

Millgrove School

NEWSLETTER

January 2019

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A Message from our Administrators

We would like to wish our Millgrove families a happy and restful holiday break and all the best in the coming New Year! We are so very grateful for our wonderful school community and thank you for all your endless support.

Now for the coming year...

We have been lucky to have mild temperatures leading up to our break but would like to remind parents of our cold weather policy. Prior to school opening and during recess breaks, the children in Parkland School Division are outside for all temps up to -23 degrees celsius with a windchill. This is the recommendation for all schools in Alberta therefore, we need children to dress for the weather. Remember, they also may be outside for physical education throughout the school day. Mitts, hats, boots and scarves are essential. As Henry Beston states, *"If there is one thing clear about the centuries dominated by the factory and the wheel, it is that although the machine can make everything from a spoon to a landing-craft, a natural joy in earthly living is something it never has and never will be able to manufacture."*

See you all back on Monday, January 7th!

Archie Lilloco

Linda Madge-Arkininstall

New! Student Safe Arrival Automated Calls

Starting in January, we will be moving towards automated calls home regarding student absences. Thank you to families who consistently call or email us when your children are away, this help us ensure students all arrive safely.

To report an absence, please call 780-962-6122 ext. 1 to leave a message OR email us at millgrove@psd70.ab.ca

Literacy Tips

This book is not too easy for your child.

Reading is making meaning not word recognition. Because accuracy is easy for us to see happening, it's easy to assume that a reader that sounds good must be making meaning. After all, they are not doing any of the things we do as readers when we're confused. As adults when we read a confusing text, we back up, reread, slow down, look for more information, or ask for help. Our students will spend years learning to do that. Sometimes the fluent reading we see is only surface deep or the result of multiple readings at school.

P.S. And so what if it is? I loved the Harry Potter series, and it's definitely below my reading level. It's okay to just love a story. That's kind of the whole point of reading.

Numeracy Tips

Time

Talk about time. Ask your child to check the time on the clock when he or she goes to school, eats meals, and goes to bed. Together, look up the time of a television program your child wants to watch. Record on a calendar the time of your child's favorite away-from home activity.

Library News

Our grade 4 students are busy trying new fiction in our **Explore a New Book Club**. The winning class every month gets a makerspaces time for their classroom. In January our Grade 2 students are excited to explore our Non-Fiction library for the first time. And of course we are thinking about our next book fair as well. It will be a "Dino-Mite" book fair and will be held the first week of February. We are always in need of parent volunteers so please drop by and see Mrs. Smith in the library if you can help with shelving or labeling or at lunch time during our February book fair.

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

*****IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN ARCHERY PLEASE READ THE BELOW MESSAGE THOROUGHLY*****

We are very excited for another year of competitive archery with the MILLGROVE ARCHERS and build onto the success we have had. The grade 3 and 4 students have had a chance to try archery in December, to see whether or not they want to join the team. If your child missed this there will be one more TRIAL week of archery running during the first week after Christmas break at lunch hour; January 8th, 9th and 10th. **After this last trial week, ONLY students who are committed to going to 2 or more of the tournaments listed below can continue with archery during lunch hours and after school.** There will be some open archery practices for ALL grade 3 and 4 students in April, when the tournament season is complete. There will also be archery classes for grade 1 and 2 students in May and June.

The Millgrove Archery Team is open to any student in grades 3 to grade 12 so we will be having some older students joining us for after school practices and, NEW this year, we are opening up archery to older siblings who are interested and committed to learning this sport. If your grade 3 or 4 student has an older sibling interested in joining the team and coming to tournaments please contact Mr. Cherry using the email below. The archery competitive season will last from January until the middle of March, unless more tournaments are added. The school provides ALL of the necessary equipment for tournaments and practices. For grade 3 and 4 students there will be 3 practices a week during lunch hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will also be required to attend an after school practice once a week. The after school practices will run on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:07 until 4:45. These after school practices will start during the 3rd week of January. They may attend two after school practices a week and possibly all three, however, this option is still undecided as we need to first find out how many students there are enrolled in archery so the after school practices do not get overcrowded. For the after school practices your child can stay as long as they want and leave when they want. Therefore, if they need to leave at 4:00 for other activities they may leave. They are not required to stay for the entire after school practice.

To join the team there will be a permission form and information that parents will need to read and fill in appropriately. This form will be sent out during the first week back from Christmas Break. On this form you will have the opportunity to select what after school days work best for your child and what tournaments they are committed to attending. There are currently four tournaments that we will be attending (the list is just below this paragraph). This list is subject to change as other tournaments may be added in January. The Ardrossan tournament is not listed but based on previous years it is usually in February or early March. For any unknown dates or tournaments, they will be communicated to parents ASAP. The Edmonton tournament is MOST recommended as it is the Alberta Archery Provincials and it is VERY well run. For the tournaments PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR CHILD. There is no school bussing for archery tournaments. Last year there were some very successful carpools set up by parents for parents who could not drive their child to a tournament. Each tournament has an entry fee as well. They range in price from \$10 to \$25. The school must receive payment BEFORE each tournament begins. Payments will be made through PowerSchool. There will be a separate form for each tournament available online. These will go out 5 or 3 weeks before each tournament starts and will include information about the tournament, shoot times available and how to pay. Students attending tournaments also need to consider purchasing a Archery

Team T-Shirts from the Millgrove School Office. When we attend tournaments it is really nice to have everyone matching and looking like a team so we encourage the purchasing of the team t-shirts if your child is on the archery team. T-shirts are \$10 each and will be available at the office sometime in January. We will make parents aware once the t-shirts are ready to be purchased. If your child has a team t-shirt from last year there is no need to purchase another one, unless your child has outgrown it. Here are the tournaments listed so far;

February or Early March Ardrossan (Date not posted yet but should be sometime in February)

March 1 Tomahawk

March 2 Bon Accord

March 14 Edmonton Expo Center

Mr. Cherry will be running the program again this year. He is VERY open to questions and he wants to give each child a fair opportunity to join the team. Therefore, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact him if you have any questions or want to know more about the archery program. Keep in mind that sometimes children like archery but they just are not ready to make that commitment to attending all the practices. We see this most often with grade 3's so please do not push your child onto the team if they are not ready to make the commitment to consistently come to practices. Sometimes they just aren't ready for the team and we don't want to sour them towards archery. They can always join next year when they are older and can handle the commitment better. We suggest having a FULL and SERIOUS conversation with your child, to ensure they understand the commitment level, all missed recesses they will have and the time they will be spending on archery. This way they will not sign up for something they may regret later. For the team to work, with the large numbers we have, we need students on the team that are positive, committed and really enjoy archery. The goal for the Millgrove Archery Team is that each child progresses at THEIR own pace, learns a new skill and has lots of FUN! Mr. Cherry can be reached at the school by phone or **email mcherry@psd70.ab.ca** for any questions you may have.

Cup Stacking

Cup stacking. Cup stacking.

Tuesdays & Thursdays in the month of January during first recess **grade 4** students can do cup stacking in room 149.

Wednesdays & Fridays in the month of January during first recess **grade 3** students can do cup stacking in room 149.

If you are seeking more information please get contact Mr. Wahlen at jwahlen@psd70.ab.ca

January Classroom Happenings

Kindergarten

January 15 - Aerials gymnastics - 12:40 - 2:15 pm

January 16 - Aerials gymnastics - 12:40 - 2:15 pm

January 29 - Aerials gymnastics - 12:40 - 2:15 pm

January 30 - Aerials gymnastics - 12:40 - 2:15 pm

Grade 1

January 11 - 1S winter walk 1-2 p.m.
January 16 - 1C & 1V skating 1-3 p.m., 1R & 3S - Winter Walk Scavenger Hunt 2-3 p.m.
January 18 - 1M & 3G - Skating 1-3 p.m.
January 23 - 1C & 1V Skating 1-3 p.m.
January 24 - 1R & 1S Skating 1-3 p.m.
January 25 - 1M & 3G Skating 1-3 p.m.
January 30 - 1C, 1V & 1S Winter Walk 2-3 p.m.
January 31 - 1R & 1S Skating 1-3 p.m.

Grade 2

January 8 - In class safety lessons - 2W and 2A
January 9 - In class safety lessons - 2S and 2B
January 15 - In class safety lessons - 2W and 2A
January 16 - In class safety lessons - 2S and 2B
January 22 - In class safety lessons - 2W and 2A
January 23 - In class safety lessons - 2S and 2B
January 29 - In class safety lessons - 2W and 2A
January 30 - In class safety lessons - 2S and 2B

Grade 3

January 10 - 3SK & 3T - play parkland
January 17 - 3G & 3B - play parkland
January 24 - 3SK & 3T - play parkland
January 31 - 3G & 3B - play parkland

Grade 4

January 11 - 4C on winter walk with 1S buddies
January 28 - 4W Play Parkland 10:15-12pm
January 29 - 4K & 4C (9-11am) 4P & 4W (1-3pm) in school field trip - Light and Shadows

School Council News

Welcome back to a whole new year.! 2019 is upon us. January has arrived and that means our children have settled into a classroom routine and are buckling down for learning as the snowy weather will keep us hibernating till springtime. Parent council continues to have conversations about proposals for the annual ASCA (Alberta school council association) conference submissions are due January 15, 2019!!

Why is this important? ASCA is a group of people representing councils across the province who are brought to the table where decisions are made in the education of all students in Alberta. As members of council we have the

opportunity to bring forth the changes we would like to see in our schools. If you would like to join us and share your thoughts our next meeting is January 16, 2019 6:30 pm.

Pam Pirie and Crystal Vanderburg

Millgrove Council Co-chairs

Millgrove School Community Foundation News

Hello Millgrove Families!

December has been a very busy month! We are happy to announce that our fundraising campaign went very well and everyone got their products on time! We would like to extend a special thanks to all the volunteers who came into the school to help sort, organize and distribute all the products! Without our parent volunteers we would not be able to provide many of our programs or activities. Speaking of volunteers we are still looking for a volunteer to help with the hot lunch program, if you are interested please email millgrovehotlunch@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

- We will be selling **Oil Kings tickets** again in February for any families wishing to come to our Family Night in March. Tickets will be \$20 each.
- Our next fundraising campaign will start in February for the Spell-a-Thon in April.
- **April 26, 2019** will be the **Family Dance** at the school

For anyone interested in joining Millgrove School Community Foundation or anyone wishing to learn more about the Foundation please join us at **our next meeting, January 15, 2019 at 1:00pm** in the conference room at the school. On behalf of the Millgrove School Community Foundation I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Jody Bergey

Millgrove Foundation President

Health Hero's tips for November

How do you stay connected with the little people in your life?

- Movie night
- Eating dinner together
- Do you go on nature walks?

These are all great ideas, here's another one for you - Family game night. Playing games with your children is a lot of fun but did you know it can be a great way to teach many important life skills? Playing games shows young people how to be good sports, improves communication, is great for fine motor skills and problem solving. There are even

many games out there that get you physically active such as Minute to Win It. Above all else it is a wonderful bonding time which is important for your child's mental health.

For more information and some great game ideas, check out

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2015/07/bringing-back-family-game-night/>

From

Your Health Champions

Offerings from Division Office & The Community

Spruce Grove Library

35th avenue

January 15 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Builders Challenge

Call to register 780 962 4423

What can you do with Lego? Put yourself to the test with this fun and interactive session.

Centre for Education

4603 - 48 street, Stony Plain

January 22 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Recognizing Alternatives to Getting Explosive

Call to register 780 963 8458

This session offers skills and practice times, you you can recognize ander and prevent escalation.

Border Paving Athletic Centre

9 Tri Leisure Way, Spruce Grove

Declutter Your Life

January 29 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call to register 780 962 7618

Understand your relationship to your stuff, and learn how simple changes in thoughts and actions can encourage a clutter-free lifestyle.