

Millgrove Principal's Report – October 2020

Current population is 141 in-school & 28 remote school

Waiting for numbers for the October reorganization. We should know of classroom / student changes by Friday.

School day – We are continuing with our current process until the November re-entry. Students in grades 1-5 are eating in their classroom 15-20 minutes before recess. Recess is about 40 minutes twice daily. Students must stay with their cohort group at all times. We may change their recess grids after reorg happens.

Buses are running smoothly. Bus driver appreciation day is October 21. We are so fortunate to have Liz, Teresa and Sam as the Millgrove drivers.

Childcare is well integrated into the Millgrove school day – childcare does have protocols that they are required to follow that can be different from those of the school, e.g., illness and lice policies.

Protocols and flowcharts from Public Health have been updated as of October 7. Volunteering remains on hold.

PowerSchool – student verification forms are available in the Parent Portal. Please check them and verify them so that your child's contact information is up-to-date.

Renovation update: Gym electrical has some deficiencies. Front entry canopy needs lighting and metal roof install.

Progress reports come home October 29 for all students.

School yard – some clean up and repairs needed. Sandbox has some stumps that are decayed and loose and becoming unsafe.

Millgrove will celebrate Hallowe'en a bit differently this year. On October 30, weather permitting, students will have an opportunity to perform a Hallowe'en dance that they have been practicing in PE in their cohort group. If the weather is inclement, students will dance during their PE class in the gym. All students will have a class celebration at 2:25 and must bring their own treat as there is no sharing of food. Students should wear a costume that allows them to participate in recess and PE. This might mean that they wear a different costume to school than the one that they wear out on Hallowe'en night. Please note that Millgrove will be accepting donations to supplement student learning in lieu of fundraising this year. School Cash online will be open for donations under \$40. If you would like a tax receipt, a check for \$40 or more should be made out to the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (in support of Millgrove School in check note) and sent to school in a labelled envelope with your child. Please note that the tax receipt will be made out to the person named on the cheque. Thank you for your support of Millgrove School.

HWDSB has very defined guidelines around Hallowe'en – they are as follows:

- Students can come in costumes to school as in previous years (e.g., no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.). Students should not be changing into costumes at school and they should be able to toilet themselves in their costume - no one piece outfits at school.
- Student costumes must be able to accommodate a face covering as per COVID requirements
- No costume parades are permitted
- No in-person assemblies are permitted
- No sharing/distributing food or drink is permitted
- Maintain safe practices including physical distancing and hand hygiene

Please check the Hub for weekly updates to your child's portfolio in lieu of agendas and work going back and forth. The Board also has a number of paid subscriptions available through the Virtual Library on the Hub such as TumbleBooks for the younger kids and TeenBookCloud and for the older ones.