

MAY 2024

THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Cameron

Dear Millgrove Families,

I cannot believe that we are heading into our final two months of the school year! There is valuable learning that continues to occur in these final months, including those that grow and stretch skills in many capacities.

As daylight extends into the evening and exciting new opportunities for spring sports and activities are underway, keeping up with daily routines is important. Students need enough rest each day to be ready for learning. Regular attendance and setting aside each day for home practice, including daily reading, are also key contributors to student success.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

- **Memory Book**
 - **School Supplies**
 - **Try-Me Try-Athlon**
 - **Spell-a-Thon Results**
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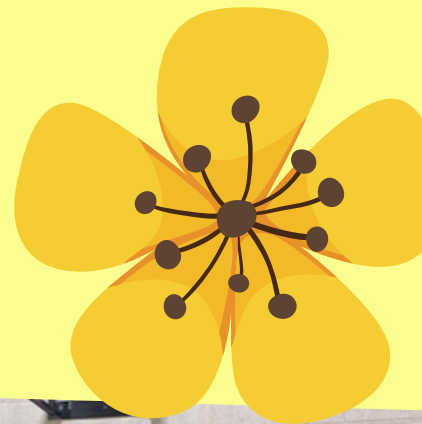
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

April saw many wonderful opportunities for connection and celebration, including our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Parent-Teacher Interviews. May promises to be a continuation of great things here at Millgrove, including our regular learning activities and programming, beginning the transition to Greystone for our Grade 4 students, Mental Health Week, and our rescheduled Earth Day Family Picnic. We are also excited to see learning enhanced through field trips and various experiences, both offsite and within the school.

As always, I am incredibly thankful for our parent community who continue to support our staff, students, and school. The partnership between home and school is an integral part of us reaching our goals. If at any point you would like to connect further, I can be reached at the school by phoning 780-962-6122 or by email at lesley.cameron@psd.ca.

Sincerely,

Lesley Cameron, Principal



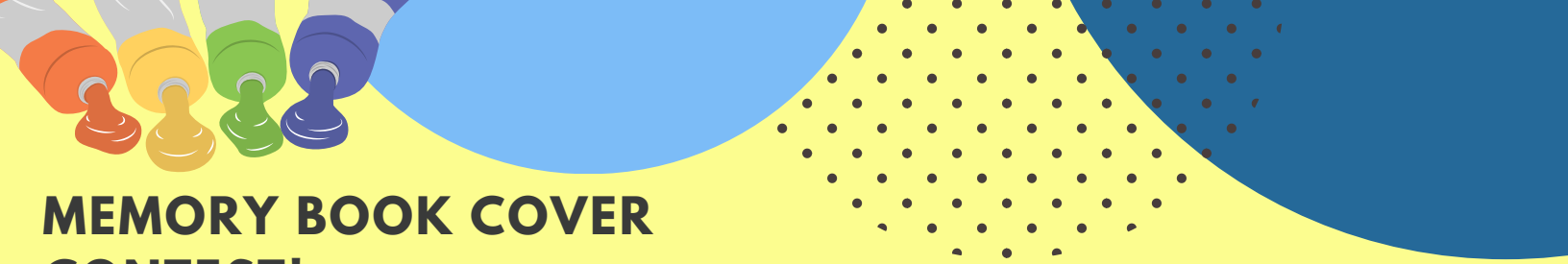


Calendar of Events

May



- May 2 Inferno Night @ Greystone School for Grade 4's - 6 pm
- May 3 Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Pizza 73
Grade 4 Caine's Arcade
Education Assistants Appreciation Day!
- May 6 **School Bus Appreciation Day!**
- May 6-10 Swim at School - Tri Leisure (1M, 1L, 1J) 11 am
- May 7 Aerials Gymnastics 4D & 4G - 12:15 pm
Aerials Gymnastics 4C & 4T - 1:15 pm
Greystone Staff visit Grade 4's at Millgrove
- May 8 Hats On for Mental Health (date change from May 1)
School Council & Foundation Meeting - 6:30 pm
- May 9 Kindergarten Field Trip - Kiwi Nurseries 9:45 am
- May 10 Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Subway
- May 14 Grade 4 Field Trip - Waste Management
- May 15 Kindergarten Field Trip - Kiwi Nurseries 10:45 am
- May 16 Alberta Musical Presents Cinderella
Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
- May 17 PD Day - no school for students
- May 20 Happy Victoria Day - no school
- May 21 Grade 2 Edmonton Valley Zoo
Aerials Gymnastics - 4D & 4G - 12:15 pm
Aerials Gymnastics - 4C & 4T - 1:15 pm
- May 22 Inferno Day @ Greystone - Gr 4 Visit 9:30 am
- May 23 Rescheduled EARTH Day Family Picnic - 1:02 pm
- May 24 Pre-paid Hot Lunch - KFC
Rainbow Day!
- May 27-31 Swim at School Tri-Leisure (1CL, 1CA - 10 am)
- May 27-28 Kindergarten Aerials 1:30 pm
- May 31 Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Pizza 73



MEMORY BOOK COVER CONTEST!

All Millgrove students are invited to create artwork for the cover of the 2023-2024 Millgrove Memory Book.

Grand Prize Winner - Artwork featured on the cover AND a free Memory Book

Runner-Up Prize - Artwork featured on the back AND a free Memory Book.

Winners are selected through an anonymous online vote with our school staff.

SUBMIT ART ON

- 7" x 8.5" sheet of white paper
- Portrait (vertical orientation)
- Millgrove School
- 2023-2024

ALL ART MUST INCLUDE

- The words "Millgrove School"
- The year "2023-2024"

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ENTRY

- Anything goes! Use bold colours, and be creative, colourful, and interesting! You may use crayons, markers, paint, coloured pencils or any other medium to draw and color, just make sure they are bright.
- Use up the whole sheet of paper (the bigger the better)

HOW TO ENTER YOUR ART - choose one of two options

- Please email millgrove@psd.ca a high-quality scan of your drawing. Be sure to include the child's full name and homeroom teacher.
- Please drop it off in our school office. On the back of the entry, be sure to include the child's full name and homeroom teacher in pencil.

Ensure all pictures are in high resolution and one of these formats: JPEG, TIFF, or PDF.

Please submit all entries on or before May 3, 2024. In fairness to all, no late entries will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our school office.



MEMORY BOOK ORDERS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Millgrove School's 2023-2024 Memory Book can now be pre-ordered online at [Smart Photography](https://smartphotography.ca/) at a cost of **\$12.90!**

All memory books will be shipped to the school and sent home with students in June. **Our order deadline is June 1, 2024.**

- go to <https://smartphotography.ca/>
- click 'order your photos now'
- enter code MI_23-24_MB
- enter your email address
- select 'memory book' item and continue on to the checkout screen



ORDER NOW



WRITE-ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are offering parents the option to purchase school supplies for the 2024-2025 school year through Write-On Stationery!

This year, we've changed the format slightly for your convenience. The supply list will show all the recommended items. If you have supplies at home and do not require the entire package, the system will allow you to reduce the items to suit your needs. If you need everything, submit the recommended list as is.

Please submit online orders by Saturday, June 1, 2024, for them to be delivered to the school. Delivery will be made to the school the 3rd week of June and must be picked up before the end of the school year. Write-On will still accept any and all orders over the summer however, delivery will be to your home for a fee of \$10.

This is an optional service so if you'd rather do your own shopping, please refer to the [supply lists](#) posted on our website.

If you are interested, instructions are as follows:

- FOR ONLINE ORDERS:
- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Millgrove School - SPRUCE GROVE
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.



PETS AT SCHOOL

With the nicer weather, we have seen an increase in dogs at school, particularly after school near the playgrounds. As noted in our handbook:

- Due to student and staff allergies and safety, pets cannot be brought inside Millgrove School. Please do not bring your animals inside the school or on school property at any time.
- As much as we all enjoy pets, we ask that you keep your dog at home or away from the playground and general school population during school hours. Distance is key for the safety of our students and your pet.
- We like to honour our pets at the year-end pet parade, which gives students a chance to show off their furry friends.

If you walk your dog to school to meet your children after school, please wait on the west side of the fence near the alleyway

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION **TRY-ME 2024** **TRY-ATHLON**



Online registration for the **8th Annual Try-Me Try-Athlon** opens on May 10. Hoping you can help spread the word by including the attached image in your upcoming newsletter.

On May 10, we'll begin posting to PSD's Facebook/Twitter (which we'll do each week leading up to the event), so feel free to like/share/retweet those posts. You'll also see other messaging pop up starting May 10, including a website news item (blog post).

The Try-Me Try-Athlon will take place on Friday, June 7, 2024.



WE LOVE OUR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS!



Educational Assistants

APPRECIATION DAY



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Thank YOU volunteers!



ECLIPSE 2024



Literacy Tips

Reading at Home with Your Child: Navigating Ebooks

In today's digital age, electronic children's books, or ebooks, are one way to engage readers (especially children who might be more reluctant to read). These digital alternatives to traditional print books offer a variety of experiences, from basic digital versions to more interactive and immersive options.

First-generation e-readers like Kindle and Nook provide a simple transition from print to digital reading. Children can scroll through pages, mirroring the experience of flipping through a physical book. However, newer devices such as iPads and the Nook Color elevate the ebook experience with vibrant colors and touchscreen capabilities. At Millgrove students often access apps like Raz-Kids and Epic (the latter of which requires a paid subscription outside of school hours). These "enhanced" ebooks offer an array of features, including read-aloud options, interactive games, and even music that complements the story.

While interactive ebooks can be engaging, questions linger about their impact on crucial early literacy skills. Do they effectively foster letter recognition and comprehension? The research in this area is still emerging, but observations of families engaging with ebooks offer valuable insights.

To ensure that ebook reading remains focused on the story and supports literacy development, we offer the following tips:

1. **Acknowledge the Novelty:** Allow your child time to explore the features of a new ebook. Once the initial excitement wears off, encourage them to engage with the story without too many distractions.
2. **Balance Fun and Focus:** While enjoying the interactive features, help your child strike a balance between entertainment and comprehension. Encourage discussions about the story and ask questions to deepen their understanding.
3. **Stay Engaged:** Resist the temptation to let the device take over, and continue to be present as your child reads. Families can actively participate in the reading experience by having meaningful conversations, highlighting interesting words, and sharing your enthusiasm for literacy.

By keeping these tips in mind, you can ensure that ebook reading becomes an enriching and enjoyable experience for both you and your child.



Literacy Tips continued

Some Helpful Reading Links

Reading Rockets Best Apps for Kids

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/best-book-apps-for-kids-and-teens>

UFLI Parent Resource Hub

<https://ufl.education.ufl.edu/resources/parent/primary/>

Epic

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Raz-Kids

<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

Reading Eggs

30 Day Free-Trial for Parents

<https://readingeggs.ca/>

Reading Rockets Bookfinder

<https://www.readingrockets.org/books-and-authors/books>

Finding the Right Book for Your Child

<https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/childrens-books/articles/finding-right-book-your-child>

Have fun reading,

Colleen Schmaus and Cait Barker, Literacy Leads



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Hello Millgrove Families!

We want to thank everyone who supported the Spell-a-thon fundraiser. We raised an impressive amount.....**\$13,048.50!** Way to go Millgrove Families!! We are all blown away by the support.

Congratulations to the top classes. They were: Kindergarten - Mrs Fune (KFT), Grade 1 - Miss. Careless (1CA), Grade 2 - Mrs. Graham (2G), Grade 3 - Mrs. Kourmenous & Mrs. Anderson (3KA) and Grade 4 - Ms. Davidson (4D). They will be enjoying a Dilly Bar Party soon!

Our last round of Hot Lunch sales will be running May 15-22 for the June menu. Please make sure all orders & payments are completed by 4:30 pm on the last order day.

Our **next meeting** will be **May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. This meeting will be in conjunction with Millgrove School Council. We are looking to fill some positions for next year, so come out and see what it's all about!!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation
President



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Millgrove families!

Our next parent council meeting will be **Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the school's library. As usual, this will be a joint meeting with the Millgrove Foundations board. This meeting will discuss anything happening in the school or in the division. These meetings are short but a great way to discuss things that are happening with your child's school and within the division.

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

Thanks,

Anna-Marie Jackson
Millgrove parent council chair
millgrove.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Thank You
for
Your Support!





Strong Families

Parkland School Division is proud to partner with the Alberta Parenting For The Future Association to present another FREE information session for local families.

In our upcoming session, we will be joined by Cathy Traynor, Health and Wellness Facilitator at Parkland School Division. Traynor will talk about healthy eating habits, nutritious eating, creating a positive food environment and the importance of active living and regular physical activity. The session will talk about the importance of sleep and setting routines and being a positive role model to create an environment that promotes a positive wellbeing.

Date: **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

Time: **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **TBD**

Presenter: **Cathy Traynor** (Health and Wellness Facilitator, [Parkland School Division](#))

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

[Fristy Thomas](#)

[Family Support Coordinator](#)

Email: fristy.thomas@psd.ca.



Do your kids love Art?

CLAY IN MAY

Clay is such a great way to express ourselves through art. It is a hands on mediums that tests our abilities but also tests our patients and ability to literally create something from nothing.

Air dry clay is a great clay to work with for all ages as it holds a lot of similar characteristics to your typical clay that would go in a kiln.

Air dry clay can be painted and glazed, so our projects can last and be displayed for much time to come. we will also learn more about other clay and how they differ.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer programs are now open for registration. We have partnered with different businesses to make the most of our days together and offer interactive and creative days ahead. Check out our program list to find your child's age group and days.



OUR PROGRAMS

Do your kids love art? We have programs for all ages starting at 4 years old up to 18 years old.

Each program is designed to build the 3 C's...creativity, confidence and community!

We believe that creativity is a great way to allow kids to express their uniqueness though art.

Ages 4-9:

We want to work on motor skills and basic tools of course, but we don't want to limit the abilities these youngsters have! The great thing about this age group is they just go for it and don't over think the process. They are not scared to get messy, and love the fact its ok to get a little paint on stuff here.

Ages 10+ :

Our 10+ group has began to develop some cool skills and now we want to fine tune them and learn some new abilities so we can take their art work to the next level. This is a great place for those creative kiddos to put aside the screens and lay down some color. Building confidence and community is an important part of this group.



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**School Bus Driver
APPRECIATION DAY**

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THANK YOU!

**TO OUR AMAZING BUS
DRIVERS!**



WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR NEWSLETTER