

Millgrove School

Newsletter

December 2020



Thank you again to the Millgrove community for your grace and kindness. As we experienced our first COVID case you were considerate, understanding and supportive.

Our Remembrance Day service was unique and meaningful. Our grade 4 speakers did an excellent job leading the service and the students listened attentively and respectfully. Thank you to Mrs. Meghann Wendell, who once again volunteered to be our bagpiper, which was lovely.

As we move into the holiday season we will continue to create an environment for your children that is joyful, positive and engaging. Our tree will be set up in the library, our lights will shine

brightly in the hallway and we will play cheerful holiday music some mornings as the children arrive.

Report cards will be available at **3:00 pm on Thursday, December 3** so please take the time to access them by logging into your [PowerSchool](#) account. See our instructions below.

Millgrove has participated in the Kinette Hamper Campaign for years and we will continue to do so. This year each grade level will support the campaign in a variety of formats and a note will be sent home outlining the plan. Our character education focus will be empathy and as part of the committees initiative they will be setting up a “giving tree”. Students will be encouraged to donate new mittens, hats and scarves which will be hung on the tree. These items will be distributed to those in need and more details will be sent home this week.

A reminder that the **Christmas break** is **December 19-January 3** and beginning January 4 all of our students will be moving to an online platform for one week. Our teachers will send home information in advance to ensure that your child will be ready to participate.

Our school continues to be an environment where children are engaged in meaningful learning experiences, positive interactions with a focus on well-being. Thank you to each of you for your continued support, trust and thoughtfulness. Your children are gifts to us and there is such a sense of pride at our school. May your holiday season be one of precious family time and joy!

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall



Report Cards - Grade 1-4

We're pleased to have Term 1 report cards available to parents on Thursday, December 3 through your [PowerSchool account](#). If you require assistance with setting up your account or resetting a password, please email our school office at millgrove@psd70.ab.ca and our secretaries will be happy to help.


Once [logged in](#), go to the Report Card button on the very bottom left margin as shown below.



Character Education

For the month of December, the Character Education Committee will focus on **Empathy**. In order for students to have an opportunity to feel empathy, we will be collecting new mittens, hats and scarves to donate to those who are less fortunate. These items will decorate a Christmas Giving Tree. Please discuss with your child - that when we feel empathy we are able to understand and share the feelings of others. How would they feel if they were not able to have warm clothes in the winter? When we feel empathy we can reach out to help. Please donate **NEW** mittens, hats or scarves so we can assist others during the winter.

Mrs. TeLeni Woloszyn and Mrs. Elaine Dynan



Millgrove School Council



Hello Millgrove families!

Our next meeting for the Millgrove Parent Council will be this **Wednesday, December 2nd** at **6:30pm!**

We will be hosting this meeting virtually so hopefully that allows us to see more of your faces on screen! These are trying times as we all know so this is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the school or what's happening in the parkland school community.

An email will be sent out with the meeting link but don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Anna-Marie Jackson

Millgrove School Council Chair

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Millgrove School Community Foundation

Hello Millgrove Families!

It's hard to believe December is already here! We would like to thank all the families that supported the fundraising campaign this past month. We managed to raise approximately \$3,700!!

The next round of **Hot Lunch sales** will be **December 7-13** and **Milk sales** will be **December 14-17**. This will be for January 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 will not be having a Foundation meeting in December as everyone is busy preparing for the holidays. Our **next meeting** will be **January 12, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**. It will more than likely be online so if anyone would like to attend please email millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com

On behalf of the Millgrove Foundation I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Allison Chuey

Millgrove School Community Foundation President



COVID-19 Protocols

Our [website](#) is always the best source for the newest information. If your child is sick please refer to our [Stay at Home Guide](#) for the most recent update. Thank you for your continued support.

Library News

Thank you to all those families who bought books from our online Book Fair. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents. Our students will be happy having new books in our library.

Some of our Grade 4 students are trying fiction that is new to them and our Grade 3 students are trying new series as well. Thank you students!! It puts a smile on Mrs. Smith's face!!

Christmas books will be flying off the shelf this month. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Mrs. Gail Smith

Office News

Visitors at Millgrove



We would like to remind parents to stop at the office, sign in and speak to us regarding your visit. We are glad to help facilitate a drop off, pickup or any other inquiries you may have. As always, we are restricting parents as much as possible from heading into the school.

Thank you, we appreciate your understanding.



December Happenings

December 3 - Report Cards available online (after 3pm)

December 4 - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73 (online orders)

December 8-10 - Tentative Christmas Concert (Gr 2-4)

December 11 - Hot Lunch - Bite To Eat (online orders)

December 18 - Festive Wear Day

December 18 - Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen (online orders)

December 19- January 3 - Winter Break - No school for all of Parkland School Division

Parkland School Division - Strong Families Newsletter

Giving is a great way to help others and make your family feel happy at the same time. Giving can happen in so many ways, without costing you any money, sometimes it is just the gift of time. We hope your holidays are happy ones and you enjoy this time with your family.

Please have a look at our [Giving Back Stronger Together Newsletter](#).