

APRIL 2024

THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Cameron

Dear Millgrove Families,

Happy Spring! I trust you had a wonderful Spring Break and hopefully some time for rest, relaxation, fun, and connection. We are pleased to welcome the students back to school for our final three months of the school year. The days are longer, we have more sunshine, and I personally love the growth and energy that spring brings.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

- **Overdue** Returning Student Registration
 - **Volunteer Appreciation - Date Change!**
 - **Spell-a-Thon Fundraiser**
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

March saw many wonderful opportunities for students at Millgrove School. These include field trips and authentic learning opportunities both at school and off-site, our choir performing at Parkland School Division Choral Celebration in a beautiful morning of music, and an amazing performance by our Millstone Archery teams at Provincials again this year. These experiences complement our day-to-day focus on academic, personal, and social growth in such positive ways. Thank you to Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Davidson for their work with our Choir students. Thank you also to Mr. Cherry and his team of coaches for their dedication to our Archery team once again this year.

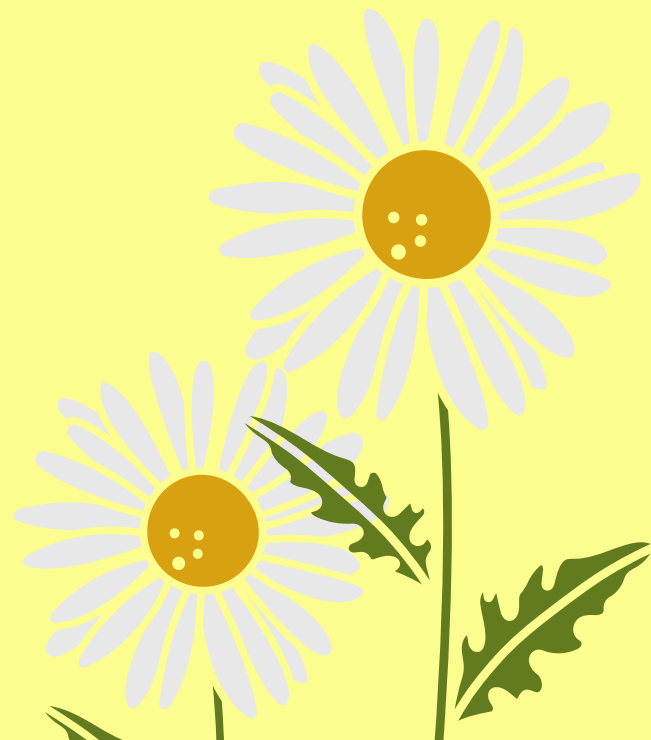
We look forward to celebrating our volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 15th. We are so thankful for the dedicated involvement and support of our volunteers in every capacity you serve our school. We are also looking forward to seeing families at Parent-Teacher Interviews on April 17th and 18th. The website will be opening for bookings on April 8th. Please watch for an email from the school with a link to book a time to connect with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and discuss the next steps for continued growth in our final few months of the school year.

This is the time of year in a school where we are living in two worlds: continuing this school year and planning for next. Thank you for your cooperation in completing your child(ren)'s registration for the 2024-2025 school year as planning is underway with respect to transportation routing for those families who require bussing, as well as here at the school level.

We are incredibly grateful for our parent community who continue to support our staff, students, and school. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I am only a phone call away.

Sincerely,

Lesley Cameron, Principal



Calendar of Events

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APRIL

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| Apr 1 | Easter Monday - No School |
| Apr 2 | Students Return to School - welcome back!

World Autism Awareness Day - wear favourite color! |
| Apr 5 | Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 |
| Apr 10 | School Council Meeting (ASCA Resolutions only) 6:30 pm |
| Apr 12 | Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Jacks Drive Inn |
| Apr 15-19 | National Volunteer Week |
| Apr 15 | <i>New Date for Volunteer Tea (instead of Apr 23rd)</i> |
| Apr 17-18 | Parent-Teacher Interviews 4-7:30 pm |
| Apr 19 | Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Bites to Eat |
| Apr 22 | Earth Day |
| Apr 23-24 | Visual Arts Celebration |
| Apr 26 | Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen |
| May 1 | Hats on for Mental Health Day |
| May 3 | Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 |





Returning Student Registration - past due

The registration deadline has now passed. Enrolment impacts budgets and staffing, and therefore, we need to ensure we are up-to-date with school registrations as soon as possible.

This will also assist our Transportation Services department, who is already finalizing bus routes for next year for those families requiring transportation.

How do I get started?

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

- Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.
- Select the RSVP icon on the left side of the screen.
- 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.).

I can't remember my login for the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you aren't able to retrieve your login credentials using the "Forgot Username or Password?" link on the sign-in page, please contact us directly for assistance logging in to the Parent Portal.

**THANK
YOU**

SUMMER SCHOOL

Connections for Learning Grade 2-6 Summer School

Please visit the [Connections for Learning Summer School page](#) if you are interested in summer school for your child. There's loads of information!

Prescott Online Safety for Children & Young Adults - Information Evening

The Prescott Learning Centre School Council would like to extend an invitation to any interested community members to attend a presentation and discussion on the topic of Online Safety. Parkland RCMP Cst. and former School Resource Office Gord Marshall will share his experiences and provide useful strategies for parents and guardians for protecting children and young adults while online.

Where: Prescott Learning Centre, [340 Pioneer Road, Spruce Grove](#)

When: **Wednesday, April 3rd @ 7:00 pm**

Who (can attend): The parents and guardians of children and young adults and any interested community members

No RSVP required, we hope to see you on the 3rd.

Sincerely,
PLC School Council





WAYS TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



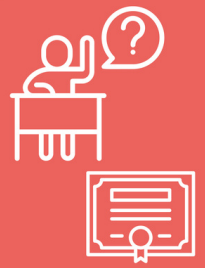
GET READY

Help your child get organized for school the night before.



SHOW INTEREST

Ask your child questions about school and celebrate accomplishments.



TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss the importance of going to school every day and arriving on time.



BE CONSISTENT

Maintain regular bedtime and morning routines.



PLAN AHEAD

Schedule appointments and vacations for when school is not in session.



REACH OUT

Contact teachers or school administrators about ways to help your child feel comfortable at school.



It's never too late to improve attendance.



PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION





You are invited to a

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

12:45-1:45 PM
Monday, April 15
Millgrove School Gym

[PLEASE
CLICK
HERE TO
RSVP](#)

Buddy Classes!



Snow Maze Happiness!

A big thank you to Mr de Boer for helping us build the most amazing snow maze!



MILLSTONE ARCHERY CLUB

Congrats!

The Millstone Archery Team is once again Alberta champions!

They achieved not only first place at the provincial tournament on March 15 and 16th, but a second place finish as well. The team also won the team competition in the 3D event! Way to go archers! Additional congratulations goes to archers who medaled and received a top 3 finish: Banner Hill for placing 2nd in the elementary boys division and 1st in the grade 4 boys division, Evan Sorenson for placing 3rd in the grade 4 boys division, Dominic Laforge for placing 3rd in the 3D 4th grade boys division, and Haydn Stratmoen for placing first overall in the grade 4 girls division, first overall in the elementary girls division and achieving the top elementary score of the whole tournament. With this result Hayden is receiving one of the coveted NASP championship bows! Haydn also placed 2nd in the elementary girls and grade 4 division for the 3D competition!

All of the archers did an incredible job bringing pride to Millgrove school this year!

Some of the archers will continue their hard work at the practice as the team is now travelling to an archery tournament in Smoky Lake and Canadian Archery Nationals in Moose Jaw, SK.



Literacy Tips

Nonfiction Writing



In our Millgrove writing programs, we are excited to dive into the world of nonfiction text structures with our students! Some of our writing at school is narrative, such as imaginative stories or personal stories from students' lives, but we also spend time writing (and reading) nonfiction text structures. Understanding different genres and text structures not only enhances reading comprehension but also lays the groundwork for proficient writing skills. Nonfiction text structures include:

- Description: sharing knowledge and facts about a particular topic
 - For example a descriptive report on fruit bats
- Instruction: teaching your readers how to achieve a defined goal or how to follow a set of directions
 - For example instructions on how to build a snowman
- Persuasion: convincing your reader of a certain position and explaining a point of view
 - For example a letter to the teacher about why the class should get a pet fish
- Comparison: describing the similarities and differences between two or more topics
 - For example a piece comparing Canada and Ukraine
- Biography: telling the sequential story of a real person's life and their achievements
 - For example a biography of Connor McDavid
- Explanation: explaining why or how something happens
 - For example a report on how glaciers form over time

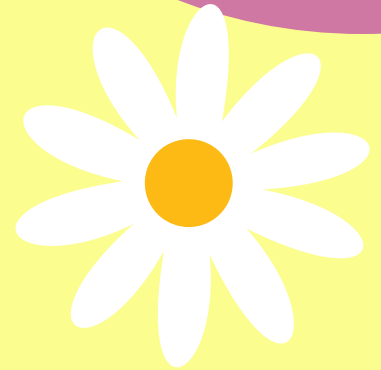
As your child engages with these various text structures, we encourage you to foster their curiosity by exploring nonfiction texts together at home. Whether it's identifying the sequential order in a recipe or discussing the comparison and contrast in a nature documentary, every opportunity to engage with nonfiction enriches literacy skills. Exploring these text structures nurtures our young writers to become confident communicators and critical thinkers.

Your Literacy Leads,
Cait Barker
Colleen Schmaus



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SPELL-A-THON!



Hello Millgrove Families!
We hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather!

We are constantly amazed by the support of our Millgrove families. With our last round of fundraising, we raised around \$3,830! Thank you to everyone who purchased items. This money will go towards things at the school that the school budget doesn't account for, such as replacing broken/missing playground equipment, items for the school quiet room, and much more.

The next round of hot lunch sales will be April 17-24 for May. Please make sure all orders & payments are completed by 4:30 pm on the last order day.

We are having our Spellathon in March/April. The forms came home just before spring break. Money and forms are due April 10th and the spelling tests will be done the week of April 22 or 29th. Each child that raises money will receive a prize based on how much they raise as well as the top class from each grade will receive a DQ Dilly Bar Party!

Our next meeting will be May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We will be looking at filling a few positions next school year, so if you are even slightly interested, please come join us!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation
President

MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Millgrove families and Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

We had a lovely turnout at our last meeting with lots of great dialogue about various things happening at the school. I really appreciate those members taking the time to join us. Our next parent council meeting will be Wednesday, May 8th 2024 at 6:30pm in the library at the school. As usual, this will be a joint meeting with the Millgrove Foundations board as well. This meeting will be discussing anything happening in the school or in the division.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

Anna-Marie Jackson
Millgrove parent council chair
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Strong Families

In our upcoming session, attendees will view a presentation for parents and caregivers on having healthy parent-child relationships and talking about healthy relationships with youth. The presentation will define the elements of healthy relationships, including boundaries and consent. The second half of the two-hour session will teach parents to develop healthy habits with their child, teach them about consent, conflict, and how to recognize healthy or unhealthy behaviours.

Date: **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

Time: **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Location: **Parkland School Division Centre for Education** (4603-48 Street in Stony Plain)

Presenter: **Nancy Skorobohach** ([Public Educator at the Saffron Centre](#)) **and Hanna McGee** (Registered Dietitian?)

Please register early to reserve your spot by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/strong-families-how-to-communicate-with-your-youth-tickets-867560977237>.

Did you know that PSD publishes a monthly newsletter with information, opportunities and strategies to help families navigate their children's educational journey? To view the current issue (or past issues), please visit the [Stronger Together Newsletter](#) page.

For more information, please contact:

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POWWOW PRACTICE

APRIL 12 & MAY 10
6 - 8 PM

With dance instructor Mariah Dumont and
guest singers from Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

LOCATION: PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE
340 PIONEER ROAD, SPRUCE GROVE

SOUP AND BANNOCK FOR THE FIRST 50 GUESTS
FREE FAMILY EVENT. ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information email:
admin@skydancerindigenous.com



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