Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! On behalf of the École Millstream staff, I would like to wish you all the best for the year ahead. Thank you again for your support during the first term as we navigated the pandemic realities together as a school community. There is a renewed energy in our hallways and portables this week as we engage students in exciting learning activities to begin the new school term.

Thank you to Mme Pegg for teaching Division 11 this fall. We appreciated all her efforts to teach our students! Welcome back to Mme Belanger who has been on maternity leave this past year. We are excited to have you back on the team.

New for 2021…In the eyes of a student at Millstream

*Hello, my name is Aubrey R. I guess you could call me a student columnist, except this is my first time, so I’ll try my best. This school is on the better side of things. I’ve had a lot of fun here almost every day. My teacher, Ms. Hunt, is really nice but also all the rest of the teachers and EA’s work really hard to keep our school safe, healthy and kind at these hard times. Believe me, I haven’t seen so much hand sanitizer in my life! Starting today, I will be a new feature in the weekly email to parents.*

**Please find some reminders and important upcoming events below:**

**Notes from the office:**

* Student drop off and pick up is an ongoing issue in School District 62. It is not unique to our district. The District continues to work with parents, municipalities, local officials and RCMP to come up with various solutions.
* Your help is needed! Please do not leave your vehicle if you are in the drop off/pick up lane. Following traffic signs and rules will help keep everyone safe. Please leave yourself extra time or consider walking/biking to drop off/pick up your child(ren).
* We encourage students to bring water to school rather than juice boxes. Thank you in advance for your support.
* **Save The Date:**

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

* **PAC NEWS:**

**"Hot Lunch Ordering for Winter 2021 is open on Munchalunch!**

**Upcoming Hot Lunch dates:**

* Jan 15: QF Chinese Food
* Feb 19: Boston Pizza
* March 12: Royal Bay Bakery and Booster Juice

Deadline for January orders: 10pm Friday January 8th

Go to Munchalunch to order: <http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/millstream>

(See attached hot lunch parent letter for a review of the Munchalunch ordering process)

Lots of volunteers have stepped forward to help! Thank you! Katie Bate will be in touch by email to confirm directly with anyone who has offered to help with hot lunch distribution."

(Include parent letter)

* **Kindergarten Registration:**

French Immersion & Nature K: January 11 – 15

Regular program Kindergarten: January 25 – 29

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

Thank you,

The Millstream Team