**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

Our student gardeners planted seeds today in preparation for spring! It is wonderful to have students engaged in our garden even during the cold and wet months of the year. Thank you to Mr. Deichmann for his leadership in this area! I encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about what they are learning and perhaps they can consider using their skills at home to grow a house plant or, to get seeds ready for your home garden.

**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.

**Message from Our School Board Office**

Hello SD62 Families

This is a friendly reminder to conduct the [daily health check](https://www.sd62.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/DailyHealthCheck_ParentGuardians_October1_2021.pdf) before sending your child to school each day.

In addition, please ensure you read and follow BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) guidance regarding:

* Close Contacts at [Close contacts and contact tracing (bccdc.ca)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation/close-contacts__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!pV_VmKSaFy0jCC-vdIejW8WMIFOSYrKSx00fn1QM9qg1uflv293A7iwv6IkppjBW4oE$); and
* Positive COVID test result at [If You Have COVID-19 (bccdc.ca)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!pV_VmKSaFy0jCC-vdIejW8WMIFOSYrKSx00fn1QM9qg1uflv293A7iwv6IkpZNcK9X0$).

Please note, we have provided the links to the BC CDC website as this is the most up-to-date information.

If you have any additional questions regarding a positive COVID test or close contacts please phone the provincial health line [811](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.healthlinkbc.ca/more/about-healthlink-bc/about-8-1-1__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!pV_VmKSaFy0jCC-vdIejW8WMIFOSYrKSx00fn1QM9qg1uflv293A7iwv6IkpQ8IkBME$) for advice.

**PAC News**

President’s Message: I wanted to take the time to express our support for the all the staff and teachers working through these extremely difficult times in the community. With the increased number of absences, we are seeing, the staff and teachers are going above and beyond to keep our children safe and active in the classroom. If you haven’t already done so, I would suggest that you take the time to thank you child’s teacher or educational assistant for their work. A simple thank you email can go a long way in brightening someone’s day.

Another thanks you for those who attended the Education Series meeting last night on Teams. Jennifer from Island Sexual Health has provided some links to resources that she wanted to share with parents regarding her presentation, The Approachable Adult.

See her presentation, website resources and more below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kRE5pj82RvGi9hnAL6FO7hSFgJms4Go1/view?usp=sharing](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/drive.google.com/file/d/1kRE5pj82RvGi9hnAL6FO7hSFgJms4Go1/view?usp=sharing__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!tSACSNTVwdHjLy7mP2hZJF8zLeydx88XU9girkdlnXJTutE0nR94FpfmFYzKv5w5$)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Yy3bw\_lRfrgFPfJb380C8fx97qHxAaQ7/view?usp=sharing](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/drive.google.com/file/d/1Yy3bw_lRfrgFPfJb380C8fx97qHxAaQ7/view?usp=sharing__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!tSACSNTVwdHjLy7mP2hZJF8zLeydx88XU9girkdlnXJTutE0nR94FpfmFZFpC0Y0$)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SlmFsz7WCSRnOKfIxL9cirLA1HRFHjjM/view?usp=sharing](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/drive.google.com/file/d/1SlmFsz7WCSRnOKfIxL9cirLA1HRFHjjM/view?usp=sharing__;!!AqQTiOZlHyw!tSACSNTVwdHjLy7mP2hZJF8zLeydx88XU9girkdlnXJTutE0nR94FpfmFY4-L-_x$)

Recommended reading for parents:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58056b68f5e2316903750b43/t/610463b954dc0d14f2b92d68/1627677625647/2021+K-12+SOGI+Books+List.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/static1.squarespace.com/static/58056b68f5e2316903750b43/t/610463b954dc0d14f2b92d68/1627677625647/2021*K-12*SOGI*Books*List.pdf__;KysrKw!!AqQTiOZlHyw!tSACSNTVwdHjLy7mP2hZJF8zLeydx88XU9girkdlnXJTutE0nR94FpfmFWQ8xhYu$)

**Save the Date –** The next PAC meeting will be held on February 15th @ 7:30pm. Link and meeting agenda will be sent next week!

Take care,

Ash Senini

PAC President

[millstreampac@gmail.com](mailto:millstreampac@gmail.com)

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

Due to continued high absenteeism amongst both staff and students, the PAC hot lunch team has been advised to once again to delay our next hot lunch. The **Feb 11th lunch will be canceled** and rescheduled to **May 6th.** All orders and payments already submitted for Feb 11th will be applied to the new May 6th date.

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. 🍎

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 Munhcalunch account and will be applied to future orders or paid out at year's end.

**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:**

**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**