

Dear École Millstream School Families:

### ***Respect and Harmony***

In October, our monthly assembly focused on the ideas of respect and harmony. Thank you to students from Ms. Alpha's class and Mme Lamarche's class who prepared presentations for the school. The front entrance bulletin board reflects some of the ideas that were presented. The next assembly will be focused on the concept of truth. It will take place toward the end of November.

### ***Reporting***

The Sooke School District is continuing to take part in a Ministry of Education pilot program to explore new ways of reporting student progress to students and parents. The first term reporting window is now open, and closes on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will communicate to parents about the way in which they plan to report to you this school year. Each teacher has the option to choose from a variety of reporting options. For more information about the pilot, feel free to contact Mrs. Krusekopf or Mrs. Giesbrecht.

### ***Staffing***

Mme Ogradnik, our Vice Principal and Grade 4/5 French Immersion teacher, will be on leave until January 2020. Mme Eisner and Mrs. Ramsbottom will be teaching Division 8 and Mrs. Giesbrecht will be here every afternoon to support students, staff and parents in the role of Vice Principal. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Giesbrecht and Mme Eisner to our school community! We also have an Educational Assistant practicum student, Jerrica Berlenbach, working with our staff and students for the month of November.

### ***October Highlights***

October was a busy month during which we had photographs taken, attended our first monthly assembly, and enjoyed *Take Me Outside* day. Our peer helpers were trained this past month, and we have a wide variety of student leadership opportunities being carried out in our school. These opportunities range from helping organize and deliver milk and fruits/vegetables to welcoming new students to assisting with simple problems on the playground. Thank you to Mrs. Ramsbottom, Mme Belanger and Mrs. Tomaselli for their leadership in organizing the peer helper training.

### ***Sports***

We have a boys' and a girls' handball team who have started the game season. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Deichmann, Mrs. Devenport, Ms. Bird, and Ms. Shields. Good luck with the coming handball season!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

- Parent-student conferences and interviews on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

- There will be two winter concerts on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

### ***Reminders***

Please remember ...

- **To have your child(ren) be prepared to play outside in all kinds of weather.**
- **To come inside and look at the lost & found items in the hallway.**
- **To consider attending our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### ***Upcoming Events***

We are regularly updating our school website. Please refer to the website or app for upcoming events or information. The school app can be downloaded in the App store (Millstream Mustangs).

<https://millstream.appazur.com/help/quickstart>

<https://millstream.appazur.com/help/flyer>

<http://millstream.sd62.bc.ca/>

Enjoy the upcoming long weekend,

Mrs. Krusekopf and Mrs. Giesbrecht