



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.

May 2019

A message from the Principal...

This is the time of year in schools when we start thinking about the next school year. Changes in school staffing happen across the board as some teachers announce retirements, return from leaves, decide to transfer to a new school, go on maternity leave, etc.

Currently at Millbrook there are 22 home room classes - 19 in the school and 3 in portables. We have been staffed at 23 classes for next year since our enrolment has gone up. Since we have many new families calling or visiting us to tell us that their children will be joining us in September, there is a good chance that there will be more than just one class (and portable) added in the summer or fall.

So far this spring we know of a few changes to our staffing:

- Mr. Sean Veacock from John M. James PS will be teaching grade 3
- Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Kubica, Mrs. Todd will be on maternity leave so we will hire 3 LTO teachers to fill their positions

Projected staffing of classes are on the final page of this newsletter (recognizing that there may be some additions). Children are placed in classes very carefully. Teachers get together to place children for the next year (e.g., the three grade 1 teachers work together to place their students into three grade 2 classes). The teachers, Special Education Resource Teachers, Marie and I consider friends, academic abilities and learning skills while we place students.

Your child's class placement will be indicated on the June report card which will go home June 25th. Changes will not be made after that time unless there are new staff hired in the summer or fall, and classes need to be reorganized. If you have specific concerns / requests for your child's placement, they need to be forwarded to your current teacher or to the office by the end of May. We may not be able to honour all requests, but will certainly take them all into consideration.

A message from the Vice Principal

Thank you to the students, their family members and staff who attended our recent Family STEAM Night. The comments from students and their families were positive ---they valued the way they could learn about mathematics, science, Robotics and coding in a fun and real way!

At Millbrook South Cavan, we are very fortunate to have the support and dedication of a huge number of volunteers. This “volunteer team” gives their own time and talents to help our school in so many different ways. We know that we would not be able to provide the range of opportunities for our students that we do without the support of our volunteers. Thank you!

If you are considering volunteering but are not sure, keep in mind that:

1. *It's good for your health.*
2. *You get to learn and share new skills with others.*
3. *You can make a difference in the community and the world in which you live.*
4. *You can give back to a cause you believe in and help create positive change.*
5. *You can change someone's life.*
6. *Volunteering helps you to make real connections.*
7. *You become part of a community.*
8. *Volunteering provides the opportunity for you to gain a whole new perspective.*
9. *It's fun!*
10. *You are helping others.*

(From 17 Excellent Reasons to Volunteer in 2017 – GVI website)

At Millbrook South Cavan, we have a team of volunteers who help with a number of things:

- Serving on School Council
- Shopping for our Breakfast program
- Reading with students
- Attending school trips with us
- Driving to sporting events
- Preparing food for our Breakfast Program
- Helping to organize fundraising events for various projects in our school
- Organizing Movie Nights



And the list could go on and on. We appreciate the support of these volunteers immensely - but we'd love to see more faces! You don't need to spend a LOT of time to make a BIG difference.

Mari

Upcoming Dates in May:

May 6 Bus Evacuation, Music Monday, Grade 7 Immunization

May 8 Volunteer Tea

May 9 Toonie Toss

May 10 Pedal for Hope (Cops for Cancer), Fun Fair

May 15 Kindergarten Orientation 5:30

May 16 Track & Field Day and BBQ

May 17 *rain date for Track & Field*

May 22 - 31 EQAO for Grades 3 & 6 students

May 31 Talent Show

Fun Fair Excitement

Our biggest family event is coming up on Friday May 10th, from 5:00-8:00pm.

There will be all sorts of exciting things for the kids to do:

- games,
- a bouncy castle,
- face painting,
- a “chill room” where kids can make something (bracelets, crown, colour),
- and a cake walk.

There's also all sorts of food options:

- BBQ by the Lion's Club,
- chips, drinks,
- frozen treats,
- cotton candy, and
- popcorn.



Finally, there are AMAZING raffle baskets donated by each classroom. You can buy tickets to try and win one of these baskets.

Please plan to come, meet some of your children's friends and family, and have fun!

Track & Field BBQ

Each year all students from Grades 4-8 compete against each other for the chance to go to our “North” Track & Field meet. On our day here at Millbrook, students enjoy watching each other compete in the events.



We decided that this would be a good day to have a BBQ. All orders must be done ahead of time by filling out the slip that went home or ordering on school cash online (last date to submit a food order is May 10th). Class orders will be put together and given to the class teacher so that the class can eat together at a picnic outside (those who do not order will take their regular lunch).



If you have an hour or two to spare on that day, we could really use your help - helping to squirt ketchup, work at the BBQ, or deliver orders to classes. Call the office to let us know if you can help. THANK YOU!!!

Update from Me to We - 3 Successful Events from April

Thank you so much for supporting our very successful Cupcakes for Cancer campaign where over \$800 was raised for Cops for Cancer. Wow! The Hawks love their cupcakes!

April 22nd was Earth Day, and so we held an Earth Day Poetry contest. The winners were:

- Kyleigh Capp - Primary Division
- Lily Armstrong - Junior Division
- Abram Knott - Intermediate Division



Finally, ME to WE students got sponsors for the “WE are Silent” campaign on April 30th. They had to remain silent for 24 hours! This campaign was designed to raise awareness for the children around the world who have no voice, and no access to basic needs like clean water, shelter and education.

As the Pita Pit lunches wrap up for the year (no pun intended), we want to thank everyone for their support. The funds raised will help us with our goal of building a school in Ecuador.

News and Tips From the Pathway Project



Sounds of Spring on the Pathway

April and May are wonderful months for getting outside – there’s so much to see and hear. Birds are returning from their winter migration, and singing their hearts out!

Have you ever tried listening for frogs? Different kinds of

frogs have their own spring song, and it’s fun to figure out who’s singing in the frog chorus. Here are a few to get you started:

1. Spring peeper – true to their name, these tiny frogs make a loud “peep, peep” sound. Pound for pound, they’re one of the loudest voices in nature! Listen for them in early spring, in wetlands near forested areas.
2. Western chorus frog – the ‘masked marauders’ of the forest, chorus frogs look like they’re wearing a black mask. Their call sounds like running your finger over the teeth of a comb, and they’re active in early spring.
3. Wood frog – listen for these distinctive frogs, whose call sounds like a duck quacking. They’re also active early in spring.
4. Leopard frog – this medium-sized frog sounds like rubbing your finger on a wet balloon.
5. Bullfrog – this is our largest frog, and can be heard as late as June or July. Its call is a deep, raspy “jug-o-rum.”

Frogwatch has an excellent website where you can see pictures of Ontario frogs, and hear the call of each one. Your family or class may want to report what you hear, as part of their “Citizen Science” monitoring program. Check it out at

<https://www.naturewatch.ca/frogwatch/ontario/>

Projected staffing of classes for 2019-2020

(These may change as our population grows and we need to add more staff.)

Yr 1 and 2 Kindergarten LTO, Mrs. Parker
Yr 1 and 2 Kindergarten Mrs. Little, Ms Toms
Yr 1 and 2 Kindergarten Mrs. Dunford
Yr 1 and 2 Kindergarten Mr. Schroeter, Mrs. Benz
Yr 1 and 2 Kindergarten Mrs. M. Martin, LTO
Grade 1 Mrs. Ray
Grade 1 Mrs. Armstrong
Grade 1 Mrs. Hunter
Grade 2 Mrs. Morton
Grade 2 Mrs. Kroesen
Grade 2 Mrs. Thomson
Grade 3 Mr. Veacock
Grade 3 Mrs. E. Martin
Grade 4 Mrs. Maxwell
Grade 4 Mrs. Parish
Grade 4/5 Mrs. Sturgeon
Grade 5 Mrs. Gemmitti
Grade 6 Mrs. Siberry-Monti
Grade 6 Mrs. Belk
Grade 6/7 TBA
Grade 7 Mrs. Noble
Grade 7/8 Mrs. Taylor-Schlieker
Grade 8 Mr. McNamara

The logo for 'OUR STAFF' features the words in large, bold, multi-colored letters. 'OUR' is in purple, green, and blue, while 'STAFF' is in red, blue, green, red, and yellow. Below the text is a grey shadow of the same words.