

*Millgrove School*

# NEWSLETTER

**March 2019**

LEARNING TODAY

**BRIGHTENS**

*Tomorrow*

## A Message from our Administrators

Welcome to March! Looking forward to better weather in the coming month and outdoor recesses!

We want to thank you for the wonderful meals that were supplied to us during the parent teacher interviews. Wow, so many choices to choose from and such tremendous support! Thank you.

**March 1st is a PD day** therefore, **no school** for any students in Parkland School Division. With any luck we should see our snow starting to melt away but that means wet conditions in our playgrounds. Please make sure your children are dressed for the changing weather.

**Report cards** will be released on **Thursday, March 21st** on Power School. If you require assistance with your account, please contact the school office and our secretaries would be glad to help.

We are looking towards next year already so please go online and complete your registrations. If you know of any kindergarten students for next year please let them know that they can register online as soon as possible. This is important for two reasons, not only for our class planning but to register for busing.

February 27th is commonly known as Pink Shirt Day however, Millgrove's Pink Shirt Day will be March 6th where we represent our beliefs around caring, respectful and safe learning environments. We should always be working towards kindness in all of our dealings with each other on a daily basis. We look forward to seeing students in pink, a favourite shade of rose, fuchsia, salmon or magenta.

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# 2019-2020 Online Registration

## Online Verification/Bus Registration

It's time to start planning ahead for the next school 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. **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.psrsupport.com](mailto:noreply.psrsupport.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.

**We would like to be 100% complete on March 22nd! We can do it Millgrove!**

## Literacy Tips

**You are showing your child exactly how important reading is (or is not).**

Frustrated with your child's lack of interest in reading? How are you showing that reading is important? I love the saying, "Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you." What message do we send our children when we schedule dance classes, soccer practices, and piano lessons that can't be missed, but a trip to the library doesn't get the same treatment? Show your kids the value of reading by making it a priority in your time commitments.

P.S. One great way to do this is to set aside 15-30 minutes every day for a whole-house reading time. Everyone reads together as a read aloud or just in companionable silence.

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# Numeracy Tips

## Browsing Flyers

Discussing flyers can be a great way to improve your child's maths knowledge of money and percentages. Here are some questions you could ask: How would you spend \$40 from a flyer? How many products can you buy for \$40? Select five products from the flyer, then calculate what the cost would be if there was a 50% sale. Does it make a difference if you add up the items, and then deduct 50%, or if each item is reduced by 50% then totalled? What is the best value sale item in the flyer? Can you explain your reasoning? Compare the cost of a product across different stores using different flyers. What did you find?

# Library News

**Congratulations to the students from grades 3 and 4 that won a free book from the book fair this past month for reading.**

3SK Julie Warren	3B Callie Jorgenson	3T Capri Elder	3G Rylee Fraser
4C Hudson Legare	4K Rhyenn Stenson	4P Liam Sparks	4W Carly Evans

**Huge congratulations to Levi Ranch in 2B - he won the family draw** at the bookfair and received \$25.00 dollars worth of books for himself and his classroom.

We thank all the parents for the tremendous support you gave to the school during the book fair.

Our library is very excited to have received funding for adding to our FNMI resources. The library is hosting all of the Parkland School Division Librarians for a meeting in our new space on March 8th.

**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!!!**

# Electronics Round UP

We will be running an electronic roundup as a mini fundraiser once again this year. We will have a cage brought to the school to be filled. You can drop off your old electronics to be recycled. The bin should be in place from **March 11-29th**. Instead of taking them to a recycle depot drop them here at the school.

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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

**Choir** for students in grades 2-4 will begin on Mondays during lunch recess until spring break. **Choral Celebration is Monday, March 18th. Those participating, will be leaving the school at 9 am and arrive back to school shortly after noon.**

## Archery

The Millgrove Archers had a fantastic first tournament in Drayton Valley. **Forty-seven students competed and our Elementary Team placed 1st!** There were also multiple students on the team who placed in the top 10 individually in both the elementary and middle school divisions. We received compliments from the officials at the tournament about how respectful and committed our archers were. Way to go Millgrove Archers for bringing pride to Millgrove School! We are looking forward to the remaining two tournaments in Ardrossan on March 9th and Provincials in Edmonton on March 16th, where we have 77 students entered which is one of the largest teams competing in all of Alberta. Students on the team will continue to work hard during practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at noon and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after school. Please contact Mr. Cherry at the school or email [mcherry@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:mcherry@psd70.ab.ca) if you have questions about the archery program.

## 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 below for the forms if you are interested.

<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/CLICK.php>

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# March Classroom Happenings

## Whole School

March 1 - PD day - no school  
March 6 - Wear pink to support Millgrove Pink shirt day  
March 15 - Wear green day  
March 21 - Report Cards released on line  
March 23 - 31 - Spring Break no school

## Kindergarten

March 7 - KGT & KLT - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 8 - KGM & KLM & KHM - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 11 - KGM & KLM & KHM - field trip to WEM 8:45- 11:30  
March 12 - KGT & KLM - field trip to WEM 8:45- 11:30

## Grade 1

March 4 - 1S, 1M, & 1R - Dr. Seuss Week  
March 4 - 1C & 1V - Swimming 12:00 - 1:40 pm  
March 5 - 1C & 1V - Swimming 12:00 - 1:40 pm  
March 6 - 1C & 1V - Swimming 12:00 - 1:40 pm  
March 7 - 1C & 1V - Swimming 12:00 - 1:40 pm  
March 7 - 1C & 1S & 1V - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 8 - 1C & 1V - Swimming 12:00 - 1:40 pm  
March 8 - 1M & 1R - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 11 - 1S & 1M & 1R - Swimming 1:00 - 2:40 pm  
March 12 - 1S & 1M & 1R - Swimming 1:00 - 2:40 pm  
March 13 - 1S & 1M & 1R - Swimming 1:00 - 2:40 pm  
March 14 - 1S & 1M & 1R - Swimming 1:00 - 2:40 pm  
March 15 - 1S & 1M & 1R - Swimming 1:00 - 2:40 pm

## Grade 2

March 6 - 2B & 2S - Telus World of Science 11:00 am  
March 7 - 2A & 2B - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 8 - 2S & 2W - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 11 - 2W & 2A - Telus World of Science 11 am - 2:30 pm

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## Grade 3

March 5 - 3G - Bridges 10 am , 3SK Bridges 1pm  
March 6 - 3B - Bridges 10 am , 3T Bridges 1pm  
March 7 - 3G & 3B - Play Parkland - 12:30 - 2:15 pm  
March 7 - 3SK & 3T - Horizon Stage - 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 8 - 3B & 3G - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 14 - 3T & 3SK - Play Parkland - 12:30 - 2:15 pm  
March 20 - 3T - pajama day to celebrate reading  
March 21 - 3G & 3B - Play Parkland - 12:30 - 2:15 pm

## Grade 4

March 4 - 4W - Play Parkland 12:15 - 2:00 pm  
March 7 - 4K & 4W - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 9:30 am  
March 8 - 4C & 4P - Horizon Stage 9:15 - 10:30 am  
March 18 - 4W - Play Parkland 12:15 - 2:00 pm

# School Council News

Come one come all to the March 13 6:30-8:30pm School Council Meeting, we will be reviewing proposed Alberta School Council Resolutions for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Below is the link for the resolution package for the ASCA's upcoming resolutions. Please take a look and give us feedback via email or please come to the meeting on March 13th.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/documents/60662>

If you have any questions or would like to know more please email use at [millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:millgrovescchair@psd70.ab.ca)

# Millgrove School Community Foundation News

Hello Millgrove Families!

We hope you were all able to stay warm this past month! As March quickly approaches we are busy making all our preparations for the next hot lunch/milk sessions as well as preparing for our annual Spell-A-Thon and family dance!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families that brought food in for the teachers during Parent Teacher Interviews! It was greatly appreciated!

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**Online hot lunch sales** will run from **Friday, March 1st to noon on Wednesday, March 13.** **Online sales for milk** will run from **Thursday, March 14th to noon on Thursday, March 20.** **Cash sales** for hot lunch and milk will be available on **Friday, March 8 from 8:30 am-9:30 am and 2:30 pm-3:30 pm** and again on **Wednesday, March 13 8:30 am-9:30 am and 2:30pm-3:30pm.**

We are excited to announce that the **Spell-A-Thon** is going to be done a little different this year. Traditionally the one class in each grade level that raises the most money wins an ice cream party, this year we wanted to acknowledge the work that the students do to prepare for the Spell-A-Thon. We will be introducing a tiered prize system, this means that all the students that collect donations will receive a prize. The first level will start with a \$5 donation. The prize value will increase with each tier. The **Spell-A-Thon packages will be going home** with the students on **Monday, March 18.** **The pledge packages need to be returned to the school between Monday April 8 and Thursday April 11.** **Teachers will administer the test between Monday April 15 and April 18.** Once the tests are completed the students will receive their prizes!

Our **Annual Family Dance** will be in the Millgrove School gymnasium on **Friday, April 26 from 6pm-9pm.** Tickets will be available to purchase in April. If you are able to volunteer for the Dance please contact the Millgrove School Foundation at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)

We are also still looking for a hot lunch coordinator, if this interests you or you would like more information about it please contact the Millgrove School Foundation at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)

Although it is still a ways away we would like to inform everyone that our AGM is going to be held in June this year instead of September 2019. If anyone is interested in learning about any of the positions or would like to run for a position please come to our **next meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 630pm.**

Millgrove School Community Foundation

## Health Hero's tips for February

Four more months of bagged lunches!

Are you finding it more and more challenging to make exciting, healthy and economical school lunches that don't take a lot of effort? We hear you.

Here are some easy tips to get you through the next few months.

- Enlist help - even your kinder-kid can pack veggies into a reusable container. The more ownership they have the more excited they will be to dig in.
- Plan ahead - keep prepared fruits and veggies in containers in the fridge. When the hard work is done for them it is easy for little ones to choose a variety of options that appeal to them.
- To keep things interesting, use a variety of whole grain breads and crackers, put together with leftover meat, cheese and veggies.
- Protein is key to keeping young minds and bodies working through the school day - hard boiled eggs, hummus and nuts are great options.
- Reducing sugary, processed snacks and drinks will encourage young people to instinctively make healthier choices.

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# Offerings from Division Office & The Community

## **Family Connection Centre**

5600-50 street, Stony Plain

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

**Positive Parenting Program (ages 2-10)**

**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

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

**Coding for Newbies**

**Call to register 780 962 4423**

Learn the basics of coding! Space is very limited.

## **Centre for Education**

4603 - 48 street, Stony Plain

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

**Art of Co-parenting**

**Call to register 780 963 8458**

Being civil to your ex is challenging. Learn strategies to navigate your separation or divorce successfully.

*Join facilitator Mardi Hardt (Bernard), a school mental health nurse who assists schools to understand the effects of trauma on children's brains. Learn more about trauma, childhood adversity, resilience and mental health.*

*Join us on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> and again on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Brookwood School to learn more about what parents and teachers can do to understand the Core Story of Brain Development and protect children's brains from the negative effects of trauma. Participants are encouraged to attend both sessions.*

**Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>**: Come and build your knowledge about trauma and how to recognize trauma. Come learn about positive stress, tolerable stress and toxic stress and the role parents can take to build resilience. Participants will be invited to leave some questions they would like answered as part of Session 2.

**Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>**: Come learn about strategies that parents, schools and communities can use to help our children be their most successful.