

Millgrove Principal's Report – November 2019

Current population is 178

Welcome to John Burke, our new afternoon caretaker.

Renovation update: Library almost complete (some electrical missing) – looking at gym occupancy in January. The mini-gym in room 109 will be back in use (with upgrades to ceiling and paint in the next few weeks).

Remembrance Day assembly for grades 1-5 in library went well.

Bulldog game on November 20 for grade 4 & 5 students – The Water Walker book connection.

HPO Brass Quintet was a hit, especially with the older students

Rural Schools funding, \$1868, is available to spend – do we want to split this money again between a trip and outdoor space or use it solely for an excursion? Staff are thinking an excursion to an Arts production / or Art gallery.

Working with Spencer Valley on a math strategy with the junior staff and primary staff are part of a reading network.

We have been upgrading resources for student learning including 4 new laptops in the library and have purchased 2 new laptops for the learning resource room.

We added about 150 beginning levelled books to the take home book cart collection this week.

Gary from Little Jammerz is offering 8 weeks of lessons for \$90 with a \$20 fee for the guitar rental. He suggested that we alternate between ukulele and guitar to keep it fresh. If we stick with the ukulele, it will also be \$90 with a minimum of 12 student required to run a session. We would likely begin the session the week of January 6.

Fundraising plan completed for the end of October.

Staff would appreciate classroom enrichment money once in the fall.

Funding requests for Library seating, take home reading books refresh (remove book carts), Raz kids online reading practice, French books, Mad Science / Science work shops & science-themed books, Rocks and Rings & curling equipment, calming corner resources, outdoor speaker for Ks (mini airband); outdoor equipment / DPA equipment.

K Team – Spray bottles, snowblock builder

January – Science Day

February – Arts performance

March – Rocks and Rings

April - Arts performance

May – SC excursion

June – Year-end event