

Dear École Millstream School Families:

Monthly Assembly

On the September 23rd Non-Instructional Day, our staff participated in a District-wide event at the Q Centre. We heard Dr. Ross Greene present about how best to meet the needs of our students. In the afternoon, our teaching staff and administrators planned a number of school-wide activities and initiatives. We will continue with the monthly assemblies that were started last year. This month's assembly will take place on October 18th and the focus will be on *respect*.

New Staff

Welcome to our new music teacher – Mrs. Van Wensem. We look forward to introducing Ms. Van Wensem to our parent community in the coming weeks. We have also been grateful to have EA Taylor Westendale support our students over the last several weeks. Our school community is also benefitting from the support of a student teacher, Ms. Brechan Bird, who will be in Division 2 until the end of November.

September Highlights

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the PAC-sponsored Back to School BBQ. We also enjoyed meeting parents at the Meet the Teacher event that followed the BBQ. Connections between school and home are important for children to thrive as learners. We appreciate everyone who took the time to participate!

Walk & Wheel to School Week

Next week – October 7 to 11 – is *Walk & Wheel to School Week*. This is an opportunity for families to encourage and motivate their children to walk or wheel (bike, rollerblade, scooter, skateboard, etc.) to school. Students will receive a sticker daily for doing so. Please visit the front hallway of the school to view the bulletin board that will track how many students are participating each day. We hope to celebrate and encourage active and healthy ways of getting to school and work.

Sports

Several Millstream students participated in our cross country team. All our runners made us proud at the two District meets. Special congratulations to our top 15 finishers!

The handball season begins soon for students in Grade 4 and 5. Good luck to all of our players.

Arriving at School on Time

The welcome bell rings at 8:25 am, which gives students five minutes to make their way to class for the start of the school day at 8:30 am. Developing routines around punctuality will stay with your child for life. Thank you for making **arriving to school on time a priority** in your family.

Reminders

Please remember to ...

- **Complete on-line consent forms.** These forms are very important and once completed allow students/staff to fully engage in all aspects of school life.
- **Have your child(ren) dress for the weather.**
- **Arrive to school on time.**

Upcoming Events

We are regularly updating our school website. Please refer to the website for upcoming events and information. <http://millstream.sd62.bc.ca/>