

*Millgrove School*

# NEWSLETTER

**February 2019**

LEARNING TODAY

# BRIGHTENS

*Tomorrow*

## A Message from our Administrators

Our year is going by so very quickly! Please watch the forecast each day and make sure your children have boots, hats and mitts. We are outside unless it is very cold, but the best news of all is that we only truly have this last month of cold weather and then we are headed towards warming up!

A reminder that February **4th and 5th** are our **Parent teacher interviews** and that you must register online. If you need assistance signing up, please see our website for instructions or contact our school office. Thank you all in advance for the potluck dinner you are providing to our teachers each evening, we always appreciate that you take the time to feed us.

**Teachers Convention** for our part of the province runs the **7th and 8th of February** so it is a short week for our students. Please be aware that the **school is closed on these days** as it is mandatory for all teachers to attend the convention.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** is our **Winter Walk Day**. Some classes will be pairing up with other students and heading out into the community and others will be walking in the field. Your classroom teacher will update you in terms of what their plan is for that day. Generally speaking, the walk will start at 1:15 pm and parents are welcome to join students on the walk - if you plan to join, please check with your child's teacher to be sure of the time in case they have an alternate time or date. Remember, if it is too cold, the walk will be postponed.

Mrs. Madge-Arkininstall and I would like to thank the many parents that drop their children off and understand that we are directing traffic and children to make things run smoothly. We truly do appreciate your cooperation.

Finally, many of you will receive the Pillar survey in the mail or possibly digitally from the Alberta Learning. We appreciate when you are able to take the time and fill it out. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts in this.

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Linda Madge-Arkininstall

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# 2019-2020 Online Registration Coming Soon

As Parkland School Division continues with the revamped registration process established last year, 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.

**All parents will be required to complete this online process each school year.** New students must register online, while returning students will be receiving an email or letter with further instructions on how to verify and/or update their existing information.

## Important Registration Dates

- **February 4, 2019 - Registration opens.** Follow the link to the New Student Registration form (new students) or check your email for a message from PowerSchool Registration Support with further instructions (returning students).
- **March 22, 2019 at 4:30pm - Registration deadline.** Our [Registration](#) page will soon be updated with more information regarding late registrations.

## Literacy Tips

### **Pictures are there for a reason.**

Please, please, please don't cover up the pictures when reading with your child. The pictures ARE the story. Beginning readers have very little text, and the meaning comes from the pictures. When you cover the pictures, the inadvertent message is that comprehension doesn't matter—only word accuracy has value. For our beginning readers, teaching them that they see a bunny but the word starts with "r" IS the lesson. We want them to match meaning with text, and covering up the picture takes that away.

P.S. Reading the pictures IS real reading. It helps children develop comprehension, story telling, and a love of books. Not sure about that? Read *Chalk* by Bill Thomson, a wordless picture book that will make you a believer.

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# Numeracy Tips

## Reasoning

Why is reasoning important in numeracy?

The ability to reason allows us to think logically and acquire, create, connect and understand information. This helps us solve everyday problems. Reasoning is a process that allows us to build upon what we already know, reach conclusions and explain our thinking. We become more confident when we can reason and justify our solutions.

Play with puzzles, such as box puzzles, number puzzles, Sudoku®, Rubik's Cube® or make your own by cutting up a magazine picture and re-assembling it. Explain how you figured out the puzzle.

# Library News

Our school is excited to host our second **book fair** this year on **February 4, 5, and 6**. It will be **open at lunch hour and after school from 3:00 to 4:00** and of course during Parent Teacher Interviews. Students are excited about all the new books they will be able to have at home and in our library.

Our Grade 4 Explore a New Book Club winning class for December was 4C. As a reward they were able to build some amazing things with our library makerspace collection. Keep exploring new books Grade 4.

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

# Music News

**Choir** for students in grades 2-4 will begin on Monday, January 14 and continue on Mondays during lunch recess until spring break. **Choral Celebration is Monday, March 18th.**

# Archery

We had a fantastic turn out for the Millgrove Archers this year! There are 80 students on the team and we are looking forward to the upcoming tournaments. Mr. Cherry has been sending out emails to the parents of students on the team with after school days and tournament sign ups. If your child is on the team and you have NOT been getting his emails PLEASE contact him ASAP. We will be working hard at our practices over the next few months preparing for the tournaments. Wish us luck! Our tournament schedule is as follows;

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Feb. 23rd Drayton Valley  
March 2nd Bon Accord  
March 9th Ardrossan  
March 16th NASP Provincials at the Expo Center in Edmonton

## Cup Stacking

Grade 3 and 4 Cup Stacking team starts up mid January and will be running until Spring break. Students who join the team will practice Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at first recess with the expectation that they make a minimum of 2 out the 3 practices a week. In March we will be having a tournament at Millgrove School against other schools, a permission form for this will go home at the beginning of February.

## February Classroom Happenings

### Whole School

February 6 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off  
February 7 - PD Day - No School  
February 8 - PD Day - No School  
February 11 - Winter walk  
February 18 - Family Day - No School  
February 22 - PJ day

### Kindergarten

February 4 - Kindergarten Registration Opens  
February 14 - Valentine activities all ecs classrooms  
February 15- Valentine activities all ecs classrooms  
February 22 - Jump Rope for Heart Event

### Grade 1

February 13 - 100 days of school activities (all grade one classes)  
February 14 - Valentines activities (all grade one classes)

### Grade 2

February 14 - Valentines activities (all grade two classes)

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## Grade 3

February 6 - winter walk for 3SK  
February 14 - Play Parkland 3T & 3SK - pm  
February 14- Valentine's Day activities 3SK in the am  
February 14 - Valentine's Day Activities  
February 15 - Valentine's Day activities for 3T  
February 21 - Play Parkland - 3B & 3G  
February 28 - Play Parkland - 3T & 3SK

## Grade 4

February 11 - Play Parkland 4W  
February 14 - Honk for Kindness  
February 28 - Ski Trip

# School Council News

Winter Greetings from your school council,

UGH!! Winter is not over yet?! Our school has plenty of opportunities to help you battle the winter blues. The answer....become a Millgrove Volunteer!

***Did you know??*** *Volunteering and helping others can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. It also keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you to develop a solid support system, and makes you happy!!*

A study released by Johns Hopkins University in 2009 revealed that volunteers actually increased their brain functioning. ***Volunteer activities get you moving and thinking at the same time helping to reduce stress levels and helping others has that exact same effect—so the more you volunteer, the happier you become!*** We are looking for regular volunteers to help in the **library**. If you are able to spend some time giving back to your child's school please contact our librarian at [gsmith@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:gsmith@psd70.ab.ca)

**Our next council meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30 pm please join us!**

Millgrove Council Co-chairs

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# Millgrove School Community Foundation News

## Hello Millgrove Families!

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and a smooth transition back to school!

Parent Teacher Interviews are right around the corner. Traditionally parents volunteer to provide potluck dinner for the teachers during the interviews. The teachers go above and beyond by staying late to run extracurricular activities and other programs throughout the year. This is our chance to thank them for doing all the extras. If you are interested in providing a dish for Monday February 4th or Tuesday February 5th please contact Jackie at [jackie84s@hotmail.com](mailto:jackie84s@hotmail.com)

Millgrove Community Foundation is currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

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| -Milk Program                | Hot Lunch Coordinator                   | Hot Lunch Assistant                             |
| - hand out milk during lunch | -set up hot lunch website               | -purchase snacks for accompany hot lunch entree |
|                              | -make the hot lunch schedule            |   |
|                              | -book vendors                           |   |
|                              | -make sure payments are made to vendors |   |

We understand that families are very busy and free time is very limited, but without volunteers we won't be able to keep these programs running. I feel that the hot lunch program and milk program are valuable programs for the school and would hate to see them cancelled due to no community involvement.

If you would like more information or are available to help out please contact Jody at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)

## Upcoming events:

- February 12 - Foundation meeting 1pm in conference room at the school
- March 18 - Spell-A-Thon pledge forms sent home
- April 8-11 - Spell-A-Thon pledges due
- April 26 - School Dance

Thank you to those parents and families that have been volunteering!

## Health Hero's tips for February

As part of our journey to encourage more outdoor fun and activity at Millgrove school we will be taking part in Shape Alberta's Winter Walk Day. Their official date is February 6, we will be having our Jump Rope for Heart kick off that day so our walk day will be Monday, February 11. In the case of inclement weather each class will reschedule their walk for a time that works for them.

Please check out [@Shape\\_Alberta](https://twitter.com/Shape_Alberta) on Twitter for more information and other health tips.

From  
Your Health Champions

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# Offerings from Division Office & The Community

## **Family Connection Centre**

5600-50 street, Stony Plain

**February 5 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

### **Emotion Coaching**

**Call to register 780 963 0549**

Learn how to teach your children to identify the different emotions they experience, why they have those feelings and how to handle them.

## **Spruce Grove Library**

35th avenue

**February 12 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm**

### **Technology Speed Dating**

**Call to register 780 962 4423**

Robots, coding, circuitry - try them all and see which tech finds a special place in your heart.

## **Centre for Education**

4603 - 48 street, Stony Plain

**February 19 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

### **5 Love Languages - family edition**

**Call to register 780 963 8458**

Most people have one primary love language. Find out which language is favoured by you and your partner.

## **Border Paving Athletic Centre**

9 Tri Leisure Way, Spruce Grove

**February 26 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

### **Rebuilding After Your Relationship Ends**

**Call to register 780 962 7618**

Whether a divorce, a breakup or the loss of a loved one, your heart needs healing. Join us for an interactive discussion to build on your inner resources and ability to empower yourself.