



JUNE 2024

THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



Hello Summer!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Cameron

Dear Millgrove Families,

I cannot believe this is the final edition of our Millgrove Minute newsletter for the 2023-2024 school year! This year has flown by! I have truly felt beyond grateful and honoured to have joined and served this school community as Principal this year. I look forward to continuing our great work together.

This final push to the end of the year continues to be an exciting time for learning as progress continues, and there is much to celebrate with respect to growth!

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

- **Memory Book Art**
 - **Fees DUE**
 - **Summer Reading Success**
 - **Pet Parade & Carnival**
 - **Library Notice**
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

May saw many wonderful opportunities for students at Millgrove School once again. From field trips to bike safety presentations and school-wide spirit theme days, we are proud that our students were able to learn skills and have great experiences across so many settings.

This is a very busy time of year. Thank you for your attention to communication from your child(ren)'s teachers and the office. There are field trips and permission forms, class events, special traditions, school supplies available to order, notes home for free lunch on the last day of school, and the list goes on. If at any time you have questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child(ren)'s teachers or the main office. We look forward to celebrating our students, their learning, and the time we've had together this year.

The next time you call the office, you may hear a new voice. Mrs. Perzylo began her maternity leave on May 27th to welcome a new addition to her family. We are pleased to have Ms. Char Kohuch join Mrs. Regan as part of our office staff.

At the end of June, we will bid farewell to two retirees. Mrs. Gail Wright has been an integral member of the Millgrove school community for 27 years. Mrs. Lynnette Wilton is also retiring from her 15-year career here at PSD. We wish these two wonderful ladies all the best for what is to come next!

Special thanks to all parents and guardians for your incredible support over the course of this school year. This is such a special school community. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I am only a phone call away.

Sincerely,

Lesley Cameron, Principal



Calendar of Events

Jun 3	John Janzen Nature Centre - 3W & 3P
Jun 3-7	Swim at Tri Leisure - 3K, 3SB and half of 3H
Jun 5	Grade 4 Bird House Building
Jun 6	Fort Edmonton Park - Grade 2
Jun 7	Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Bites to Eat PSD Try-Me Try-Athlon
Jun 11	John Janzen Nature Centre - Gr 3SB, 3H & 3KA
Jun 13	Grade 4 Tie Dying Prairie Gardens - Grade 1 Muttart Conservatory - Kindergarten
Jun 14	Book Hero Day Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Quesada Muttart Conservator - Kindergarten
Jun 17	Botanic Gardens - Grade 2
Jun 19	Spruce Grove Library Tour - 4C
Jun 20	Fort Edmonton - Grade 4
Jun 21	National Indigenous People Day Pre-paid Hot Lunch - Pretzel Shack
Jun 24	Cultural Celebration Day - Grade 3
Jun 25	Jubilee Park - Grade 4 Kindergarten Celebration - Tuesday/Thursday Class 10:30 am
Jun 26	Kindergarten Celebration - Monday/Wednesday Class 10:30 am
Jun 27	Last Day - Pet Parade & Carnival! Report Cards available on the Parent Portal

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LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

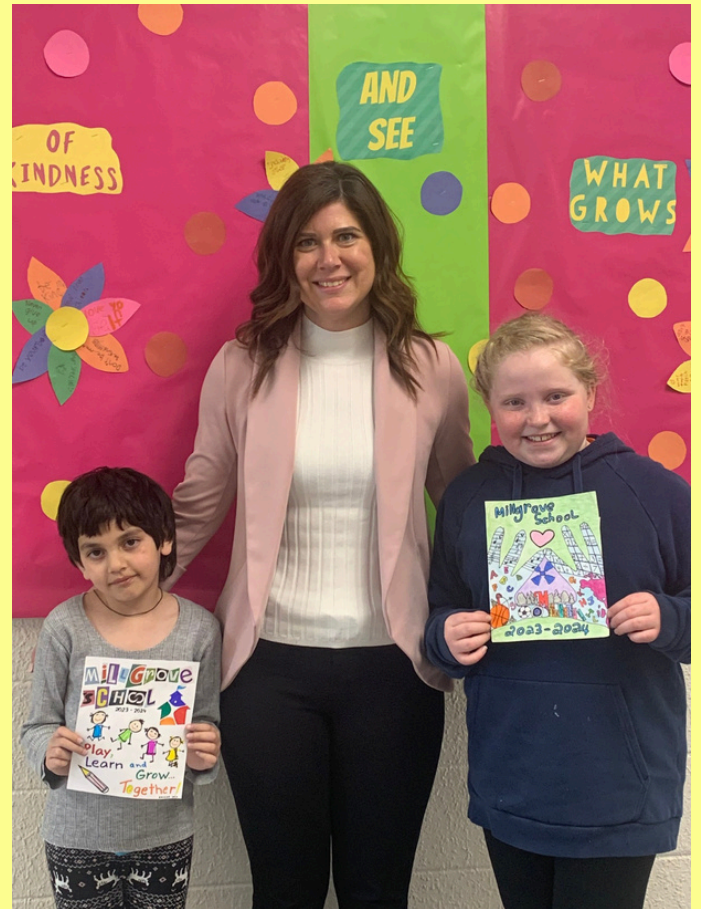


MEMORY BOOK COVER CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to Sam Phillips, who won first place in our cover contest! Her artwork will be featured on the front cover of our Millgrove memory book.

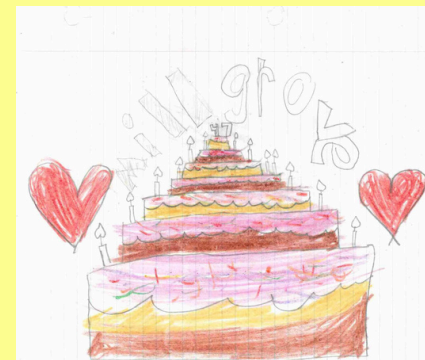
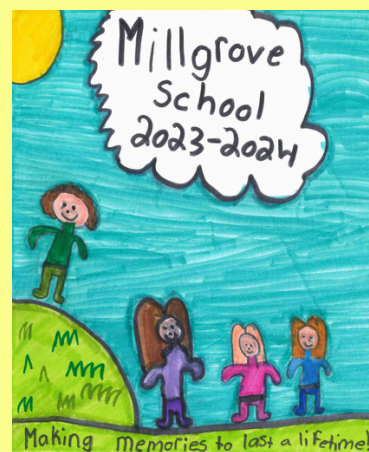
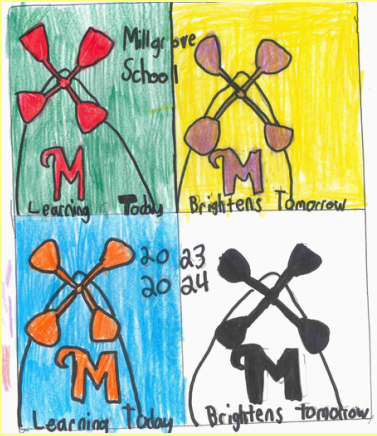
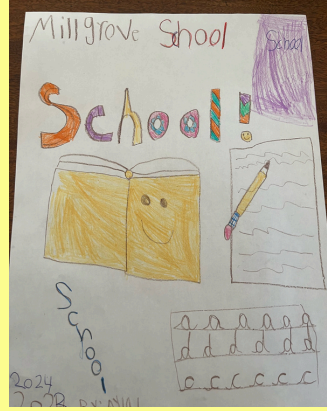
Congratulations also to Rayena Jain, who won second place! Her artwork will be featured on the back cover of the memory book.

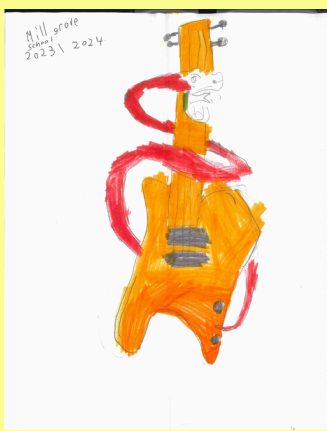
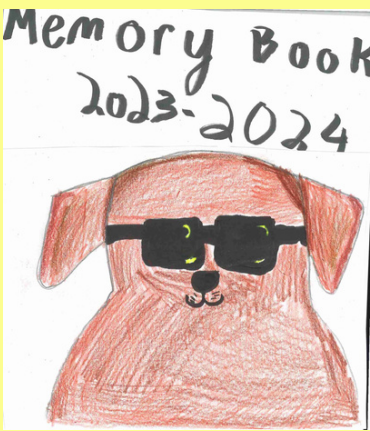
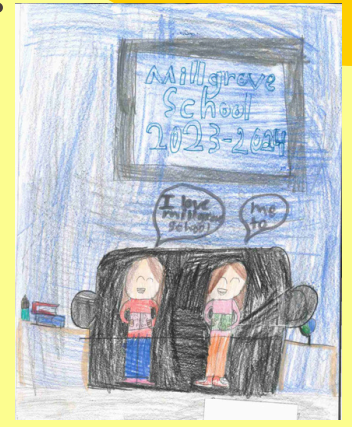
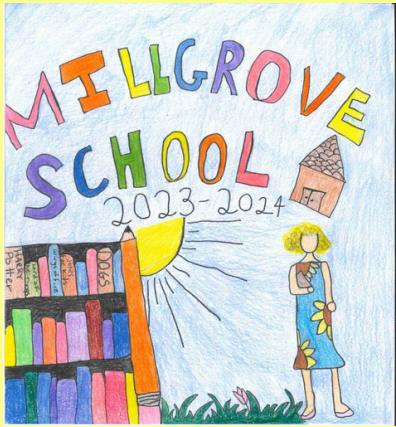
Thank you to all the students who participated in our contest!



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CELEBRATING ALL OUR ARTISTS!





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Thank you for participating!





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SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE

Any outstanding fee statements have been emailed to parents and guardians in May. Please pay fees online through the Parent Portal.

The division does have a waiver process outlined on their website, and payment options are available through the Parent Portal. Please visit [PSD's REGISTRATION FEES page](#) for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Char Kohuch at 780-962-6122 ext. 0 or email her at char.kohuch@psd.ca.

Please Note that when paying school fees through the parent portal please use the following link, do not use the Parent Portal App.

<https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/home.html>

Thank you, kindly.



LIBRARY

Thank you Millgrove families for all your support, donations and visits to the library.

All library books must be returned by June 14th.

The year at a glance was full of fun, challenges and reading! We had a very successful book fair in October, movies in the library and March Madness. We read about the earth, narwhals, taking care of each other, dragons and so much more!!! There have been towers of cups, engineered crazy forts, epic domino runs and state of the art lego cities. We brought "Little Libraries--take one, leave one" to our school and have seen all sorts of books get into the hands of students and families.

We will be finishing our year of library and tinker with puzzles, games, and of course fun with books.

Thank you for all you do!!!

Thank You!

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PET PARADE & CARNIVAL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL JUNE 27, 2024



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 class attendance and O Canada
- if students do not have pets for this day, that's ok - they will stay with their classroom teacher to watch the parade
- NO PETS are allowed in the school
- pets must be on a leash, harness, in a cage or in a bowl
- bring your own pooper scooper supplies, as the Millgrove carnival will be held in the same area afterwards
- 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 10:30 am - 12:32 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

Through our President's Choice Children's Charity nutrition grant, our Millgrove Foundation will organize a Subway lunch for all students. Lunch order forms have gone home to families through your classroom teacher. Students participating will receive a Subway sandwich so, 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. We're hoping for a sunny day!

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

Volunteers

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 jobs. Please email our Foundation at millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com if you can help with these items below.

- preparing the lunch bins for classes on June 27
- preparing the lunch for the alternating Kindergarten classes on June 26
- making and bagging popcorn on June 25 & 26 in preparation for the last day
- popcorn station at the carnival
- freezie station at the carnival

*Thank
you!*

Literacy Tips

Summer Reading Success

The summer is a perfect time for your child to take a break and enjoy lots of free play! One thing to be mindful of with that break is that studies show that children who don't read or have access to books during the summer can lose up to two months of reading progress. So, how can we prevent the summer slide—or even boost reading growth? Here are some suggestions:

Visit the Spruce Grove Public Library! The Spruce Grove Public Library has a wonderful Kids Summer Reading Program that you can register for [using this link](#) or the QR code below. You can submit your child's reading log online or in person, and prizes will be randomly drawn each week during the summer!

Read Just Right Books. Help your child find books that are just right for them. These "right fit" books should be interesting to your child and at an appropriate reading level. Use the five-finger test to check if a book is too difficult: open to a page with lots of words, and have your child read. Hold up a finger for each word they don't know. If you have four or five fingers up, the book might be too challenging for them to read independently. But feel free to read one like that together!

Read Daily for at Least 20 Minutes. Research shows that a child who reads just one minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade, while a child who reads for 20 minutes a day will learn 1.8 million words! That's a big difference. If reading isn't a top priority for your child, consider setting up a reward system.


Read for Different Purposes. Incorporate reading into everyday activities, like following a recipe or assembling a toy.

Play Word Games and Use Technology. Games like Apples to Apples can improve vocabulary. Turn games like hopscotch or four square into learning opportunities by including letters or sight words. Check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog. If you have an iPad, explore interactive books and apps that focus on phonics and early reading skills. Many websites also offer free reading-related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer!

Colleen Schmaus & Cait Barker

Literacy Leads



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Reading fun for kids,
from Canada's public
libraries



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Hello Millgrove Families!

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 \$23,484!!** This will go a long way to support the school in the upcoming years.

We have brought back the school dance this year! Everyone should have received an information sheet. The **Spring Fling is Friday, June 7 from 6-8 pm**. Tickets are \$2.00 a person and will need to be purchased ahead of time as we have a limited number available due to fire regulations. We will have a cash-only concession with drinks, treats and glow sticks. Volunteers will be required for set up, check in table, concession and clean up. Please reach out millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer or for more information.

Our **final School Council & Foundation meeting** is **June 12 at 6:30 pm** in the school library. We will be discussing the year end event!

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



MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Millgrove families!

It's hard to believe we are already at the June newsletter, and the school year is coming to a close!

For those parents with Kiddo's moving on to grade 5 next year, we will miss you at our school. I encourage everyone to join the parent council at their new school as it is such a great way to stay informed and be a part of your children's education. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a great school and division and also support them in turn. Being involved really makes you feel connected.

Please join us for the **final School Council meeting** of the year on **June 12th at 6:30pm** in the library at Millgrove. As usual, we will hear from a trustee as well as Mrs. Cameron. Directly after the School Council meeting will be the Millgrove Foundation meeting.

As always, any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks,

Anna-Marie Jackson
Millgrove parent council chair
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DO YOUR KIDS LOVE ART?



Art for all ages

We have programs for ages 4-9 , ages 9-13 and ages 14 plus. Our programs are designed to get kids into creativity and keep them engaged in new mediums and techniques while making new friends, new discoveries and of course creating beautiful artwork.

For the busy schedules

We have a program for that!

Our Friday night creative freedom nights are perfect for the busy schedulers who cannot commit to a weekly program!

What will they work on?

All supplies are included each month for all our programs. We dive into a new medium each month learning the skills, tools and techniques so your kids can build confidence through creativity.





WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR NEWSLETTER!

