

Millgrove Principal's Report – December 2020

Current student population is 140 in-school & 28 remote school

5 student teacher candidates – Mrs Di Toro, Mrs Price, Mrs May, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Nedelko

School day – Students in grades 1-5 are eating in their classroom 15-20 minutes before recess. Recess continues to be 40 minutes twice daily (this includes 20 minutes Daily Physical Activity which is mandated by the Ministry and which the kids need). Students must stay with their cohort group at all times. We will discuss at the staff meeting having a traditional nutrition break in the morning and 40 minutes in the afternoon in the new year.

School yard – Outdoor activities with snow – buckets have been purchased for building and seem to be providing some creative play for the students. Reminder to send spare masks, a water bottles and winter wear (extra socks and gloves!)

iPads were distributed in Ms Stevens class a couple of weeks ago. iPads have arrived for Mrs May's class but the tech has rescheduled his time to come in and image the last 2 weeks so we are still waiting to distribute to the kids.

School photo day is set for February 1 – details to follow.

Polar Express Day / pyjama day on Wednesday, December 16 – ticket, bell, hot chocolate and cookies

Please check your child's portfolio in the Hub for weekly updates about school work, art and pics of what is happening

Renovation update: Front entry canopy metal roof installed! Gym light repair on Thursday

Greenville Transition meeting on November 24 at 6PM gave us a look at the inside of the school. Some good questions such as access to playground space and school mascot and colours. Students will have a chance to participate in mascot and motto design as part of the grade 5 transition

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. The Attestation form (which only need to be completed if student is away for COVID related reasons) is also available in the portal as well as a parent tech survey. Please take a look at these and make any changes to keep your contact information up-to-date. Sign up for Board and School emails to stay up-to-date

2020 Math Curriculum Updates at a Glance - Strands have been renamed, with 2 additions:

Number, Algebra, Data, Spatial Sense, **Financial Literacy, Social-emotional Learning (SEL)**

Coding has been added to the Algebra strand

Teachers report 1 grade instead of a grade for each strand (previously 5 strands NSN, M, GSS, P&A, DM&P)

Safe Schools Review Panel Draft Recommendations:

1. Elevate student voice, agency, leadership & ownership
2. Review special education plan & reflect upon impact of self-contained programs on student belonging & inclusion
3. Improve communication with & meaningfully engage parents
4. Equip schools & staff with tools & resources for effective response; utilize PREVNet tool kit
5. Review existing bullying policies & procedures through lens of equity, anti-racism & anti-oppression
6. Address inconsistent adherence to existing bullying prevention & intervention policies, procedures & guidelines
7. Establish clear vision for bullying prevention & intervention / positive school climate work, develop core organizational values & incorporate safe schools outcome targets
8. Review leadership development strategy; incorporate competencies that enable a whole child, student-centred environment
9. Strengthen & build upon community partnerships; leverage community resources & expertise
10. Seek commitment from Ministry of Education to provide school boards with supporting conditions that prioritize Safe & Accepting Schools

Continued Engagement:

The community is now invited to give feedback on the draft recommendations in several ways.

- [Virtual sessions](#) on Zoom to be held Tuesday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The deadline to register is 24 hours before each session.
- [Thoughtexchange](#): An online engagement tool that can crowdsource a community's answers in real time, a Thoughtexchange will be used to receive your thoughts about the draft recommendations. Deadline to submit feedback is Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 4pm.
- Email the Safe Schools Panel your thoughts at safeschoolsreview@outlook.com