



MILLBROOK SOUTH CAVAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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"Together we learn and celebrate success."

Mission Statement: *To enable students to succeed today and build a positive tomorrow.*

January 2019

A message from the Principal...

Happy New Year!! We are so pleased to see the children back at school after a holiday. Many of them are bursting with stories, others are just so happy to see their friends.

While most kids don't realize it, they do best with the same routines each day. We try really hard to make our daily schedules visible so that students can see what's going to happen next. Visual schedules decrease anxiety and allow students to see how long they have to wait for their preferred activities (things that they like the best).



We want our students to recognize that parents and teachers are working together to support them - whether they need help on school work or have a problem on the yard. Our ultimate goals are for all children to feel good about themselves and want to come to school. When those two things aren't happening, we need to pull together as a team and help them out. If you have a concern about your child's attitude towards school or their feelings about themselves, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher. Together we can solve any problem!

A message from the Vice Principal...

I am looking forward to an exciting winter at Millbrook South Cavan! We have lots going at the school for the students to get involved in. Here are a few highlights:

The library will be home to our Coding Club. Last year this was known as the Minecraft Club, but this year we plan to expand the options available to students. In addition to Minecraft, there will be various coding software available, the use of our Beebots and the EV3 Lego robotic kits. Student can look forward to Coding Club twice a week at morning break.

We have six weeks of skiing and snowboarding at Brimacombe - I will be attending all six nights as not only a VP, but as a member of the Canadian Ski Patrol. It's going to be fun!

Many junior students have been working hard rehearsing for our Castaway play. Parents will be invited to a live performance later in January to celebrate family literacy night (see below).

Stay tuned to your All in a Week for more fun activities at Millbrook South Cavan!

Upcoming Dates in January:

January 3: first day back to school!

January 8 & 9: vision & hearing screening for SK students

January 8, 15, 22, 29: Ski & Snowboard Club

January 16 & 17: Primary Indigenous Dance workshops

January 22 & 23: Primary Indigenous Dance workshops

January 24: Musical Performance "The Castaways" 6:30 - 7:45 (see below)

January 25: Pita Orders Due

January 31: Grade 5s go to the Canoe Museum

February 1: PA Day - no school

A Message from the "Me to We" Group:

In December of 2018, our 60 member club planned weekly spirit days and worked really hard to raise funds with four different fundraisers for 3 different goals:

1. Youth Emergency Shelter (YES - in Peterborough)

This agency supports youth that are at risk - possibly living on the streets. We donated 2 backpacks filled with warm socks, mittens and hats along with protein bars, candy and hand warmers to help a young man and a young woman who were in need. We delivered the backpacks to the YES shelter on Brock St.

2. Luyong Bay Public School, Philippines.

We collected \$1.00 for mint ice cream sandwiches in order to buy 20 basketballs and soccer balls for a school in the Philippines that is still trying to recover from a typhoon. Me to We members also donated books, crayons, toys and school supplies to add to the donation of balls.



3. Ecuador, school development project

We sold beautiful ornaments from a store in Peterborough called Under One Sun. They carry merchandise made in Haiti. A portion of each item that they sell goes directly to the Haitian artisans who make them. We sold a LOT of ornaments and made over \$900. Top fundraisers in each division won a pair of movie passes to Galaxy Cinemas. Money from this venture will go towards our goal of building a school in Ecuador. We are only about \$1200 away from this \$10000 goal!!!

Finally, we had a marvellous bake sale with dozens and dozens of cupcakes, cookies and squares that were made by "Me to We" members. We made \$600 which went towards all of the projects listed above.

Thank you for supporting all of our fundraisers! "Together, we can make a difference."



Intramural Junior Basketball

Thanks to Ms Manis and Mrs Parish who have been running intramural basketball for Junior students since mid December!

There are two games each morning break, allowing for 4 teams to play (2 games, 20 minutes each). The 10 teams will continue to play until mid January.



Haudenosaunee Social Dancing Coming to Millbrook

In January each of the grades 1-3 classes will have two sessions where they will be learning about Haudenosaunee dances. The instructors are graduates of Trent University’s School of Education and Professional Learning - Jessica Parks and Stanley “Bobby” Henry. Jessica is from Mohawk Nation and Bobby is Cayuga Nation and from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. They both have a strong passion for teaching Indigenous history.



We recognize that we are on traditional Anishnaabe territory, and that these dances are not traditional to this area. We welcome Jessica and Bobby and look forward to learning about Haudenosaunee social dancing.

Know About a Student Absence?? Please Use SchoolMessenger!

SchoolMessenger is an automated system that can be used easily by app, phone or online. You can easily put in absences ahead of time and indicate whether the absence will be full day, arrive late, leave early, leave and return or multiple day. You can also indicate the reason for your absence (e.g., for multiple day: illness, vacation, parent approved absence). It’s super easy to use - no set up.

You can:

1. Call 1-844-434-8119 using the phone number that we have on record at the school, and it will recognize your number.
2. Use the app!
3. Or you can go to studentabsence.kprdsb.ca



The app or website allows you to modify your contact list, so that if you are being contacted on multiple numbers or email addresses, you can delete those contacts.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with “The Castaways” Musical

You are invited to come to the school on the evening of January 24th to see our students’ performance of “The Castaways” in celebration of Family Literacy Day. "The Castaways" is a play about the challenges of homelessness. Mrs. Melanie Martin has been working with approximately 40 students for the past several months. Please plan to attend! Admission is a non-perishable donation to the food bank. More details will come to you in a separate email.

Are you following us on Instagram?



We have a PRIVATE Instagram account. Ms Mackenzie screens each request to join and keeps a list of all members. There are no members who are not parents, teachers or students of Millbrook South Cavan. We try hard to upload a few posts each week so that you can get a window into what’s happening in the school. Lots of good news stories!

Follow us @millbrooksouthcavan

Scholastic Book Fair 2018 Update

In December the Scholastic Book Fair transformed our school library into an Enchanted Forest of books! We would like to thank all the parents, teachers and students who came and shopped at the book fair. With your generous support, we sold an astounding \$7602.00 worth of books and merchandise, which translates into \$4241.95 worth of books that Scholastic gives back to our school.

This year we decided to help build our classroom libraries as well as the school library. We were able to give teachers almost \$2000 worth of new books for their classrooms!

We would like to thank all the students who entered the *Creative Writing Contest*. We really enjoyed reading all the very enchanting stories! We would like to congratulate the winners of the Creative Writing contest who each received \$10 to spend at the book fair:

Kendall Wallace Calli Martin Molly Gabriell!

We would also like to congratulate the winners of the *Guess How Much Unicorn Food Contest* who each won \$10 to spend at the book fair:

Holly Van Dijk Ryan Pillman Allison Carroll

Congratulations also, to the winner of the *Family Event Door Prize*, Liam Knight and his teacher Mrs. Belk who each won \$25 to spend at the book fair.

---Winners!---

Thanks also to the many volunteers who worked very hard to make the book fair such a success:

Camryn Neilson	Ashley Chandler	Ann-Marie Kelleher-Byers
Kristy O'Sullivan	Christine Foster	Amy Dechaine
Kristine Muma	Laurie Thompson	Tammy Craft
Joanne Chadwick	Heather Coulter	Michelle Haslam
Tammy Fallis	Dana Parnell	Teresa Woodward
Bryonie Creighton	Wilma Armstrong	Jillian Parish

And last but not least we would like to thank Ms. MacKenzie, Ms. Bickle and Mrs. de Wolde for all their help, support and patience.

Joan Larmer and Margaret Roberts-Neilson
2018 Scholastic Book Fair Co-Chairs

