

Millgrove School

NEWSLETTER

May 2019

LEARNING TODAY

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Tomorrow

A Message from our Administrators

Welcome to May, we hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break!

It is hard to believe that May is here and we only have 40 days of school left until the year is over!

We had an excellent turnout during our numeracy evening which involved 75 parents and students combined. Fun was had by all as we explored domino games and left with new ideas to use at home. The family dance was also great fun, was well attended, and perfectly organized by our Millgrove School Community Foundation.

Grade 4 parents with children designated to Greystone will be visited by the Principal of Greystone, Darla Villeneuve, at our school on May 6 beginning at 9:40 am. Greystone Inferno night, in which parents and their children have the chance to tour Greystone School, will be held on May 9 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Grade 4 students will also have the opportunity to visit Greystone for part of the school day on May 14 from 9:00-11:00 am. The children will be bused from Millgrove and accompanied by their teachers.

You are invited to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Event on May 31 from 12:00-1:00. So many of you have helped in a variety of ways from attending field trips, volunteering at school, preparing materials, organizing hot lunch and mik service. The list goes on and on! Millgrove is a better place because of your ongoing support and we look forward to showing you the appreciation you all deserve! Watch for your invitation in your child's agenda.

Necessary changes are being made to our school's bell times. The changes in bell times will help create a more efficient Transportation System which means more money being spent in the classroom. These adjustments will allow our existing transportation system to better adapt to the current funding model for bus transportation in the province given the addition of the two new schools Parkland School Division so desperately needed in Spruce Grove.

One way the Board of Trustees plans to reduce the expected \$1 million deficit is to simplify the complexities in the Regional Transportation System. This will result in more direct busing of student and therefore reduced ride times for many. Reducing about 700 students from going through transfer stations, reducing traffic congestion at schools and reducing the amount of buses in the fleet by redrawing routes and having some buses make double runs will create approximately \$800,000 in savings each year. That's money kept in the classroom, rather than being spent on busing.

Our school will expect to see a shift in bus arrival and departure times. The new arrival time will be 8:50 am and the bus departure time will be 3:50 pm (as soon as they are loaded). School will end at 3:40 pm.

Please note, morning supervision at the school will begin at 8:40 am starting in the fall. Please plan your student drop-off accordingly if your children do not ride a bus.

For full details, check out the news article on our school website. Once we finalize our bell schedule, we will have a finalized schedule posted. Currently we have a draft schedule posted on our website so that you can see what the start and end of the day looks like. We are continuing to explore what our internal schedule might look like. Once we have it you will see it on our bell schedule page at <https://millgrove.psd70.ab.ca/Schedule.php>

Enjoy the spring weather with your very special children!

Archie Lillico

Linda Madge-Arkininstall

Literacy Tips

WRITING

Writing exercises are essential.

- Use Writing Prompts - Writing prompts are a great way to help a child begin a story. An example of a writing prompt is— Pretend you are the first person to create a flying car. Tell what the car would look like and how it would work.
- Be Creative - Encourage your child to write and perform skits or puppet shows. Set aside time for other family members to see the performance.
- Travel log - When you go on vacations, trips, or special outings, have your child record new sights and experiences from his/her journey.
- Copy - If your child likes a particular song, have him/her copy the lyrics. Children can also copy their favorite poem, quotation, or short book. Encourage neatness for legibility.

Numeracy Tips

Exploring sports

Sports provide a good opportunity to engage your child in numeracy, particularly if they are a keen sports person.

Here are some questions to ask your child when watching or playing their favourite sport:

- How does your favourite sport tally or total the score? What maths is presented on the total?
- How do other sports tally the score – for example, tennis, golf, cricket, netball, football?
- What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?

- Who is at the top of the ladder? How is this determined?
- Are there other ways to record the score?
- How long do your favourite sport games go for in minutes and seconds? How is the time in the game divided? Into halves, quarters or something else?
- What are the shapes of different playing fields and courts? Talk about edges and angles.
- How can you estimate the perimeter and area of a playing field?
- How many cars could be parked on the field or rink? How could we work this out?

Library News

The library is excited to be bringing in Robert Feagan to talk to the Grade 3 and 4 classes about being an author. He was born in the the Northwest Territories so his books and presentation will tell us a lot about living in the northern part of our wonderful country. He will be here the morning of Monday, July 27.

The library is also excited to bring in Leanne Myggland-Carter for the Grade 1 classes. Her book is called An ABC Community. They will be talking a lot about the wonderful Spruce Grove community that they live in. She will be here on Tuesday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Grade 2's are excited to be talking about bees this month. We are lucky to have the grandfather of one of our own students come in to talk to them about what it is like to be a beekeeper.

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

Music News

Our school talent show "L.I.T" which stands for Little Individual Talent Show, will be held during the last week in June. Students will have an opportunity to audition in late May/early June. Talents such as singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or performing a skit are all great options for auditions. Specific audition times and updates will be made during music classes and during morning announcements. Performances should be well rehearsed and prepared. Those students chosen to perform will receive a note inviting them to perform during the Talent Show. Looking forward to all of the amazing talent that Millgrove students have to share!

Archery

Mr. Cherry will be having the grade 1's and grade 2's slowly trained in archery during the month of May. Once all of the 1's and 2's are trained they will have a chance to continue with archery during lunch hours on Wednesday if they choose to come. This will probably not happen until June. Each grade 1 and 2 class was given a date in May to come

and get trained in archery. If you are wondering when your child will be doing archery please contact your child's teacher. If you have any other questions about archery, please feel free to contact Mr. Cherry.

May Classroom Happenings

Whole School

May 1 - Hats on for Mental Health

May 3 - DQ hot lunch

May 10 - Crazy Hair/Hat day

May 10 - Boston Pizza Hot Lunch

May 15 - Grade 1 - 4 track meet 9 am - 3 pm

May 16 - Pizza 73 Hot Lunch

May 17 - No School PD day all Parkland

May 20 - Victoria Day no school all Parkland

May 24 - Bite to Eat Hot Lunch

May 31 - Subway Hot Lunch

Kindergarten

May 3 - No school for ECS students in Parkland

May 29 - Kindergarten In School field trip (dinosaurs) 10:30 - 11:45 and 1:15 - 2:30

May 30 - Kindergarten In School field trip (dinosaurs) 10:30 - 11:45 and 1:15 - 2:30

Grade 1

May 6 - Tooth Talk - 1S & 1C 11:00 am

May 6 - Tooth Talk - 1M, 1R, & 1V - 1:00 pm

May 16 - Little School House field trip - 1S, 1V & 1C - 8:30 - 1 pm

May 21 - Little School House field trip - 1M & 1R - 8:30 - 1pm

May 22 - Spring Walk to Participark - 1R with 3SK at 10:00

Grade 2

Grade 3

May 22 - Spring Walk to Participark - 3SK with 1R at 10:00

Grade 4

May 1 - 4W - Waste Management Field trip - 8:30 - 12:30

May 2 - 4C, 4D & 4K - Waste Management Field trip - 8:30 - 12:30

May 9 - Play Parkland - 4C, 4K & 4P - 12:30 - 2:15

May 13 - Track Meet at SGCHS all grade 4 students - 10 am to 1 pm

May 22 - Immunizations for kids that have missed

May 23 - Play Parkland - 4C, 4K & 4P - 12:30 - 2:15

May 30 - Play Parkland - 4C, 4K & 4P - 12:30 - 2:15

School Council News

Hello Millgrove Families,

May is here and the sun is shining!

Council members had an evening of meeting and greeting new families during our kindergarten open house. We also had another fun night of learning by playing math games with our families and teachers.

There is an opportunity for you to be an active council member. We will need a chair, vice chair and secretary for our school council for the upcoming year. We need your help!!

Please come to our next council meeting for more information. We will be meeting May 15th, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Pam Pirie and Crystal Vanderburg

Co-chairs Millgrove School Council

Millgrove School Community Foundation News

Hello Millgrove Families!!

Can you believe there is only 8.5 more weeks of school!?

On behalf of Millgrove School Community Foundation I would like to thank all the volunteers that stepped forward in April to help with the Spell-A-Thon and the Family Dance. These events would not be possible without all of the wonderful volunteers!

We only have 2 foundation meeting left this school year. Our next general meeting is May 7 at 1pm in the conference room at the school and our Annual General Meeting is June 7 at 6:30pm in the staff room at the school. Our Annual General Meeting is very important and I encourage you all to come. We will be nominating and voting a new board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) for the 2019/2020 school year as well as looking for volunteers to fill various other positions. There will be snacks and some exciting door prizes! If you are interested in learning more about the positions please email me at millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com

Foundation Chair - Jody Bergey

Health Hero's tips for May

May is mental health month. In Canada we recognize May 6 to May 12 as Mental Health Week. There is a lot of talk lately about mental health and all of the information can become really overwhelming. Although there are many contributing factors and not all of them are in our control there is an ever growing amount of research that indicates that physical wellness plays a large role in our mental wellness. So, if we follow the Canada food guide (reduce processed foods) and get lots of physical activity (at least 30 mins. per day) the effects of mental illness can be reduced. For further information as well as other tips please go to <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/healthy-living>

Offerings from Division Office & The Community

Family Connection Centre

5600-50 street, Stony Plain

May 7 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Handle With Care (birth - 6 years)

Call to register 780 963 0549

Activities, games and discussion to help you support your child's social/emotional well-being.

Spruce Grove Library

35th avenue

May 14 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Get Snappy with Circuits

Call to register 780 962 4423

Experiment with circuitry materials to build an AM radio, burglar alarm and more.

Centre for Education

4603 - 48 street, Stony Plain

May 21 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Mental Health Literacy

Anxiety, depression, emotional wellness -- get some clarity on what it all means.

Call to register 780 963 8458

Border Paving Athletic Centre

9 Tri Leisure Way, Spruce Grove

May 28 - 6- 7:30 pm

Call to register 780 962 7618

Nature for Mental Health

Join us to learn about the ways that nature can benefit your mental well- being.