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Important Dates

May 19th – Peter Pan Ballet

May 21st – Victoria Day No school

May 25th – Hot Lunch

May 25th – Whole School Pit Cook and Lahal Tournament

May 25th – Newsletter

May 29th – Kindie Orientation

June 1st – District Track Meet

June 1st – Pizza Lunch

June 4th – Popcorn Day

June 8th – Pizza Lunch

June 15th – Pizza Lunch

June 19th – Parent Appreciation

June 22nd – Beach Day

June 26th – Fun Day

June 28th - Year End Assembly

Sept 4th – First Day Back

Sept 5th – Full day of School

Sept 17th – Non Instruction Day

Oct 8th – Thanksgiving

Oct 19th – Non Instruction Day

Nov 12th – Remembrance Day

Nov 22 – Early Dismissal

Nov 23 – Non Instruction Day

Dec 3 – Non Instruction Day



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From the Desk of Ms Gerow

Another Staffing Update and News

We are sad to say that Ms Lea Marshall has returned to her former job. She enjoyed her brief stint with Millstream however felt that she needed to return to Happy Valley. We are please to welcome Ms Cindy Latimer to the Millstream Team. Cindy joined us on this week and is quickly picking up from Ms Lea.

Class Placement Process Reminder

As stated in the previous newsletter, the process is layered and one that requires many considerations. With a growing school population for the 2018/19 school year we will be having combined classes across the board. **Combining grades is standard practice and is educationally sound. A common misconception is that students are placed in a combined class based entirely on their academic ability. This is not the case. All students work on the provincially Prescribed Learning Outcomes at their grade level and teachers routinely differentiate instruction for all students. With the new curriculum combined age levels is**

We recognize that there can be some circumstances where it is advantageous for a child to have the same teacher two years in a row. While we recognize that specific friendships are important to children, we also acknowledge that getting to know others and learning to work together is an important part of learning and social development. Staff discussions concerning student placements will happen during a number of meetings with teachers, support staff and administration prior to the new school year

We carefully consider the following criteria:

- Numbers of students permitted in each class (Collective Agreement / District Policy)
- Academic needs and learning styles
- Social and behavioural considerations
- Gender balance
- Balance of independent and dependent learners
- Previous class placements
- Provision of support staff working with Special Needs students

While we do not guarantee that parent requests will be met, we do consider parent input along with other important educational criteria. **Requests for specific teachers can not be considered. If you wish to contact Ms Gerow about specific educational considerations for your child's placement, please do so in writing by Thursday, May 31, 2018.**

Land Announcement

Today the province and district announced the purchase of 6 acres in North Langford to build a new school. The district is growing at a rapid rate and is expected to grow by an additional 4000 students over the next 5 years. The land will be used to build an elementary school with a capacity of 350 students. This is very exciting news!



Millstream Playground

Safety

Reminders!

Swings – ONE PERSON ONLY on a swing. Swing forward and backwards only. No “Spider” swinging. No side to side swinging or twisting of chains. No running between the swings or in front of swings

Slide – Feet first, one at a time. Up the ladder and slide down the slide

Trees – Are not to be climbed, pulled on or broken please be respectful of the environment

Fencing – Not to be climbed, especially fencing behind goal posts or on top of goal posts

Monkey Bars – One at a time. No sitting on top

Cement slope – Please stay off it at all times. Very slippery and dangerous. No ball playing in area AT ALL (too many windows and very dangerous)

Sticks and pinecones and rocks and woodchips – STAY ON THE GROUND

Hands to self – ALWAYS

Wall ball - only at back of gym

Red Staircase – Not a play area

Railings – Very dangerous to climb on the railings. Cement below in all areas.

Portables – the rock area is not for playing in or going behind



Library News

Classes have been exploring World Book Online in the library this week. This is an excellent learning resource that is appropriate for all our students and can be found on the links section of our school website. The Early world of learning has stories with the words highlighted so that students can follow what is being read to them. There are also songs, nursery rhymes and educational games. For our young readers the kids website is great safe place for kids to search a large variety of topics. Articles are in kid friendly language and visually attractive. The Science Power portion of the site has many fun experiments and interesting articles that cover all the main topics of the K-5 science curriculum. For our immersion students there is also Decouvertes which is entirely in French. The login ID and password are the same - 62MIL



French Immersion Books

Thanks to the support of the PAC, we have been able to add in more reading materials to support the French Immersion students. The school library has purchased 44 new French books that can be read to your child online. The link is on a label on the book. These will help students hear French from various speakers and allow non-French speaking parents to participate in French reading with their child.

And more book news...

A big thank you to the parent community for helping to support the purchase of more reading material for all of our classrooms. The school has recently acquired more classroom based books to help build and support student reading strategies at the intermediate level as well as listening centre books. Bravo, PAC!

Division 7

Story Telling Workshop

The students of Div 7 are creating amazing stories during their morning story telling workshops.

Not a Book Club

A new club has been formed in the last month with the express intent of not being a book club. Madame Papineau has initiated two new clubs in the last month, *Not a Book Club* and the *Recorder Club*. It is a good opportunity for the students who are looking for something different to do during the breaks. Activities in Not a Book Club includes playing board games read joke books, play scrabble tiles and crafting. The club meets once a week in the library. Thank you to Mme Papineau for taking this initiative to offer an activity for the quieter students.

On a side note, there are 2 sets of tickets totaling 5 for the ballet performance, Peter Pan tomorrow at 2pm. If you are interested please contact the office or contact Mme Papineau via email:

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April Administration

Martha Gerow, Principal

Sam Ogrodnik, Vice Principal



Chelsea Sihla – Div 1 (4/5)

S. Deichmann/Rhys Hill – Div 2(1/2)

Sylvia Devonport – Div 3(3/4)

Catherine Apple – Div 4(2/3)

Michelle King – Div 5(1/2)

Anna Lesrud – Div 6 (K/1)

Heather Kyle – Div 7 (K)

S. Ogrodnik/S. Ramsbottom – Div 8F(4/5)

T deGreef/J Belanger – Div 9F(2/3)

Allison Wicher – Div 10F(1/2)

Betsy Clarke – Div 11F(1/2)

Luis McKenna – Div 12F (K)

Nevada Papineau – Music

Wendy Mann – Learning Support

Sofia Efford – Learning Support

Jenny Belanger – Learning Support

Sarah Ramsbottom – Learning Support

Michelle Kiefert – Counsellor

SUPPORT STAFF

Cindy Latimer – School Secretary

Laura Tinker – Education Assistant

Lindsay Park – Education Assistant

Charro Woodford – Education Assistant

Tara Hebdon – Education Assistant

Kristy Buckler – Education Assistant

Trisha Moss – Education Assistant

Lidia Van der Water – Library Assistant

Tanya Owens – Strong Start

Rena Nagel – Lunch/Bus Supervisor

Arlene Klatt – Lunch Supervisor

Tanya Owens – Lunch Supervisor

Catrina Snook – ESD Support

Rosalind Wilkinson – Aboriginal Support

Riley Sinon – Head Custodian

Sandra Martell – Speech & Language

Paula Twamley – Occupational Therapist

Carolyn Zanichelli - ELL

Katrina Oulette – Youth Family Counsellor

Alicia Glover – Early Childhood Educator

Garden News

Fencing for the new garden is on here and will be put up over the next little while by the SD62 grounds employees. We would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of the fencing by Alpine Recycling for donating the fencing materials. Support by our local businesses is gratefully received.

Rugby 7 Visitors

We were pleased to have a visit from the Russian Women's Rugby 7 Team last week. The team and their coaches spent a part of the Thursday morning, introducing our Grade 3,4 7& 5 students to the game of rugby. There were some great skills games and activities which all of the students were able to participate in. Students who were brave enough to ask questions were received a miniature rugby ball. The energy during the presentation was great. Thank you to our Rugby Canada for offering up this opportunity. Ms Ogrodnik will be connecting with one of the ambassadors to look at seeing how we might introduce rugby skills here at Millstream for the 2018/19 school year. Stay tuned!

Hailey working to create her story during the Kindergarten Story telling workshop.

Jarron and Grayson creating story for Writing Centre

Track and Field

The grade 3, 4, and 5 students have begun to prepare for the District Meet on June 1. Mr. Deichmann has organized the events with the other teachers and students are being timed and sorted out for relay teams, 100 m., 400 m., 800m., and shot put. We are hoping for maximum participation for all students. Thank you to all the teachers for helping to prepare the students who will be participating in the track meet. If your son or daughter will be participating, you will receive a notice outlining the day's events and indicating the approximate time of the event your son/daughter will be in. Go Millstream Mustangs!



Marcus printing and drawing to add to his story telling.

