



Miller Elementary School Newsletter

September 2024

Website: <http://mill.gssd.ca>

It's a brand new school year and we would like to say HELLO and WELCOME to all of our Miller Families, teachers and staff as well as a very special welcome to:

Our new staff: Sheri Rugland, Kindergarten Teacher
Meagan Flunder, Grade 5/6 Teacher
Lisa Tiller, Educational Assistant

Our new students:

Kenzin Coomber
Hazel Cote
Mya Rugland
Kyanna Smith-Sparvier

Our awesome K kids:

Koah Coomber
Ty Deren
Noa Eidem
Jaxon Fayant
Jory Hahn
Benjamin Johnson
Halie Karius
Rhett Kruda

Kane Marcino
Jackson Matchim
Svenn Nel
Zoey Reinheimer
Ricardo Salazar Valenzuela
Ivy Schick
Waylon Slater
Beckam Sorensen



Newsletter

At the start of each month Miller will send out a newsletter with all the activities, information and important dates for the month. Newsletters will be sent via e-mail except for those parents that have specifically requested paper copies. If you received an electronic copy but would prefer the newsletter in paper form, please let the office know. The newsletter may also be viewed on the Miller School website <http://mill.gssd.ca>.

Health Concerns

This year at Miller Elementary School we have a few students with nut allergies; one in Kindergarten, one in Grade 1/2 and one in Grade 2/3 so we ask that all students/rooms be nut conscious and that students in Ms. Rugland, Mrs. Schick and Ms. Molaro's rooms avoid sending any food with nuts.

We also ask that perfume and/or strong lotions not be used as many teachers and students have adverse reactions to scents.

Terry Fox

In addition to our usual Terry Fox activities (Try like Terry, donation requests, community walk), this year Mr. Lechner is hosting a Terry Fox Rock, Paper, Scissors Competition! Grade 4-6 students will be asked to bring a toonie to compete. Once the event is finalized, all students that have brought a toonie will enter a single elimination Rock, Paper, Scissor Tournament with the Grand Champion receiving a Miller Milk Card and Treat Basket.

This and other Terry Fox information is coming soon.

All proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Cross Country

Mr. Lechner and Mrs. Morgan are once again coaching cross country and are already preparing our students for the upcoming season. Cross Country is open to students in Grade 4, 5 and 6. Permission slips and event dates will be sent home soon.



Intramurals



This year Mr. Lechner will be organizing all interested grade 4-6 students into intramural teams. These teams will compete in a number of activities at noon recesses. The first activity will be Soccer.

Come out and join the fun!

School Pictures

Tracy Kerestesh will once again be taking the school pictures. The date for school pictures is **Tuesday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m.**



School Supply/Agenda

Miller School provides their students with all the basic school supplies. There will be a one-time nominal fee at the beginning of each school year to cover the cost of the school agenda and supplies. These fees are due when your child starts school.

Kindergarten = Agenda (\$10.00) + Supply Fee (\$25.00) = \$35.00

Grades 1-6 = Agenda (\$10.00) + Supply Fee (\$35.00) = \$45.00

Agendas are a vital tool for communication. Teachers will use them to send home important information from the school and we ask parents to do the same. Please use your child's agenda to let their teacher know if your child will be absent, late, picked up early, picked up vs taking the bus, or any other important information that needs to be passed along.



Miller Milk Company Milk Cards

Milk cards can be purchased from the office or the Milk Company for \$10.00 (11 punches) or drinks bought individually for \$1.00. Milk cards are kept at school and hole punched when used. These cards are sent home with a note when used up. White and chocolate milk are available as well as fruit juice boxes.



Before and After School

City students should not arrive until **8:45 am or later**. There will be a supervisor outside at 8:30 a.m. to monitor bus arrivals. **All students must go home following classes**. If students want to play, they must be supervised by parents.

School Doors

Miller School's door will be locked at 9:05 a.m. If you need to pick up your child or they are coming back from lunch or an appointment, please use the main school door on 6th Ave. West.

School Closure

In the event of a school power or water emergency, a closure may be announced. School closures will be broadcast on CJGX 94. A fan out telephone system will be used to contact parents. In the event that a school closure takes place during the school day, parents or billets will be contacted by phone.

If p.m. bus routes are cancelled, the billets or parents of bus students will be called.

Student Information Verification

Student Verification Forms will be sent home next week. These forms must be signed and returned to school with any corrections made so that our office records remain up to date (i.e.: new phone numbers, medical updates, address changes, etc.).

Edsby

Edsby provides a way for parents and guardians to receive school updates, calendar events, view student progress and much more. It helps simplify communication among and between teachers, students and parents. For each of your children – even if they go to different schools – you'll see your child(s) classes, teachers and school information.

Edsby invites have been sent out. Please check your spam/junk mail boxes just in case. If you are already signed up, there is no need to do anything more. If you did not receive an email and would like to sign up, please contact Ms. Alexander in the office.



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Miller Families are invited to sign up for School Cash Online, an easy way to pay for milk cards, school fees, school clothing and more. Registration takes less than five minutes.

Once you have registered your child(ren), you will be able to see when new items are available for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

To access School Cash Online: <https://gsd.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Index>



Best Wishes to our September Birthdays

- September 2 – Mia Davis
- September 16 – Abby Cowan
- September 21 – Bronson Wilkinson
- September 24 – Chloe Matchim
- September 25 – Silas Jackson
- September 25 – Michael Mather
- September 28 – Ryder Bierwagen

September Dates and Activities

- September 10 Kindergarten first full day
- September 12 Treaty 4 Days Field Trip
- September 17 Showcase Track & Field
- September 24 School pictures
- September 27 **ORANGE** Shirt Day – Students and Staff will be wearing orange in support of the recognition of Residential Schools and our efforts to overcome the negatives that resulted from these experiences.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off:

Parents please do not use the bus loop behind the school for pick-up and drop-off of your children.