

# Millgrove School

## Newsletter

April 2021

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Report cards were available Thursday, March 18. If you are having difficulty accessing this information please be sure to contact the office. I have the pleasure of reading all of the comments and there is valuable information about your child and we want to ensure you can access this with ease.

April is a lovely time of year as we experience warmer days, new growth and new beginnings. It is also a time that we see continued growth in our students progress. Routines are well established, curriculum expectations are clearly outlined and after spring break we observe renewed energy in the students and academic gains. It is important that you continue to commit to excellent attendance and support with home reading and homework.

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Mr. Serge LeBrie, director of facilities, presented at our school council meeting on March 24 and I am excited to report that Millgrove school is scheduled to have the exterior siding replaced in June. The outside of the school will be brighter and we are looking forward to this upgrade. We have also received a grant that will allow us to purchase planters (one per grade level) which will give students an opportunity to grow and tend to a vegetable garden.

As always, I thank you for your tremendous support, your commitment to your children's education and wellness is a partnership that benefits everyone. Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing the students on Wednesday, April 7.

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall

## Important Parking Lot Safety

For the safety of your child, we ask you to **please park** in a **designated parking stall** or **along the street** when picking up your child from school. Over the past few months it has become hectic at the end of the school day with parents parking in the bus zone or in an undesignated parking spot and that is unsafe for our students.

We know this can be inconvenient as you may have to park a little ways away but we appreciate your understanding and patience as the safety of our students is of utmost importance to us.

Thank you.

## Library News

Grade 1 will continue learning about wool. Mrs Smith will show the students how to crochet and will bring her spinning wheel.

Grade 2 will learn a little about Canada Geese and start learning about bees and honey.

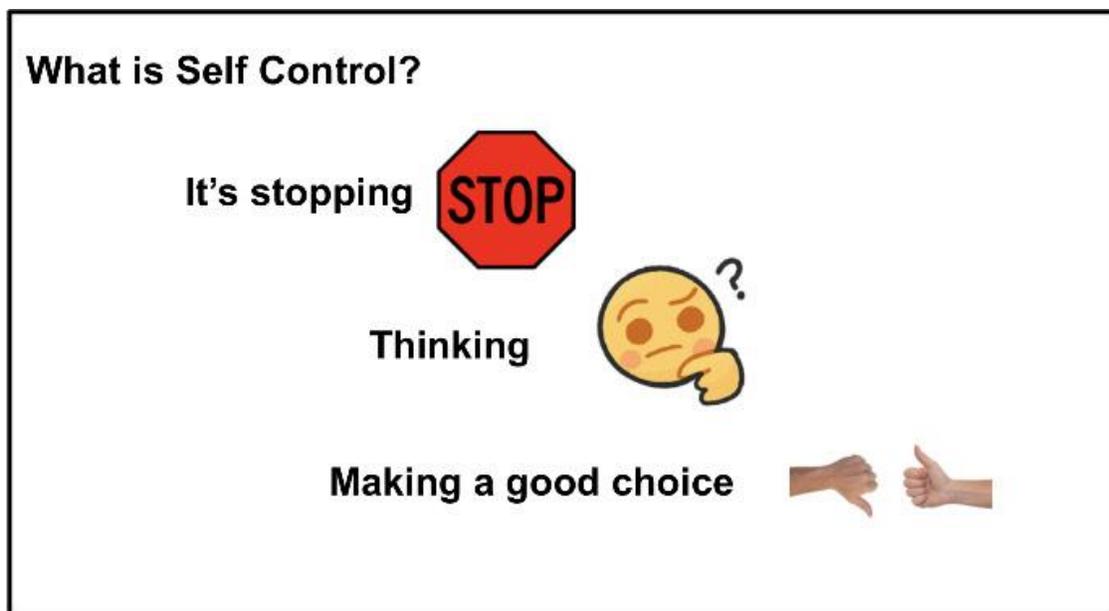
Mrs. Smith will be reading the Grade 3 classes books about our wonderful world. They even get to see what money from Tunisia, Peru, India and Ukraine looks like.

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Grade 4 will get to hear one of Mrs. Smith's favourite stories about a librarian and then learn about the Dewey Decimal System that helps us organize our non-fiction books.

## Character Education

During the month of April we will continue our focus on Self Control and how we can **Stop** and **Think** and then **make a Good Choice**.



Mrs. TeLeni Woloszyn and Mrs. Elaine Dynan

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## Millgrove School Community Foundation

We would like to thank everyone that supported our last fundraiser back in February. Between the Pots & Pansies and the gift cards **we raised \$4,185!!** Way to go Millgrove families!

Our next round of **Hot Lunch & Milk sales** will be running at the same time, **April 12-18**. There will be 1 day of **cash sales on April 15 from 3:50 pm to 4:30 pm**. This will be for May hot lunches and milk. For anyone that had milk tickets left over from last year we will be able to honour them, please send them into the school with parents name/child name/email address.

We have set up an account at the Spruce Grove Bottle Depot (Located at 39 Diamond Avenue) under Millgrove School Foundation for donations. When you take your bottles in for refunds just ask them to put the money towards the school. This will run until the end of the school year.

We will be having our Spellathon in April. The forms came home the week before Spring break. Money and forms are due April 9th and the spelling tests will be done the week of April 12.

Our **next foundation meeting** is **April 13 at 6:30 pm**. If you would like to attend please email [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com) for an online invite.

Allison Chuey

Millgrove School Community Foundation President



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## COVID-19 Protocols

Our families have been wonderful in following our COVID protocols and we thank you. After spring break, we hope to start back with renewed energy and continued diligence when it comes to student illness. Please refer to our [website](#) for the newest information or refer to our [Stay at Home](#) guide. Here is a brief summary:

### Symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

### What to do:

1. Your child must **isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days** from when the symptom started or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
2. **A COVID test is recommended.**
3. Your child can return to school before 10 days **ONLY** if your child tests **NEGATIVE** and symptoms are gone.

If your child's test results are positive for COVID, isolate at home for at least 10 days and follow the instructions received from Alberta Health Services.

### Symptoms:

- Chills
- Sore throat/painful swallowing
- Runny nose/congestion
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell/fatigued
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Unexplained loss of appetite
- Pink eye

### What to do:

1. Keep your child home from school and monitor for 24 hours. If symptoms improve after 24 hours, your child may return to school, if feeling better.
  2. **A COVID test is NOT required.**
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3. If your child has any two of these symptoms or after 24 hours their condition gets worse or a second symptom develops: A COVID test is recommended. Your child may return to school after symptoms are gone, even without a COVID test or result. If the test result is positive, isolate at home for at least 10 days and follow instructions received by AHS.

## Office News



### Visitors Entering the School

Please be reminded that **we are limiting visitors in our school**, so rely on our office staff to call students to the office to collect dropped items. Please continue to wear masks at all times and sign in when you arrive.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Student Pick-ups During School Hours

For the safety of your child, when picking up students during school hours, we ask parents to please enter the school and check in with the office staff so we know you've connected with your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

## April Happenings

March 26 - April 6 - Spring Break, students returning to school Wednesday, April 7

April 9 - Hot Lunch (pre-ordered) Boston Pizza

April 9 - World Autism Day - wear **BLUE**

April 9 - SPELL-A-THON pledge forms due

April 9 - Tues/Thurs Kindergarten Day

Apr 12-16 SPELL-A-THON tests

April 13 - Hot Lunch and Milk Orders start online (for month of May)

April 16 - Hot Lunch (pre-ordered) Subway

April 16 - Mon/Wed Kindergarten Day

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Apr 23 - Hot Lunch (pre-ordered) KFC

Apr 23 - Tues/Thur Kindergarten Day

April 30 - Hot Lunch (pre-ordered) Pizza 73

April 30 - Mon/Wed Kindergarten Day

## Parkland School Division - Strong Families

### Newsletter

The newsletter theme this month is all about emotional regulation. The added stressors that come from coping with a Pandemic can play havoc with the way we are able to cope emotionally. This is true for us and for our kids. The good news is that there are skills we can all learn to help regulate our emotions more effectively. As parents it is important for us to understand ourselves and our children's emotional responses before we react. This will help with our kid's behaviour, mood and even learning.

[Emotional Regulation - Stronger Together Newsletter](#)

Take care,

Vicky Mamczasz -Family Support Facilitator