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THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Cameron

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of October! Staff and students have settled into daily routines and learning is well underway.

The interior of our construction project was completed with the link opened on October 18th. It was a very exciting day. We want to thank the PSD Facilities team members and the many contractors who saw this project from the beginning all the way through its final stages. Thank you to our students and staff who were patient through the many trips outside to the main building until the link was open.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- Retake Picture Day Nov 2
- Remembrance Day Service Nov 10
- Foundation Fundraiser
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Book Fair

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

We look forward to hosting families the evenings of Tuesday, November 7th and Wednesday, November 8th, from 4:00-7:30 pm for our Parent-Teacher Interviews. In addition to these two evenings, our Kindergarten teachers will also be available on Monday, November 6th. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child(ren)'s teachers and discuss progress, celebrations, and areas of growth. An email went out to families with the link to sign up on our school website. You can also book an interview by clicking [here](#) to access the school website. Mrs. Pirie, our school librarian, will be hosting a Book Fair that will also take place on these evenings in the library. Be sure to swing by and check out the many great books and items available.

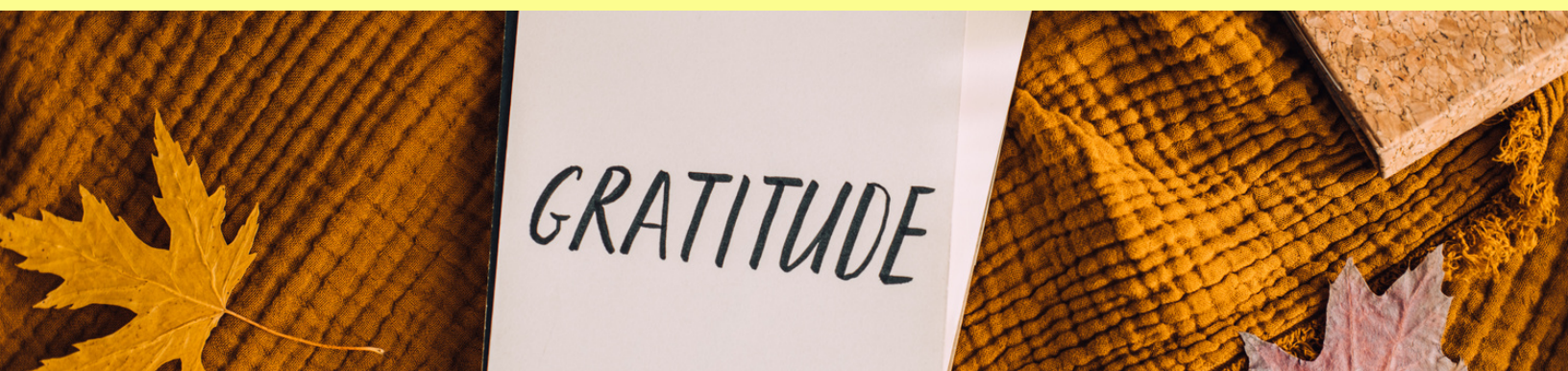
You should have received an email a few days ago with an opportunity to provide feedback and check-in on our progress at Millgrove School. Engaging with our community on behalf of the students we serve is an important part of our growth and learning. If you have not done so yet, I invite you to complete our brief "[Share a Thought](#)" survey.

In Parkland School Division, engaging our parent community is important to gain insight and input into a variety of topics. Our annual Fall Stakeholder Engagement Evening is approaching. This year, our event takes place on November 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. If you are available on this date and are interested in attending this event as a Millgrove School parent, please send me an email indicating your interest in the opportunity. Confirmed attendees will be provided with the final details closer to the date.

We are truly grateful for each and every one of our students and what they bring to our school community each day. Thank you for the support and encouragement that you, as parents provide. We appreciate your involvement in our school and your child's education.

Sincerely,

Lesley Cameron, Principal
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Book Fair is Coming!

Millgrove Library is hosting a book fair from November 6-10! Students will get a chance to browse the fair throughout the week and we will be open for parent teacher interviews on November 7th and November 8th from 4pm-7:30pm.

Please come out and support the school library!!

These events would not be possible without the help from our parent volunteers. If you are able to come and help out with the book fair please contact Mrs. Pirie in the library via email pamela.pirie@psd.ca

Thank you!



Let's Be Good Neighbors

Millgrove School is a bustling place, and we rely on everyone to be courteous and follow all the parking rules. Our neighbours are very patient with all the traffic and activity a school brings, so we ask parents to be respectful when parking in the neighbourhood. Please don't block driveways, alleys or crosswalks.

Thank you for understanding and supporting us in our effort to be good neighbors.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Millgrove School's upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on **November 6, 7 and 8, 2023**, with availability as outlined below:

- Kindergarten: November 6, 7 & 8 between 4 and 7:30pm.
- Grades 1-4: November 7 & 8 between 4 and 7:30pm

Book on our [Parent-Teacher Interviews page](#) now!

If you require assistance, please call our office.



Picture Retake Day - November 2

Picture retake day will take place between 9-11 am on Thursday, November 2nd in the gymnasium.



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

We kindly ask the parents of Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten students to bring their child in that day for a retake picture between 9-10 am.

Thank you!



Remembrance Day Ceremony

The Remembrance Day ceremony will be held in the gym on **Friday, November 10 at 10:45 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.

thank you

Literacy Tips

Literacy Tips - Comprehension

Our ultimate goal for students in their reading is that they comprehend what they read, which means that they understand and can interpret their reading. To be able to accurately comprehend text, children need to be able to (1) decode words; (2) make connections between what they read and what they already know; and (3) think deeply about what they have read.

Children will usually express their frustration with reading comprehension in a general way, with statements like “I hate reading!” or “This is stupid!”. But if they could, this is how children might describe how comprehension difficulties affect their reading:

- It takes me so long to read something. It’s hard to follow along with everything going on.
- I didn’t really get what that book was about.
- Why did that character do that? I just don’t get it!
- I’m not sure what the most important parts of the book were.
- I couldn’t really create an image in my head of what was going on.

Here are some clues for parents that a child may have problems with comprehension:

- She’s not able to summarize a passage or a book.
- He might be able to tell you what happened in a story, but can’t explain why events went the way they did.
- She can’t explain what a character’s thoughts or feelings might have been.
- He doesn’t link events in a book to similar events from another book or from real life.

How to Help

With the help of parents and teachers, children can learn strategies to cope with comprehension problems that affect their reading. Below are some tips and specific strategies children can use.

What children can do to help themselves:

- Read with a buddy. Stop every page or so and take turns summarizing what you’ve read.
- Ask a parent or teacher to preview a book with you before you read it on your own.
- As you read, try to form mental pictures or images that match the story.
- Read stories or passages in short sections and make sure you know what happened before you continue reading.
- Ask yourself, “Does this make sense?” If it doesn’t, reread the part that didn’t make sense.

Literacy

NEWS CONTINUES...

- What parents can do to help at home:
- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say “I wonder why that girl did that?” or “How do you think he felt? Why?” and “So, what lesson can we learn here?”.
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.
- Help your child monitor his or her understanding. Teach her to continually ask herself whether she understands what she’s reading.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those he reads and those he hears.
- Read material in short sections, making sure your child understands each step of the way.
- Discuss what your child has learned from reading informational text such as a science or social studies book.

Your Literacy Leads,
Cait Barker
Colleen Schmaus



Calendar of Events

November

- Nov 1 Gr 3 Royal Alberta Museum Field Trip - 3SB, 3KA and 3H
School Council and Foundation Meeting - 6:30 pm School Library
- Nov 2 Gr 3 Royal Alberta Museum Field Trip - 3W and 3P
Picture Retake Day
- Nov 3 Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Pizza 73
- Nov 6 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7:30 pm
- Nov 7 & 8 Kindergarten, Grades 1-4 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7:30 pm
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony
Dress your Best Day
- Nov 13-17 Fall Break - no school
- Nov 20 & 22 Kindergarten In-School Field Trip - Fused Glass
- Nov 24 Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Subway
- Nov 27 Gr 1 In-School Field Trip - Clay for Kids (1L & 1CL)
- Nov 28 Gr 1 In-School Field Trip - Clay for Kids (1CA & 1M)
- Nov 29 Gr 1 In-School Field Trip - Clay for Kids (1J)

MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

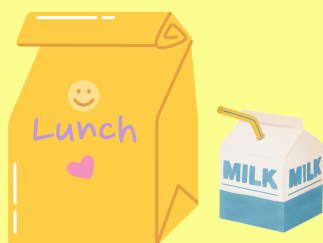
Our first fundraiser of the year has come out, and it's a big one! We have partnered with 5 different suppliers: Little Caesars, The Bomb Bar, Fundscrip (gift cards), Calahoo Meats & Choco-licious. **It will be running from October 25 to November 22, 2023.** The **pick up** will be **December 13**, with the time to be announced closer to the date. We will require a few volunteers throughout the pick up day to help with Calahoo Meats pick up and sorting and distributing the product. If you can help out that day please email millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com

The next round of ordering for the **Hot Lunch** is **November 15-22, 2023**. If you are paying with cash/cheque, please deposit in the lock box that has been installed in the main office. Please keep in mind that no late orders will be accepted.

Our **next meeting** is **Wednesday, November 1** at 6:30pm in the Millgrove School Library. It will be combined with the Millgrove School Council meeting. I hope to see you there!

Allison Chuey

Millgrove School Community Foundation
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MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

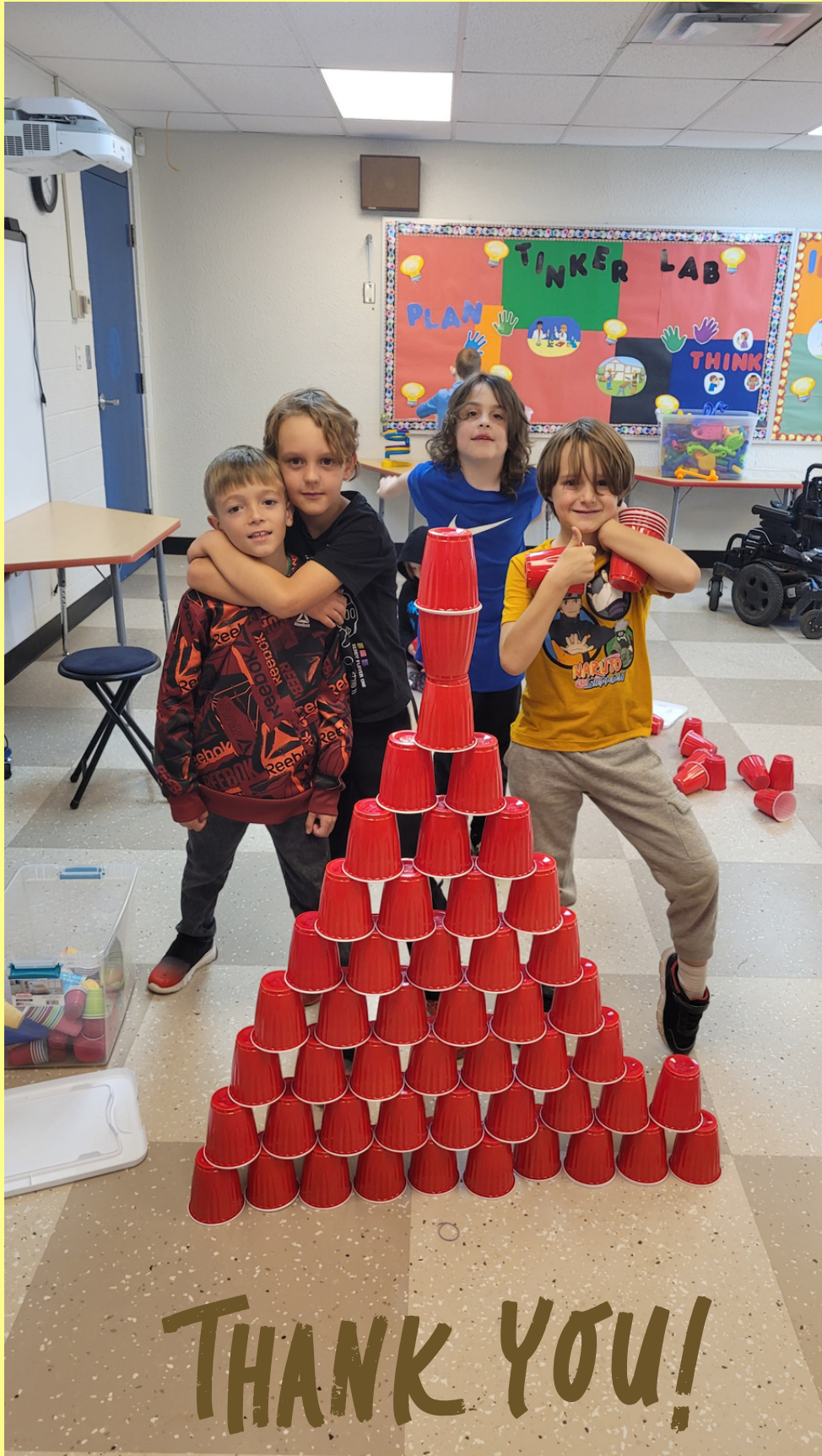
Please join us for our upcoming **parent council meetings** on **Wednesday, November 1st** and **Wednesday January 17th** at 6:30pm in the library.

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

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

Thanks,

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