

MAY 2025

THE MILLGROVE MINUTE

The official newsletter of Millgrove School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Cameron

Dear Millgrove Families,

They say that time flies when you're having fun. Every year, I am stunned with how quickly time goes and I cannot believe I'm already writing the May newsletter message. I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying some warm spring weather.

Thank you to all family members who were able to join the Earth Day Family Picnic. It was a wonderful event to celebrate our school community, time together with family and friends, and a garbageless lunch to the greatest extent possible to support Earth Day.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **Literacy - Online Reading**
 - **Numeracy - Math Mindset**
 - **School Council & Foundation**
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Volunteers are an integral part of our school community with invaluable contributions across several capacities. We are so incredibly thankful for all of our volunteers and were so pleased to honour them at our Volunteer Appreciation event. Thank you to the Grade 3 and 4 choir for providing some beautiful music and the Millgrove staff for providing a potluck lunch for our guests. Thank you, volunteers!

We look forward to maintaining a steady focus on building skills and learning progress over our final two months of the school year. There is always much to celebrate and we look forward to this hard work and growth in learning continuing. Please continue to talk with your child about their days at school, engage in learning activities at home to the capacity you are able, and stay connected with the classroom and school community. We are incredibly grateful for our parent community who continue to support our staff, students, and school. Millgrove is truly a very special place.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Lesley Cameron, Principal
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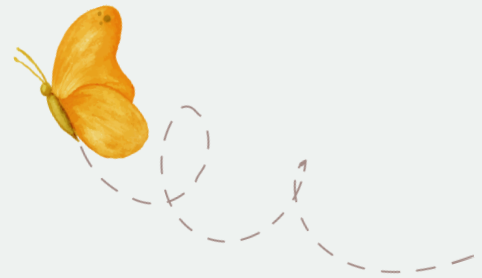
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Calendar of Events

- May 5 4T Star Wars Day
- May 5 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 5 Kindergarten M/W Fieldtrip to Aerials - 1:15 - 2:45 pm
- May 6 Kindergarten T/T Fieldtrip to Aerials - 1:15 - 2:45 pm
- May 6 Millgrove Council & Foundation Meeting - 6:30 pm
- May 7 Hats On for Mental Health Day
- May 8 Inferno Night @ Greystone School - 6-7 pm - Grade 4 students & families invited
- May 9 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch - Pretzel Shack
- May 12 Greystone Administrators Visit Grade 4's
- May 15 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch - Subway
- May 15 Grade 2 - Zoo fieldtrip
- May 16 PD Day - no school for students
- May 19 Victoria Day - no school
- May 20 Pre-Paid - Booster Juice
- May 21 Kindergarten M/W Fieldtrip to St AB Museum & Art Studio
- May 22 Kindergarten T/T Fieldtrip to St AB Museum & Art Studio
- May 22 Grade 4 Inferno Day @ Greystone - 9:30 - 11:30 am
- May 22 Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off - 1:50 pm
- May 23 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen
- May 23 Grade 3 fieldtrip to St. Albert Place
- May 26 1L & 1M fieldtrip to St. Albert Arts & Heritage Centre
- May 29 1J & 1C fieldtrip to St. Albert Arts & Heritage Centre
- May 29 Gr 2 fieldtrip to Ft Edmonton Park
- May 30 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch - Bite to Eat
- May 30 Rainbow Day



Earth Day Picnic!





Literacy



ONLINE READING

One way to engage reluctant readers in this digital age is through online reading. A balanced approach of some online reading and more traditional books is a great way to offer an enriching and enjoyable reading experience for your child. Below is a list of some recommended online 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://ufli.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 Kelli Holden,

Literacy Leads

Numeracy

*Your
Mindset
Matters*

Parent-teacher interviews just wrapped up, and it was so heartening to see so many families asking, “*How can I support my child’s learning at home?*” One of the most powerful ways you can help is by fostering a **positive attitude toward math**.

We often hear adults say things like, “*I wasn’t good at math either*”—but think about it: we rarely hear people say, “*I can’t read either*.” Statements like that, even if well-meaning, can unintentionally send the message that it’s okay not to be “a math person.”

Here’s the truth: **there’s no such thing as a “math brain.”** What makes the biggest difference isn’t talent—it’s mindset. Students who believe they can succeed in math and see mistakes as part of learning are more likely to persist and grow.

How Can You Support a Positive Math Mindset?

Here are a few simple but powerful ways to help your child see themselves as a capable and confident mathematician:

Celebrate Effort

Instead of focusing on whether an answer is right or wrong, praise the thinking and perseverance behind it.

“I love how you stuck with that problem even when it was tricky!”

Normalize Mistakes

Mistakes are how we learn. Show your child that errors are just stepping stones to understanding.

“Oops! Let’s try that a different way—this is how our brain grows!”

Make Math Part of Daily Life

Count, compare, measure, estimate, and solve little problems together—math is everywhere! When kids see that math is useful and fun, they’re more likely to enjoy it.

Speak Positively About Math

Your words matter! Even if math wasn’t your favorite subject, try saying things like:

“I didn’t always understand math right away, but I kept working at it.”

“Let’s figure it out together!”

To Be a Mathematician... You Just Need to Do Math!

That’s it! You don’t need fancy tools or advanced skills. A little practice, a lot of encouragement, and a belief that math is for *everyone* goes a long way.

Let’s help our children see themselves not just as math learners—but as confident, curious **mathematicians**.

Kelli Holden, Numeracy Lead

Millgrove School Foundation

Hello Millgrove Families,

We hope you're enjoying the beautiful warmer weather—there's lots of exciting news to share from the Millgrove School Community Foundation!

Spring Fling Dance Success

Our Millgrove Spring Fling Dance on Friday, May 2nd was a huge success! The students had a blast on the dance floor—and so did many parents! A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Spell-a-thon Fundraiser Results

Thanks to your incredible support, we raised over \$16,500 through our Spell-a-thon fundraiser—way to go, Millgrove Families!

Congratulations to our top-performing classes: Kindergarten – Mrs. McCuaig (KMM), Grade 1 – Mrs. Long (1L), Grade 2 – Ms. Hehn (2HE), Grade 3 – Mrs. Pritchard (3P), Grade 4 – Ms. Davidson (4D). These classes were treated to a Dilly Bar Party on Monday, April 28th, thanks to a generous donation from our local Dairy Queen. Huge thanks to them for their support!

Hot Lunch Orders – Final Round

The final round of Hot Lunch sales will run from May 14–21 for the June menu. Be sure to place your orders and complete payment by 4:30 p.m. on May 21st.

Upcoming Meeting – You're Invited!

Join us for our next meeting on May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. This meeting will be a joint session with the Millgrove School Council. We'll be gathering feedback on events like the Spring Dance and fundraiser, and we'd love to hear your thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support!

Allison Chuey
Millgrove School Community Foundation President

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Summer School registration opens

Parkland School Division is proud to offer two summer school paths. We have opportunities for students in grades one to seven and those in grades 10-12 (high school). Students over 18 are also welcome to...

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