

# Millgrove School

## Newsletter

September 2020

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Welcome! Thank you to our parents and our staff for creating such a positive environment. The children came prepared, many had practiced using a mask, they quickly learned the new protocols, and the transition back was smooth. I cannot imagine starting a year with a more supportive group of people, our wonderful Millgrove community. We are all so excited to have our students back and they arrived enthusiastic and ready to learn.

We continue to tweak and make the changes necessary to create a safe and caring place for our students during COVID, and we are always available to answer questions and work with you. Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community and your support is invaluable.

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to our terrific returning staff Mrs. Lindsay Graham (grade 3), Mrs. Jessica Byrne (grade 3), and Mrs. Sarah Dube (grade 1), and to our new assistant principal, Mrs. Donna Miners. Mrs. Miners worked as the assistant principal and inclusive education lead at Duffield school and was also our collaborative teaching partner for the 2017-2018 school year. She comes with a wealth of knowledge, and we are thrilled to have her join Millgrove. Mr. Michael Cherry and Mrs. TeLeni Woloszyn will be our online staff supporting those families that have chosen Option 2 - Online learning.

I am so appreciative of our School Foundation and School Council. These two groups impact the wellness of our school and I am grateful for their feedback and involvement. I would encourage you to join one of the groups; it is a positive experience to participate in the “behind the scenes work.” Our School Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 in our school gym. We will be social distancing so please RSVP to Millgrove (780-962-6122 or [millgrove@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:millgrove@psd70.ab.ca)) so that we can set up the appropriate amount of chairs. Our School Foundation is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 at Millgrove School.

On behalf of our entire staff, we look forward to working with you and your child. This will be a unique, but productive year of collaboration, support and learning.

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall



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## School Enrollments

Kindergarten - Option 1	68	Option 2	17
Grade One - Option 1	93	Option 2	11
Grade Two - Option 1	94	Option 2	12
Grade Three - Option 1	89	Option 2	9
Grade Four - Option 1	89	Option 2	8

Mr. Cherry and Mrs. Woloszyn will be working with those families that have chosen option 2 and will support through weekly google meets and structured and well organized daily online lessons. Parents will be involved with the daily lessons and instruction of materials and Mr. Cherry and Mrs. Woloszyn will also assist during the transitions from online to in class learning.

The dates for reentry are as follows:

October 5  
November 16  
January 4  
February 16  
April 7

## Portable Completion



Portables are expected to be completed Monday, September 14. Once again, staff and students have been flexible and fortunately we had empty rooms that became their temporary classrooms.

Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Constantin, Mrs. Gallant, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Barker are looking forward to the move to their new lovely rooms. These portables will also contain a new set of washrooms.

## Millgrove School Council Meeting



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“School Councils in Alberta School are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board. School councils were legislated in 1995 under Alberta’s Education Act and are mandatory for all schools in the public education system, including charter schools. The Government of Alberta recognizes the value of parents and the community to be engaged in the education of children. It is through school council that parents, community members and school staff have a means of participating in decisions that impact student learning success” (School Council Resource Guide, 2007).

Our first School Council meeting will be **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30**, in person at Millgrove School. Please join us for updates on a variety of topics pertaining to your children, your voice matters.

## Millgrove School Community Foundation

On behalf of the Millgrove Community School Foundation I would like to welcome you all to the 2020/2021 school year at Millgrove! For those of you new to the school the Millgrove School Community Foundation is a group of volunteers and elected board officials that run the fundraising efforts, Hot Lunch Program and Milk Program.

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic we know there are lots of questions with our regular programs. We will be doing our best to get all of these programs up and running as soon as possible. A small package containing a letter, a membership form and a questionnaire was sent home with the students.

**Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, at 630pm.** It will be held in the gymnasium at Millgrove School. This is a great opportunity to come and see what we are about or even run for a position! By being part of the Millgrove School Community Foundation you have the chance to discuss and vote on things like the fundraisers we do and how some of the money is spent to improve the lives of the students at Millgrove. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at [millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:millgrovescfoundation@gmail.com)

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Depending on how we move forward with hot lunch and milk we may be looking for volunteers throughout the year. If you are interested in helping please fill out the bottom of the information sheet that was sent home September 14 and return it with the Membership Form and the Hot Lunch/Milk Questionnaire.

I hope to see you at the AGM!

Jody Bergey  
Millgrove School Foundation President

## COVID-19 Protocols

There has been much information shared with you these last few weeks and there are many links found on our website ["Feeling sick? Here is what to do"](#) as well as detailed information found under [COVID-19 Info](#). If there are any questions or concerns please contact our office anytime. We are here to make this transition for you and your family as easy as possible.

## Library News

Our library has opened with arrows and sanitizing. Our books sit for the required 72 hours before being shelved and our students and staff are sanitized when they look for books. Arrows keep our students going in the same direction and our students are socially distanced when they listen to Mrs. Smith read. Thanks so much for helping your children take good care of their books and let's have another wonderful year of reading!!!!

Mrs. Gail Smith

## September Happenings

### Whole School

September 15 - Dot Day



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September 16 6:30 pm - School Council Meeting in the Millgrove Library  
September 25 - Terry Fox Run - students will run during their Phys Ed. class  
September 30 - Orange Shirt Date

## Student Field Trip Fees

At this time, we do not have any field trips planned, therefore there are no school fees for the 2020-2021 school year on your account. When we are able to plan field trips, parents will be notified of any upcoming fees. For Grade 3 music, all students will be receiving a recorder in January, a \$10 fee will be applied to your parent portal account at that time.

## Student Absence Line

If your child is away for any reason, it is very important to contact our school to report your child's absence. This helps us to complete our daily attendance as quickly as possible to ensure everyone arrives safely. Call 780-962-6122 ext. 1 to leave a message OR email us at [millgrove@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:millgrove@psd70.ab.ca) Thank you!

## Arrival and Departure

The flow of traffic before and after school has gone very well.

A reminder that our bell times are as follows:

8:30-4:30 - School Office Hours

8:45 - Supervision Begins

**8:50- First Bell**

9:00 - Second Bell

11:13-11:28 - Recess (K-2)

11:28 - 11:42 - Recess (3-4)

12:32 - 1:32 - Lunch

**3:40 - Dismissal**

3:50 - Buses Leave

4:00 - Supervision Ends

Students are not permitted to play on the school equipment prior to the school bell so having your children arrive as close to the first bell as possible is helpful and limits the amount of wait time at their entrance door.



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Please do not park where there are no parking signs or behind cars in the fenced area. The main parking lot is generally reserved for staff but parents can usually find parking along the streets surrounding Millgrove. There are a few designated visitor and handicapped parking spots (in front of the school). Please follow the directions of the supervisors; drop off is quick to let the children out and move on so others can also do the same.

The smiles, nods and waves as you drive by, begins and ends our day in the best way possible, and we appreciate your cooperation!

