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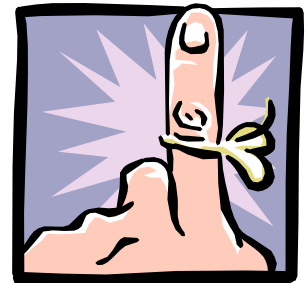
Upcoming Events

- October 7 & 8—Parent/Teacher Interviews
- October 7 & 8—Scholastic Book Fair
- October 12—Thanksgiving (No school for students)
- October 13 & 14—Picture Day(s)
- October 6—Hoja Performance 2:00 pm—Gymnasium
- October 23—Family Dance
- October 30—Halloween Parade

Reminders for Parents

- Please call the absentee line at 780-962-6123 if your child is going to be absent from school.
- All guests are asked to enter through the front doors and sign in at the school office. All visitors are to wear a visitor pass while in the school.
- School fees are now due. Please submit your fees to the school office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding fees, please contact Mrs. Ferguson.
- A reminder that we are going “green” with this newsletter. The newsletter will be available on-line on the first day of every month.

If you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please put a note in your child’s agenda.



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 ★ Check us out on the web! Our new website is up and running at
 ★ www.millgrove.ca
 ★ We will continue to add features and content to the website in the coming weeks.
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H1N1 Update

Millgrove School is following the protocol set out by PSD # 70 for the H1N1 flu risk. For more information, please refer to the PSD website home page. We are encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly and often. Washing your hands is the single best way of preventing the spread of the flu.

Everyone should take these steps to help stop the flu:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for 15 to 20 seconds or clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and wash or sanitize your hands afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm - **not** your hands
- Don't share objects that might transmit flu such as utensils and drinking cups, musical instrument mouthpieces, water bottles etc.
- Watch for flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches and possibly vomiting or diarrhea and stay home if these appear
- Stay home if you are feeling ill

Stay well rested, be physically active, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

School Emergency Response Plans

We have been practicing our emergency evacuations at school. Children have been learning to leave the school in an orderly fashion when the emergency system is sounded. In September, we had two emergency evacuation drills. In the coming months, we will practice other drills such as a lock down and a severe weather drill.

Parents, please talk to your children about the importance of these drills. If your child becomes anxious about the drills, please let your child's teacher know.

If parents have any questions about our Emergency Response Plans, please contact the school office.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held October 7th and 8th. If you do not have a time booked with your child's teacher, please put a note in the agenda. Confirmation of appointment times will come home with your child prior to the interview dates. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher(s).

Grand Opening of Playgrounds & Terry Fox Run



September 25th was a very busy day at Millgrove School! The day began with our traditional "New Student Breakfast". Staff flipped pancakes for children who are new to the Millgrove School community.

Prior to lunch, everyone gathered in the gym for a short assembly for the Terry Fox Run.

After lunch, everyone gathered outside for the Grand Opening of our two beautiful new playgrounds. Dignitaries, parents, staff and students attended the short dedication ceremony which was followed by the students participating in the "Twoonie for Terry" walk around the school grounds. Refreshments were served to all, followed by play on the new parks.

A special thank you to FX Audio and Mr. Choy for the sound system.



Scholastic Book Fair and Library News

Come to our Galaxy of Books Book Fair on October 6, 7, and 8. We will be open from 8:15 to 9:00; 12:00 to 1:00; 3:00 to 4:00 and open during Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you for your support.

Grade 1 and 2's can "Poster their Room by Reading" each month by reading 5 books. The slips will be going home on the 1st of October.



Counseling Corner



Information brochures are available at the school.

Rainbows is an internationally renowned program that Millgrove School is pleased to provide. This program is designed to help children deal with loss experienced through divorce and death. As facilitators of the program, Mrs. O'Callaghan along with Mrs. S. Lundeen have seen the benefits children receive in providing them an outlet to express their concerns in a secure, caring and confidential setting.

If you feel your child may benefit from the program please contact your child's teacher to begin the process.

Early Literacy and Special Education

Millgrove School is proud to offer the Early Literacy Initiative (ELI) program designed to improve students' independent reading levels. First children learn to read, and then children read to learn. To make this possible for all our students, we find that some students require extra assistance and practice with reading skills. Under the guidance of our Millgrove teachers, our educational assistants will be working daily with students to improve their reading. We look forward to a successful term of guiding students in their reading journey!

I am thrilled to be a part of the special education team at Millgrove School! I am responsible for organizing programs with teachers and educational assistants as well as working directly with students in a one on one or small group environment. Already this school year, the connections room is a buzz of excitement as students begin to make connections with their learning.

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Art Club

We are pleased to announce Miss Letendre will be offering an "Art Club" to Millgrove students. Students will get to participate in one individual project over the course of the year and a culminating group project in May. The club will require a three week commitment from students who sign up, with the same group of students meeting one lunch hour per week for three (possibly four, depending on the project) consecutive weeks. Watch for permission slips and more information coming home soon.

"Say Cheese" for students and volunteers

Smart Photography will be at Millgrove School October 13 and 14th for student and staff portraits.

If you are a regular volunteer in our school, we would ask that you come into

the school for a photo that will become a volunteer lanyard. These lanyards help us identify regular volunteers in our school. Photographers will be available both mornings.

A reminder that if you intend to volunteer more than ten hours within the school, we require a security clearance be done through the local RCMP. Applications are available at the school office.

Millgrove Teachers Receive In-Service

Teachers spent the day with Mr. Trevor Caulkins on September 24th, continuing to learn about the "Power of Ten" math program. New staff were in-serviced, learning the attributes of this powerful math program.

New Faces in the School Office

We would like to thank Mrs. Coutts for helping out in the school office over the past few weeks. Beginning October 1, 2009 Mrs. Orey will be away on a medical leave. We welcome Mrs. Penner to the office in her absence. Mrs. Read, Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Coutts will continue to keep things running smoothly until Mrs. Orey's return. We wish Mrs. Orey a very speedy recovery.

News from Millgrove School Community Foundation and Millgrove School Council

Did you know?

Did you know that Millgrove School has two parent groups? The Millgrove School Council meets to discuss school-based initiatives and activities. The Millgrove School Community Foundation's focus is on raising funds and providing activities, equipment and services to the students of Millgrove with the funds. Both groups meet the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with the council meeting at 7 p.m. in the school library. All parents are welcome, and encouraged to come to the meetings.

Family Dance

Mark your calendar! Our first foundation family evening fundraiser is the Halloween Family Dance.

When: Friday, October 23rd

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm Hamburger/Hot Dog Dinner

7:00 - 9:00 pm Dance

Admission \$3.00 person / \$10.00 family

Combo Meals:

Hamburger / Chips & Drink \$5.00

Veggie Burger / Chips & Drink \$5.00

Hot Dog / Chips & Drink \$4.00

Plan to join us for this fantastic family event. Candy and glow sticks will be available at the dance and be sure to wear your costumes as we have great family prizes! We will be pre-selling tickets this year so watch for an information sheet and order form coming home soon. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please contact our co-ordinator Toresa at 780-960-0847 or toresaregan@gmail.com.



October Volunteers Needed!

For the month of October, our volunteer co-ordinator, Joanne, is looking for the following volunteers. If you would like more details and are able to help out at any of these events, please contact her at 780-962-9580 or joannehoule@shaw.ca.



Book fair (3 parents for each of the following shifts on Oct. 6, 7 and 8):

8:15-9:00 a.m.

12:00-1:00 p.m.

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Teacher conferences (Recess supervision on Oct. 7 and 8):

10:40-10:55 a.m. 12:20-1:00 p.m.

Teacher potluck (Oct. 7 and 8) - Food items (ready to eat) required for both days

Picture day (Oct. 13 and 14) – 2 parents required for each day

Look for us on the Millgrove Website!

Thank you to Mrs. Lundeen for getting us on the web! We are currently building a council page that will include volunteer opportunities, council and foundation meeting minutes, forms and newsletters, and much more. Keep checking the website for more information.

Sandyview Farms

Once again we encourage you to shop Sandyview Farms on the third Thursday of each month. We are grateful for the ongoing support of this local business. The funds raised through this monthly event help us support the students and staff of Millgrove. Mark your calendars

Question for You....

Would you be interested in attending a Parent In-Service in the following areas:

Numeracy

Literacy

Both

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Please respond with your name and your child's name to Millgrove@psd70.ab.ca if viewing this newsletter on line.

Teacher: _____

We welcome your comments and questions.