Dear Parents/Guardians:

Yesterday evening, Mrs. DeLeenheer, Mme Culver and I participated in the monthly PAC meeting. It has been wonderful to see and hear so many Millstream parents take part in these on-line events. Kudos to Lee Riemer and his executive for organizing such engaging meetings that address topics from SOGI to PAC finances to door prizes. Parents are an important part of a child’s educational journey. Thank you for staying engaged in your child’s learning and for supporting PAC initiatives.

**In the eyes of a student at Millstream**

*Hello again, it’s me Aubrey R.! Today I was just thinking of masks. I know they protect us from that nasty Corona Virus, but are they safe for the environment? Specifically, disposable masks? BBC News National Statistics suggested 96% of adults that left their homes in the past week wore a mask. It also states that disposable masks - often containing plastic polypropylene - are very harmful for the environment. Even though it takes 100 years for a plastic bottle to decompose, it takes 450 years for a mask! That’s a very long time! So, I encourage you to wear a fabric mask unless you need to wear a disposable mask for medical or work reasons. Thanks for reading!*

**Reminders regarding drop off and pick up:**

Thank you in advance for ensuring your child(ren) waits in their class line up prior to school. Due to COVID restrictions, we ask that students do *not* play on playground equipment before school and that parents/guardians **wear masks and physically distance.**

**Save The Date:**

Millstream Spirit Day presents: Dress like your future self on January 20th

**Ready Step Roll Grant**

Millstream staff, together with our PAC, would like to submit a grant application to CRD to participate in their “Ready Step Roll” program. This is an initiative to encourage active school travel by walking or riding a bike/scooter to school. If you have questions or concerns about the school participating in this initiative, please contact Mrs. Krusekopf before January 27th.

**Kindergarten Registration:**

French Immersion & Nature K: January 11 – 15

Regular program Kindergarten: January 25 – 29

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/schools/registration/kindergarten>

**Ongoing PAC Fundraisers:**

PENINSULA CO-OP

Use Member # 13999.

The yearly rebate goes directly to Millstream PAC.

Last year we received a rebate of over $4,000!

Mabel’s labels

Order labels and more from [mabel’s labels](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!ogGPeTDl5Bs1gqrCALD_L4eXt_1xd7zs9e3YyCFdlYtyeDps6reEPB0G2Y3r76ga$). Click ‘Support a Fundraiser’ and search for ‘Millstream PAC (Victoria)’. 20% commission on all sales.

COBS BREAD

Mention ‘Millstream Elementary’ when purchasing from Cobs Millstream.

5% commission on all sales.

GFL Bottle Return

Ask for your return refund to go to Millstream Elementary!

[1045 Dunford Ave](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/goo.gl/maps/q5gUZGuJTgzZCDNo8__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!ogGPeTDl5Bs1gqrCALD_L4eXt_1xd7zs9e3YyCFdlYtyeDps6reEPB0G2WmcIIMK$)

Thank you,

The Millstream Team