet are age appropriate and "just right" in difficulty.
3. **Set aside time to read every day:** We know that the more kids read, the better they become at reading and the more they will enjoy reading. During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Make reading 'down-time'—an opportunity for family members to read together, either aloud or quietly to themselves. Keep track of progress by recording book titles, pages read, and minutes spent.
4. **Talk it up:** Talking about books during and after reading helps improve comprehension. Encourage kids to share their ideas and opinions by asking open-ended questions. Talk about what you read to let them know that reading is an important part of your life.
5. **Be part of a reading challenge:** Most local libraries have summer reading programs that help engage and motivate readers. Kids set a goal and track books they read. [Read Alberta](#) and [ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) have some great suggestions and links to local libraries that have some fun challenges. Our own amazing [Spruce Grove library](#) has a Summer Reading club starting July 1st. Also, have you had a chance to check out [Stony Plain's new library](#)? They have lots of summer programs and just like Spruce Grove, a plethora of books to entertain those of all ages.

Have a wonderful summer filled with books and imagination. I hope you are able to build a routine of reading during your summer adventures and help prevent the "summer slide"

Lindsay Graham



# Numeracy Tips



It has been another amazing year of learning and teaching Numeracy with children and adults! Please keep the excitement and joy of Mathematics going through the summer. Some ways to do that are to play board games (actual board games), do puzzles, play card games and do Sudoku. Here are some board games you may want to try: Checkers, Snakes and Ladders, Racko, Qwixx, Prime Club, Sorry, Yahtzee, Sequence Numbers, Clumsy Thief, Crib and Monopoly. There are many great games. These are just a few.

Often during the summer children are using and asking for money to buy treats etc. at the store. Go to the “old fashioned” cash so they are counting the money, adding it and making sure they get the correct change. Using cash makes it more real and tangible for children.

Current grade one, two and three children also have the opportunity to attend Numeracy summer school. If you are thinking about enrolling your child and are not sure please feel free to contact me and I can explain a little more about it. It will run for 9 days starting July 4, 2023 for \$350 per student. For more information, [see this link](#).

Have a wonderful summer! Thank you for sharing your children with me!

Mrs. G. Wright

