**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

It was wonderful to see all the creative outfits on Pink and Red Day. Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to participate in spirit day. This positive energy helps us build school spirit. On that note, here is some exciting news from Mrs. DeLeenheer about our search for a new school mascot.

Thank you to parents, staff, and students for their participation in our mascot surveys. We are pleased to inform our school community that the new mascot for École Millstream Elementary is the bee. Over the next few weeks, our students will have an opportunity to be part of design process. Using bee outlines and Indigenous shapes, provided by artist Jamin Zuroski, students will create their own bee design. After students have had some input into the mascot design, Jamin will once again visit classrooms to discuss the logo, colours, and any other details that our students feel are important in representing our school life and community. Once the logo has been decided, Jamin will work with our students to create a mural that incorporates our mascot and the community in and around the school. On February 22, our Equity in Action team will be presenting to the Sooke School District Board of Trustees. During this presentation, we will be sharing the mascot/mural process, the final mascot choice and the next steps to completing this project.

**Last Week’s *Carnaval* Festivities:**

The students had such a fun week celebrating *Carnaval*. It was so great to feel their enthusiasm and excitement. Here are the final castle photos! You will need to download it to view.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tvN4xbs-hbIBwse23gUbhLyrh_tV0jv9/view?usp=sharing>

**Parents/Guardians of Grade 5 Students:**

**(Insert Basketball poster)**

**Drop off/Pick Up Reminder:**

Thank you for waiting in your lane of traffic at the start and end of the day.  Please do not pull out around cars or pass a parked bus.  It usually only takes a few minutes until the traffic starts moving again. Thank you for making safety our priority.

**PAC News:**

Dear Millstream Families

Thank you to those who were in attendance last night at our February PAC meeting. Please find the link to the meeting recording below.

[https://sooke62-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/pac-millstream\_sd62\_bc\_ca/EQpHMyRtdsFLgbxNac-2NdcBUauhV2qZKvXhIqWO89qrpg](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/sooke62-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/pac-millstream_sd62_bc_ca/EQpHMyRtdsFLgbxNac-2NdcBUauhV2qZKvXhIqWO89qrpg__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!u-TXP_x4D4K_Q5qI8-TOdY_27TLjDC8vt4xYzY7wT7SZoJvjjwEJCJKMwQ9NhpRM$)

For those who won door prizes, they will be available at the school for pick up on Friday. Congrats to our winners!

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30pm**

**FEB 23rd – Appreciation of Crossing Guards/Bus Drivers/ Pink Shirt Day**

In conjunction with the school’s upcoming Pink Shirt day & Crossing Guard/Bus Driver appreciation Day, the PAC will be out in full force during drop off and pick up. We would like to put out a call to any artistically inclined Millstream members who could design/draw/create a sign for the sandwich board. The event is to be held next Wednesday, Feb 23rd, and the PAC can provide you with the materials you may need. If you are up to the challenge, please email me directly.

**PAC Fundraising Update**

BOTTLE DRIVE - Feb 26, 10-1

* Volunteers needed to help sort on site - email [angelamorehouse21@gmail.com](mailto:angelamorehouse21@gmail.com) to sign up for a 1 hr slot
* Encourage your neighbours, friends and family to drop off recyclables on Feb 26th
* If you want to distribute flyers in your neighbourhood, one is attached to this email - simply print it and distribute it as you want - make sure you collect the bottles left out for you on the day of the event.

Here is a flyer you can print off/email/ distribute for our upcoming bottle drive:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14kUxE1N0CGhDA-XgGrvuclNnLjt1ymSO/view?usp=sharing](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/drive.google.com/file/d/14kUxE1N0CGhDA-XgGrvuclNnLjt1ymSO/view?usp=sharing__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!u-TXP_x4D4K_Q5qI8-TOdY_27TLjDC8vt4xYzY7wT7SZoJvjjwEJCJKMwY0FdQyl$)

EASTER CHOCOLATE

Order Purdy's chocolates by March 29 for pick up April 12th - just in time for easter!

[https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/384795-92798](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/384795-92798__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!u-TXP_x4D4K_Q5qI8-TOdY_27TLjDC8vt4xYzY7wT7SZoJvjjwEJCJKMwZEHEhC5$)

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

We have two more hot lunch dates scheduled before spring break, as follows:

* **Feb 25th**: QF Chinese Food & Cobb's Bakery (rescheduled from Jan 21st) - order deadline Feb 18th
* **Mar. 11th**: Dad's Soup & Sandwich and Edo Japan (bumped up 1 week from March 18 due to proximity to Spring Break) - order deadline Mar. 4th.

The above changes are already reflected in Munchalunch, and **ordering is open**.

Any further changes to this schedule, if required, will be announced in 2 weeks.

If at any time you would like to change or cancel a submitted order, you can do so through your Munchalunch account up to 1 week prior to the scheduled lunch date. Your refund will be credited to your Munchalunch account and will be applied to future orders or paid out at year's end.

Thank you everyone for your understanding. 🍎

**PAC Bottle Drive:**

Saturday, February 26th from 10am-1pm.

**Coming soon! - Spring Raffle**

The fundraising team is looking for a few donations for raffle prizes. Please contact Angela ([angelamorehouse21@gmail.com](mailto:angelamorehouse21@gmail.com)) to coordinate a donation

**On Going Fundraising:**

**POPCORN:** The current dates are February 28 and March 14. Please visit the [https://muncha-lunch.com/login.aspx](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/muncha-lunch.com/login.aspx__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!r0w_F-XYD5fTqGsrLAQTIuJSg8-9-ldIh_78r66AosvTVnUa-GBfnesok9-bWsrz$) for more details.

**You can Donate to the PAC directly:**Click [DONATE](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/on_c6oEMhRx_es-53RB3vw**A/AAAAAQA*). Specify "Millstream PAC" in the Message Box. **Print Tax Receipt.**

**Tru Earth - Eco Friendly products** \*\*\*NEW FUNDRAISER! \*\*\*

20% of sales goes directly back to the school!

This will be an ongoing fundraiser

Follow this link to order: [https://fundraising.tru.earth/MillstreamElem](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/fundraising.tru.earth/MillstreamElem?fbclid=IwAR3l2TtKDo2bJ8XRVgGjc9qO1cCHl2rfFDIf1uoa8W6EMWfD07r3ZVkhzdk__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!qd9xD6Mor092RZ4CB0ctLL0JZNY4nuu6cMwPN0-umUTxnhJE3rb-b78tzSLEg9g3ic1C$)

**PENINSULA CO-OP**: Use Member #**13999**. The rebate goes to Millstream PAC.

**COBS BREAD \*Millstream Village location only\*:**Mention 'Millstream Elementary' when purchasing from Cobs Millstream. 5% commission on all sales.

Do you have a fundraising idea or want to help in a future campaign? Please contact: Angela [angelamorehouse21@gmail.com](mailto:angelamorehouse21@gmail.com)

Join the Facebook Group: [Millstream PAC Facebook Group](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/oSVZ-lwx0_eIE6gx80JGRA**A/AAAAAQA*/RgRjUbf_)

Popcorn orders - To order, go to: [**https://munchalunch.com/**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/munchalunch.com/__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!t1ovMXFzLC8_F-pIYnVVnYGH9KOtvYGqkvp9jg5-gjV1Ck0Jrpc17FwxAedz42vq7TvD$)

**Thank you,**

**The Millstream Team**