

Millgrove School

NEWSLETTER

April 2019

LEARNING TODAY

BRIGHTENS

Tomorrow

A Message from our Administrators

Welcome to April as we enjoy warmer weather and signs of spring!

There is **no school** from **March 25 - 31** for Spring Break. We hope your break is restful and full of family time. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, April 1.

April is a month often full of wet conditions on our playgrounds. Please make sure to send rubber boots and extra clothes for your children as this will help us to avoid calling you to bring dry clothes or to pick up wet children.

Our **Kindergarten Open House** is on **April 10** from **6:00-7:00**. We look forward to meeting our new kinder kids.

There is no school on **Friday, April 12** for our **PD day**, **Friday, April 19** and **Monday, April 22** for Easter Stat Holidays.

On **Thursday, April 11** at 10 am we are pleased to host a **band concert** from the Sheldon Collegiate High School in Regina. They will play for our students for approximately one hour, we look forward to the experience.

Our **Family Math Night** will be on **Wednesday, April 24**. Please watch for our flyer coming out soon. If you want to participate with your child, please be sure to RSVP once you receive the flyer. The last event we hosted was so well attended we filled up and had to turn families away. Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE!**

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Linda Madge-Arkininstall

2019-2020 Online Registration

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!

We are 87% complete at Millgrove which is amazing but not quite there!

Please call our office at 780-962-6122 and we will assist you in registering.

All Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online through the PowerRegistration portal for the 2019-2020 school year. **The deadline to verify/register is March 22, 2019. This process includes bus registration for those applying for bus service. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating.**

Returning students should have received an email on February 4, 2019 with further instructions on how to verify and/or update their existing information. Please check your inbox. The email would be coming from: "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply.psr.support.com>.

You should receive one email for every returning student in your family. Please complete the registration/verification process for each one. If you do not receive an email, please check your Spam or Junk folder. If you have checked and confirm that the email has not been received, please contact the school so we can double check the email address we have on file and re-send the registration email which contains a unique link for each student.

Literacy Tips

WRITING

It is important for parents to help develop the writing skills of their child by setting up a daily or weekly writing regime which will inspire their children to want to write. Motivation is essential. Parents need to understand what it means to write in order to better understand how to encourage their child to do it.

Writing exercises are essential. If you encourage phonetic writing at a young age you will be nurturing your child's writing skills. It is not essential to keep a watchful eye on spelling at the early childhood level. The aim is to get the child to write either letters or stories, just so they can get into the habit of writing and that they will not dread writing as a skill in the long run.

Encourage writing by purchasing fun pens and pencils that children may find interesting. Buy notebooks that fill the same purpose. After you have presented your child with a fun pen and notebook, have them write what you say while you are driving. This will help with bolstering your child's dictation writing skills. In time you will notice that these little things will start to pay off.

- Have your child write the dinner menu daily. This will help boost their writing skills while bolstering their creativity.
- Have your child write a daily dinner critique as an activity that will strengthen their writing skills.

- Have your son or daughter prepare the grocery list prior to going to the market. You can either have them go around the kitchen and write what they think you need or you can dictate the grocery list to them. You would do this with brevity and in a drill form should you wish to dictate the list. This will strengthen their short term memory as well as urge them to write quickly.
- Letter writing is always a good idea. You can have your child write a letter to his or her grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins. Have them write about what they are learning in school or what they plan to do on their next vacation from school.

Numeracy Tips

Making patterns

Recognizing and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry. Activities include:

- Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, buildings, crockery, cards and furniture. Create a scrapbook to refer back to for ideas during arts and crafts.
- Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. Once confident, ask them to create a pattern of their own.
- Try to incorporate some patterns in rhythm. Create a clapping pattern and ask your child to copy and then create their own pattern.
- Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders on greeting cards.

Library News

We are very excited to have new Indigenous books coming in to our library. They will be a wonderful addition to our FNMI library. Congratulations to our wonderful authors in Mrs. Schmaus's Grade 1 class. The library has published their stories and they can now be shared by our whole school. Grade 1's are finishing up learning about sheep and wool. Next, grade 2's will learn about Canada geese, bees and honey after spring break.

If parents have time to help in the library, please see Mrs. Smith in the library or email her at gsmith@psd70.ab.ca. Our library loves volunteers!!!

Electronics Round UP

We will be running an electronic roundup as a mini fundraiser once again this year. There is a cage near the office where you can drop off your old electronics to be recycled. The bin is in place from **March 11- April 5th**. Instead of taking your electronics to a recycle depot drop them here at the school!

Electronics that are accepted into the program are as follows: televisions, computer monitors, desktop computers, servers, laptops, notebooks and tablets. Desktop and all-in-one printers, commercial plotters, large multi-function printers, fax machines, photocopiers and scanners.

Thank you all for participating in this.

Music News

A big congratulations to all students who sang in choir and participated in Choral Celebration. They performed beautifully and certainly brought pride to Millgrove School. A special thank you to Mrs. Steigel who helped out at all the practices.

Archery

The Millgrove Archer's did a super job at the Archery Provincials in Edmonton! We had 72 archer's compete for our school and our Elementary Team came in 3rd in a highly competitive division. There were also many students who placed top 10 in their grade level with their individual score. We hope your child enjoyed their time on the archery team and we are looking forward to next year!

Mr. Cherry will also be teaching each grade 1 and 2 class archery in the spring so the younger grades can try out archery. We hope they are looking forward to it!

Parkland Play Partners

Did you know the PSD Early Childhood Program has community Playschool programming for children aged 3 and 4? The Early Education program supports children with diverse needs and welcomes children from the community as their playschool experience. Programming is play based, engaging, taught by a certificated teacher, and is supported by a great team of Educational Assistants and Therapy staff. Programming is offered from September-June either 3 or 4 half days a week depending on your child's age. Programming locations are throughout PSD schools. For more information please call the ECS office at 780-962-0212 ext. 251

Please use the link for the forms if you are interested. <https://www.psd70.ab.ca/CLICK.php>

April Classroom Happenings

Whole School

March 23 - 31 - Spring Break no school
April 2 - World Autism Day - wear blue
April 11 - band concert 10 am
April 12 - pd day no school
April 19 - Good Friday - no school
April 22 - Easter Monday no School
April 24 - Numeracy night - 6pm
April 26 - Family Dance - 6pm - 9 pm

Kindergarten

April 10 - 6:30 pm Kindergarten Open House

Grade 1

April 2 - 1S Landmarks and Dairy Farm Field Trip
April 3 - 1R 1M Landmarks and Dairy Farm Field Trip
April 4 - 1C 1V Landmarks and Dairy Farm Field Trip
April 18 - Fairy tale day - am for all grade one

Grade 2

April 9 - 2B - Buoyancy and Boat 10 - Noon
April 9 - 2S - Buoyancy and Boats 1:00 - 3:00
April 10 - 2W - Buoyancy and Boats 10:00 - 12:00
April 10 - 2A - Buoyancy and Boats 1:00 - 3:00

Grade 3

April 4 - Play Parkland 3T & 3SK - 12:30 - 2:15
April 11 - Play Parkland (skating) - 3G & 3B - 12:00 - 2:15

Grade 4

April 8 - Play Parkland 4W - 12:15- 1:45
April 18 - 4D - Easter Scavenger hunt in and around the school
April 18 - Play Parkland 4C & 4K & 4P - 12:30 - 2:15
April 25 - Play Parkland 4C & 4K & 4P - 12:30 - 2:15
April 29 - Play Parkland 4W - 11:15- 1:00

School Council News

Hello Millgrove Families,

Spring is here and with it there are so many more opportunities to share in our school community.

Firstly, we have worked with our administration to bring you a second numeracy night on April 24th. What a great opportunity to learn math strategies with your child and have fun!!

There is also an inspiring Alberta school council conference in April where parents are welcome to attend. If you would like more information please email us at millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca

And lastly our annual general meeting will take place in May. We will be needing all positions filled for school council as many of our parents are moving onto our feeder school Greystone.

We would also like to extend an invitation to join us for our next school council meeting that will take place on April 10th at 7pm.

Pam Pirie and Crystal Vanderburg
Co-chairs Millgrove School Council

Millgrove School Community Foundation News

Happy Spring Millgrove Families!

Our Spell-A-Thon packages are ready to go home with the students for spring break! Please make sure the packages are returned to the school by April 11, 2019.

Our Annual Family Dance is April 26 from 6pm - 9pm! Tickets will be on sale April 10, 18 and 23rd (815am-845am and 230pm-330pm) in the school lobby. Tickets are \$2 per person, children 3 and under are free. Tickets will not be sold at the door. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up tables, decorate, work concession and draw tables (scheduled in 30 minute shifts) and clean up after the dance. There will be a sign up sheet with the tickets if you are interested in volunteering.

We only have 2 Foundation meetings left this school year. We have a general meeting on May 7 at 1pm and our Annual General Meeting June 4 at 630pm. We will be electing a new board at the Annual General Meeting so if anyone is interested in running for a position or has someone they would like to nominate please make sure you join us on June 4! If you have any questions on about the roles and their duties please feel free to email me at millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com or come to the May 7 meeting.

Hope you all have a wonderful break!

Health Hero's tips for April

Canada's new food guide recommends a variety of fruits and vegetables everyday. We know it is sometimes difficult to get our little ones to try new things. Well, thanks to Save-On-Foods and their Rainbow Connection Program, we have been given the opportunity to introduce a new type of produce to our students each week starting the first week of April.

In the past this program has lead to many students discovering a love for new fruits or vegetables that they may not have had the opportunity to taste before.

We would like to say a big thank you to Save-On-Foods for the produce and our wonderful parent volunteers for helping to prepare and distribute it.

We are going to need to have helpers with the cutting up of fruit etc but we do not have that information as of yet. If you are interested in helping please let us know by contacting the office and we will make a list of the volunteers willing to do the chopping.

The foods that the kids will be exposed to are as follows.

Week 1 - oranges	Week 2 - cantaloupe	Week 3 - blackberries	Week 4 - pineapple
Week 5 - cauliflower	Week 6 - green beans	Week 7 - pea pods	Week 8 - celery

Offerings from Division Office & The Community

Family Connection Centre

5600-50 street, Stony Plain

April 2 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Positive Parenting Program (Teens)

Call to register 780 963 0549

Learn ways to encourage your child to be respectful and considerate, get along with others, feel good and be an independent problem solver.

Spruce Grove Library

35th avenue

April 9 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm

“Scratch” the Surface of Storytelling

Call to register 780 962 4423

Create interactive stories by animating characters and adding cause and effect. Space is limited.

Centre for Education

4603 - 48 street, Stony Plain

April 16 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Tips and Tools for Parenting Tools

Call to register 780 963 8458

Learn how to limit conflict, strengthen your bond and help your teen succeed.

Border Paving Athletic Centre

9 Tri Leisure Way, Spruce Grove

April 23 - 6- 7:30 pm

Call to register 780 962 7618

Back to Nature with your Kids

Kohoms were stewards for Mother Earth, keepers of family and culture, and mentors for the young. Explore their teachings with your kids

Alberta Health Services - Caregiver Education Sessions

5303 50 St. Wabamun, AB

Wabamun School

Supporting Self-Regulation in Elementary School children (Focus on caregivers of kids in elementary school (k-6)

April 23 - 6:00-7:30

Register at: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca or www.surveymonkey.com/r/rcaregiversessions

780-415-0074

Notes: This session is for adults only.