

SEPTEMBER 2024

# THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

*The official newsletter of Millgrove School*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Mrs. Cameron**

Dear Millgrove Families,  
Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and enriching new school year! As we opened our doors for another year of learning, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining us for the first time. We are thrilled to have your children as part of our vibrant school community.

We are so pleased to welcome back our K-4 students with approximately 490 students attending Millgrove School. The first few weeks are always filled with exciting times where peers and teachers get to know one another and engage in amazing learning opportunities as a classroom community.

## HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

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- **Terry Fox Run**
  - **Parking at Millgrove**
  - **School Fees**
  - **Hot Diggity**
  - **Literacy and Numeracy**
  - **School Council & Foundation AGM**
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our school continues to focus on fostering an environment where every child can thrive, and this year we remain focused on supporting the growth and skill-building of our students in several key areas: literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional wellness.

September is always a busy month at school and we encourage you to check out our [website](#) where you will find our [Calendar of Events](#). Our website is where you will also find information about hot lunch and milk programs, information about our school community, and more!

We are dedicated to working collaboratively with you to ensure that your child's experience here is both successful and enjoyable. Thank you for your continued support, trust and partnership in working with your children. Here's to a fantastic year of growth, learning, and discovery at Millgrove School where "Learning Today Brightens Tomorrow"!

Please reach out by phone, email, or book a time to meet with us if you have questions or concerns.

Yours in learning,

Mrs. Lesley Cameron  
Principal

Mr. Michael Cherry  
Assistant Principal

Welcome

# Calendar of Events

# September

- Sept 12 Cross-Country Run #1 - Forest Green School
- Sept 13 Dot- Day - your child can dress in their “dot-iest” outfit!
- Sept 19 Terry Fox Run
- Sept 19 Hot Diggity Dog Open House - 5:30-6:30 pm  
Cross-Country Run #2 - Woodhaven School
- Sept 20 PD Day, no school for students
- Sept 26 Millgrove School Council & Foundation AGM 6:30 pm in Library  
Cross-Country Run #3 - Duffield
- Sept 27 Orange Shirt Day for National Truth & Reconciliation
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - no school
- Oct 3 Cross Country Run #4 - High Park School
- Oct 9 Picture Day for M/W Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2
- Oct 10 Picture Day for T/Th Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 4  
Cross Country Run #5 - Ecole Meridian Heights School
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving Day - no school
- Oct 15-18 Swimming Tri Leisure Centre - 4D and 4CL (gr 4's in combined class)
- Oct 17 Cross Country Run #6 - Prescott Learning Centre (at Jubilee Park)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**





# Terry Fox Run

The 2024 Terry Fox School Run is set for this month, and we are so excited to be taking part! Our event will be taking place on Thursday, September 19th. We need your help to boost our students' fundraising. This event supports vital cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. Let's all show how incredible and generous our school community is and work to reach the fundraising goal of \$1000.00.

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page customized for our school. Don't delay, let's start fundraising today!

1. **Donate online at:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/Millgrove>

- Click the link above to donate or search for our school name at [terryfox.org](https://terryfox.org)
- Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email from the Terry Fox Foundation

2. **Help your child set up a student fundraising page**

- Upload personal photos, videos and messages to share with friends and family
- All student logins and links are private and secure
- Student names are not searchable on our website and links can only be shared by you

3. **Support your child's fundraising efforts**

- Share their fundraising link or your child's school's link with family and friends to help them reach their goal

We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox event. This is our opportunity to "Try Like Terry" and go the distance for this year's event. Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all of our students.

Thank you in advance for your support!



# Arrival Procedures and Visitors

We love to see your faces bright and early but our **supervision does not start until 8:40 am**. Please see the [Student Handbook](#) for information about our school.

Our parking lot is one-way starting south of the school on Marlboro Drive and entering at the alley, and exiting north on Millgrove Drive.

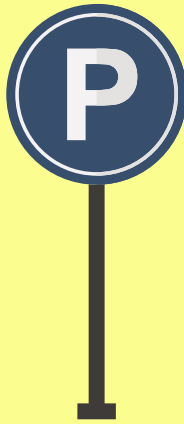
**There is no parking in bus lanes, staff parking (along the north fence and west lilac bushes), and fire lanes. Handicap parking is for registered tag holders only.**

**Please drive slowly and be considerate; we are a busy place!**

Parents picking up children during school hours, please visit our office and sign them out in our visitor book just inside the office doors. If you are visiting classrooms for any reason, you must sign in and wear a visitor tag.

Thank you, we appreciate your continued support.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



# School Fees

Fee notices have been sent home in your child's backpack. Please remit payment by September 30, 2024. Families can pay online through the [Parent Portal](#). Methods of online payment include Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Interac Online Debit. Alternatively, we will accept cash, cheque, and credit card payments at the school office. Please make cheques payable to Parkland School Division.

See our website for detailed [Field Trip Information](#).

The division does have a waiver process outlined on its website, or 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 get in touch with Ms. Kohuch at 780-962-6122 ext. 0 or email her at [char.kohuch@psd.ca](mailto:char.kohuch@psd.ca).





## Important - Safe Arrival Attendance Reporting

If your child is away for any reason, it is very important to contact our school to report your child's absence. This helps us to complete our daily attendance as quickly as possible to ensure everyone arrives safely to school. Families that do not report an absence will receive an automated call from School Messenger at 9:30 am.

### TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

- *Call 780-962-6122 Ext. 1 to leave a message*
- *Or, email us at [millgrove@psd.ca](mailto:millgrove@psd.ca)*

*Thank You*

## Hot Diggity Open House

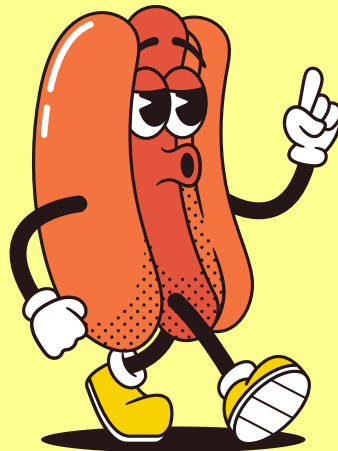
### Thursday, September 19

You are invited to our **Hot Diggity Open House on Thursday, September 19 from 5:30-6:30 pm!**

Visit the classrooms, meet your child's teacher and visit all our shared spaces, like our library and music room. We'll be serving free hot dogs, chips and juice in our gymnasium all throughout the evening. Gluten-free options will be available.

We are hoping for some volunteers to help us make our evening a success. We are looking for 1 BBQ assistant and 6 helpers to set up and wrap hot dogs from 3:30-6:00 pm. If you are interested and able to help for a portion of that time, please contact Allison Chuey at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com).

Thank you! We look forward to a great evening!



# Literacy

Welcome back to school! It's going to be a great year of learning and fun. Reading at home is an important part of your child's overall success. You can help your child develop good reading skills.

## **SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR CREATING STRONG READERS**

Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping children develop into good readers and writers. Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on children's literacy and learning.

- ✦ Invite a child to read with you every day.
- ✦ When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
- ✦ Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- ✦ Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- ✦ Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- ✦ Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- ✦ Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books. Reading well is at the heart of all learning. Children who can't read well, can't learn. Help make a difference for a child.

Your Literacy Leads,

Colleen Schmaus  
Kelli Holden

**I LOVE  
READING**



# Numeracy

## Math Focus in Our Classrooms: Building Strong Number Sense

In our math classes, we're focused on helping students develop a deeper understanding of place value, which goes beyond simply knowing which digit is in the tens or hundreds place. At Millgrove School, one of our goals is to support students in becoming flexible thinkers who can see numbers in different ways.

## The Importance of 10

For younger students, we emphasize understanding the importance of the number 10. Do they know the different combinations that add up to 10? A great way to practice this at home is by playing a modified version of Go Fish. Instead of matching pairs, players ask for the number needed to make 10. For example, if your child has a 6, they would ask, "Do you have a 4?" This game helps strengthen their understanding of number combinations, building a strong math foundation.

## Thinking in Larger Numbers

As students progress into higher grades, we encourage them to think more flexibly about numbers. Can your child recognize that in the number 324, there are actually 32 tens, even though the 2 is in the tens place? Or that in 700, there are 70 tens and 7 hundreds? This kind of flexible thinking helps students build confidence and a deeper understanding of place value with larger numbers.

## Grade 3 and 4: The Big Bean Count

Recently, our Grade 3 and 4 students participated in the Big Bean Count! Over the past two weeks, they've been working together to count in tens, hundreds, and even thousands using beans, cups, and plates. They discovered that in 700, there are 700 individual beans (ones), 70 cups (tens), and 7 plates (hundreds). This hands-on activity taught students that by breaking down big tasks into smaller, manageable steps, they can accomplish great things. It also highlighted the power of teamwork – when we work together, we can achieve big goals, one step (or bean) at a time!

We encourage you to try similar activities at home to help your child explore numbers in creative and exciting ways!

Your numeracy lead,  
Kelli Holden





# MILLGROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Millgrove families!

It's hard to believe that the summer has sailed past and we are back in the groove of school and activities yet again. I hope everyone had a lovely summer!

We will be holding our first parent council meeting and **AGM for the year on Thursday, Sept 26th at 6:30pm**. This meeting will take place in the library at Millgrove. We will set the dates for all future meetings at that time.

For new to the school parents, the meetings are fairly informal and just give you a great idea of all things Millgrove. It's a nice way to connect with other parents and I can say from personal experience, I have made great friendships through these council meetings. We typically meet every other month and the meetings are usually under 1hr.

While we don't have designated childcare, we are all parents so you are more than welcome to bring your kids. We will hear from our administration staff as well as a school board trustee so you can be informed on all things happening not only in our school but the division as well.

We will have some positions open on the board, and I promise it's nothing too time consuming or stressful should you be interested in volunteering.

Our kids are important and I can assure you that your voice truly does matter!

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

Anna-Marie Jackson  
Parent council chair  
[Millgrove.scchair@partner.psd.ca](mailto:Millgrove.scchair@partner.psd.ca)



# MILLGROVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Millgrove School Community Foundation I would like to welcome you all to the 2024/2025 school year at Millgrove! For those of you new to the school the Millgrove School Community Foundation is a group of volunteers and elected board officials that run the fundraising efforts, hot lunch and milk program. The money we collect through fundraising goes to support many different programs and items that benefit the students.

**Our AGM is scheduled for Thursday, September 26 @ 6:30 pm.** It will be held in the library at Millgrove School. This is a great opportunity to come and see what we are about or even run for a position! By being part of the Millgrove School Community Foundation you have the chance to discuss and vote on things like the fundraisers we do and how some of the money is spent to improve the lives of the students at Millgrove.

Here is an overview of the positions:

**President** - chair meetings, coordinate programs, work with the principal

**Vice President** - assist President, chair meetings if President is unable to

**Treasurer** - take care of all the financial aspects of the foundation

**Secretary** - take minutes at meetings

**Hot Lunch Coordinator** - book vendors, set up hot lunch site, organize volunteers

**Milk Coordinator** - order milk, organize volunteers

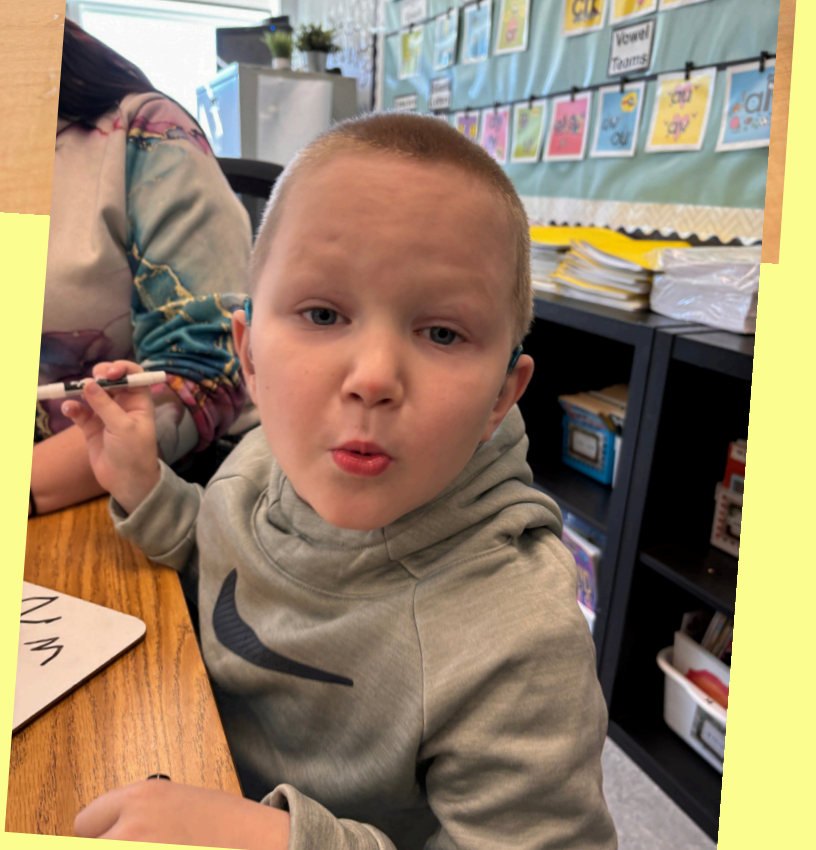
**Fundraising Coordinator** - book vendors for fundraising, work with a team of volunteers to distribute items

Our hot lunch program will run exactly the same way as last year with parents pre-ordering on a monthly basis. Our milk program will be done using milk tickets that will be bought in advance. Hot lunch and milk delivery will start in October. More information will be coming out in the next week.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)  
I hope to see you at the AGM!

Allison Chuey  
Millgrove School Community Foundation  
President





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NEWSLETTER!**