Dear École Millstream School Families:

***Optimism***

January’s Kindness Assembly took place last week and was focused on the idea of optimism. Students from Mme. Ogrodnik’s Grade 4/5 class danced, acted and sang for our student community. It was an engaging performance! Students and staff were encouraged to believe in themselves and take chances. Thank you for carrying this message forward in your own homes, and all the best for 2019!

***Kindergarten Registration***

Kindergarten registration, for the 2019/20 school year, begins on January 28th. Families who are registering a Kindergarten student are encouraged to register on-line as soon as possible once registration opens. If you have any questions about the registration process, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 250-478-8348.

***Our new Secretary***

We are pleased that Ms. Terell Selk joined our staff before the holidays. If you have not yet met Ms. Selk, please come in and say hello. Our office hours continue to be 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

***Other Staff Changes***

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mme. Hebdon in December, and wish her well with her new career path. Welcome to Ms. Seaton, Ms. Shea and Ms. Simons who have joined our EA team. Also, Mrs. Klatt has switched from being a noon hour supervisor to being one of our EA’s. Mrs. Miner is now one of our noon hour supervisors and our StrongStart Coordinator.

***Popcorn Day Changes***

Beginning January 21st, Popcorn Day will be offered only to students who have purchased popcorn in advance. To order popcorn, please visit the Munch-A-Lunch website. Students who have ordered popcorn will pick it up from the gym at recess time.

***December Highlights***

Thank you for participating in the classroom open house activities that took place before the holidays. It was great to see everyone! Thank you also for the support you provided to our Grade 4/5 students who planned and hosted a Young Entrepreneurs Fair. Our young entrepreneurs seemed very pleased with how well their sales went.

Many classes went on field trips to both Goldstream Park and the Museum/IMAX during the month of December. Thank you to parent volunteers who helped make these learning opportunities a possibility.

***Sports***

The basketball season, for Grade 4 & 5 students, will start later this month. Thanks to our basketball coaches – Mrs. Devenport, Ms. King, Mr. Deichmann, Mrs. Ramsbottom and Mme. Efford.

***Reminders***

Please remember …

* **To have your child(ren) be prepared to play outside in cold and/or rainy weather.**
* **To come inside and look at the lost & found items in the hallway.**
* **The Crazy Hair Day on January 31st.**
* **The upcoming Literacy Week beginning on January 28th.**

***Upcoming Events***

We are regularly updating our school website. Please refer to the website or app for upcoming events or information. The school app can be downloaded in the App store (Millstream Mustangs).

<https://millstream.appazur.com/help/quickstart>

<https://millstream.appazur.com/help/flyer>

<http://millstream.sd62.bc.ca/>

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs. Krusekopf and Mme. Ogrodnik