Dear Parents/Guardians:

It was good to receive yesterday’s news about the province’s Restart Plan to bring us all back together. I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your continued support. The expectations related to COVID protocols have made this school year complex. We had to change gears several times to comply with new guidelines. We are grateful to be able to finish off strong as we head into June.

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

*Hello there, today, I was thinking if I were to talk about reading what would I say? Do you know what GVPL stands for? It stands for Greater Victoria Public Library. Apparently, according to a trusty source aka a teacher, the GVPL is coming to our school to talk about summer reading programs for children at Millstream Elementary. Usually in the summer parents and/or guardians still must work. And with reading, kids can enjoy a good book all summer long. There you go, my sales pitch is completed. Thank you for reading!*

**Grade 5 Celebration Photograph Request!**

Hello Grade, 5 Parents & Guardians,

In keeping with Millstream tradition, we are asking that our Grade 5 students send in a photograph of themselves in an identical or similar pose as one of their baby photos.  It will make for a funny addition to our celebration slideshow!   An example would be, if you have a picture of your child wearing red pajamas sucking their thumb then the updated version would have your child wearing as close to the same pajamas and sucking their thumb.  We show the baby picture first then the group tries to guess which student it belongs to before we show the updated picture.  There have been some very funny new pictures submitted over the years.  There are lots of laughs with this segment of the celebration.

Have fun with this!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Please send in your pictures to me by Friday June 4th.**

Thank you,

Sarah Ramsbottom

Grade 2 & 4/5 Teacher

Millstream Elementary

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**Ready, Step, Roll Grant**

We are happy to announce that **Millstream Elementary** has been selected to participate in the **Ready Step Roll: Active School Travel Planning** initiative during the 2021/22 school year. This is an excellent opportunity for us to work alongside the CRD and our municipality to identify and address safety challenges and enhance the walk-ability, bike-ability and wheel-ability (skateboard, scooter, wheelchair) to and from our school. Even if you always drop-off/pick-up your students by car or take the school bus – this survey and program has something for you.

**Please complete the** [**Baseline Travel Survey (linked)**](https://surveys.crd.bc.ca/surveys/ready-step-roll-baseline-school-travel-survey-2021) **online, available from Tuesday, May 25th -- June 12th 2021.** This survey is a critical first step in the program that will inform the local government about the typical traffic patterns around the school and how our students get to and from school. If we can get at least a 50% response rate to the survey - we will win a new bike or scooter rack! It only takes about 10 minutes to complete - one per household.

**Survey link:**

[**https://surveys.crd.bc.ca/surveys/ready-step-roll-baseline-school-travel-survey-2021**](https://surveys.crd.bc.ca/surveys/ready-step-roll-baseline-school-travel-survey-2021)

**Class Photo Day:**

We have booked class photos with Edge Imaging for **Friday, June 4**. The guidelines from the District around class photos are as follows:

Grades 4-12

* Photos outside
* Physically distanced with no masks OR with masks but no physical contact (spreading out as much as possible)

Grades K-3

* Photos outside
* No masks and no physical contact (spreading out as much as possible)

Please feel free to connect with the office if you have any questions.

**Class Placement Requests for 2021/22 School Year:**

In June, staff will begin the class placement process for next school year. If you have a specific request, please email Mrs. Krusekopf (fkrusekopf@sd62.bc.ca) by May 31, 2021. Please do not request a specific teacher. Instead, we ask that you describe the type of teaching style that you believe would best suit your child(ren). Note that requests will be taken into consideration, however, there are no guarantees that they will be accommodated.

**PAC News:**

Join the Facebook Group: [Millstream PAC Facebook Group](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.facebook.com/groups/762258387245081/about__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!sHnYpoulB7pTQCh8Z4MZqOP_2kIuJ2-Jrb1Z_BrkOCdXHbflRdabmIslaPNtWNkJ$)

* PAC Online Event- AGM: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 at 7:30pm.  [Click here to join the event](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%2A3ameeting_Y2I4YzZjZjUtYjAzMS00ODRhLWExMzctMDk2ZDA0YjM3YTg1%2A40thread.v2/0?context=*7b*22Tid*22*3a*22f7c5b01f-413e-4ee8-9788-ce578108cd30*22*2c*22Oid*22*3a*2292809954-66e3-451f-b0c0-a34afc2d62e0*22*7d__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUl!!AqQTiOZlHyw!sHnYpoulB7pTQCh8Z4MZqOP_2kIuJ2-Jrb1Z_BrkOCdXHbflRdabmIslaBWcOK0w$)

**Millstream PAC Year End Online Auction:**

Auction will run from May 31st to 9pm June 4th.

Please see [https://app.galabid.com/millstreamelementary](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/app.galabid.com/millstreamelementary__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!tcuTNkYDa3IohXEEa_Y052x-RCgqqRAPOOW_e5WSvA7I7__cmJgvvGdGUqTcwcw9HzOK$) .

Items will be added throughout the week until the auction goes live on Monday.

**Hot Lunch and Popcorn:** To order, go to: [**https://munchalunch.com/**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/XnRWZqkbUG81PCEP8pG3fA%2A%2AA/AAAAAQA%2A/RgRiYdUMP0SJaHR0cHM6Ly91cmxkZWZlbnNlLmNvbS92My9fX2h0dHBzOi9tdW5jaGFsdW5jaC5jb20vX187ISFBcVFUaU9abEh5dyFxM1dsTElxYjZhb0dnWjhPOU12cjFxUHRNbGJobGpnOE9iT1AzNEgzc1JhRnNmcjdReUFjRjViWXVvZV9JSXVQX01ZSCRXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmB5jKGAYNgjukJSEXJpZW1lcmxAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAC__;fn5-!!AqQTiOZlHyw!sHnYpoulB7pTQCh8Z4MZqOP_2kIuJ2-Jrb1Z_BrkOCdXHbflRdabmIslaPahbgYE$)

**June 11th, Boston Pizza & Booster Juice** (orders close 10pm June 4th)

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

Donate to the PAC:  Click [DONATE](https://www.sd62.bc.ca/our-district/district-contacts/donate). Specify "Millstream PAC" in the Message Box. **Print Tax Receipt.**

PENINSULA CO-OP: Use Member #**13999**. Rebate goes to Millstream PAC. (~$4,000 last year!!)

MABEL'S LABELS: Click [*HERE*](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!sHnYpoulB7pTQCh8Z4MZqOP_2kIuJ2-Jrb1Z_BrkOCdXHbflRdabmIslaJpZJ7Sf$) to order. PAC gets 20% commission.

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!sHnYpoulB7pTQCh8Z4MZqOP_2kIuJ2-Jrb1Z_BrkOCdXHbflRdabmIslaBB_SyqU$)

Thank you,

The Millstream Team