

# MILNE GROVE SCHOOL

Mrs. Gray, Superintendent

Mrs. Carlson, Principal

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## From the Principal's Office

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! We are off to a great start and hope we can count on your support and reinforcement at home as we move forward each month. The staff at Milne Grove is dedicated and caring and always gives their very best to your children. If you ever have any concerns about your child's academics, safety, or behavior please contact his/her teacher.

I want to remind everyone that, though I am only currently working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays while on maternity leave, Superintendent Donna Gray will be at Milne Grove to fill in for me. If you didn't already hear, my little Maggie was born on July 27!!

I would like to introduce our

new staff members: Mrs. Georgopoulos – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Mrs. Slingerland – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Mrs. Sible – One-to-one Special Education Aide, and Mrs. Nolan – Lunch/Recess Aide. If you would like to learn more about them and/or our other staff members, please refer to our Staff Directory that was handed out during Open House and Expectation Night. Please contact the office if you did not receive a Staff Directory and would like to have one.

Communication continues to be a priority at Milne Grove School. You will receive a lot of information from your child's teacher, as well as the office, that will be sent home in your child's backpack. Please take some time every night to go through their folders, so you can stay well informed. To save paper and to save you time sorting through

handouts, we will soon only send office handouts and reminders home with your oldest child in the building. If you would like additional handouts, please contact the office at 815-838-0542 ext. 0.

If you are not signed up for or haven't received any Connect-Ed messages this school year, please contact the office. Connect-Ed is a telephone and e-mail service that allows us to send reminders and/or school closing information to all families at one time. You can also visit our school website at [www.d91.net](http://www.d91.net) for a wealth of school information.

We look forward to working together with you and your children to make this a great year for everyone! Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. Here's to a productive, successful, and safe school year!!

Mrs. Carlson

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September 27

Fall Pictures

Power 1/2 Hour Begins

### October 1

Progress Reports Distributed

### October 7

Lockdown Drill

### October 8

11:30 Dismissal  
School Improvement Day

No School for AM Kindergarten or Early Learners

PM Kindergarten in Attendance 8:30 - 11:20

### October 11

No School  
Columbus Day

### October 12

District 91 Academy  
6:30 - 7:30

Board of Education Meeting 7:30

### October 29

Report Cards Distributed

### Look Inside For:

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## START THE SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT !!

It's the beginning of another school year. Here are five things that can get your child off to a good start:

**1. Meet your child's teacher.** Explain that you want to hear about your child's progress. Ask how you can help at home.

**2. Use routines.** Morning, bedtime and homework routines are especially key to school success.

**3. Have high expectations.** Tell your child that he/she doesn't have to be the

best, but he/she should try their best.

**4. Read, read, read.** Reading to your child is essential. Visit the library. If your child doesn't have a library card, get him/her one!

**5. Support your school.** Attend parent meetings, join PTO, and volunteer if you can. Show your child that school is a family priority.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are still in need of volunteers for Power 1/2 Hour from 2:30 - 3:00 daily and Crossing Guards from 3:10 - 3:20 daily. PLEASE call us if you can help or e-mail [tcarlson@d91.net](mailto:tcarlson@d91.net).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

## EARLY LEARNERS

### Upcoming Events:

Week of September 6 – The Early Learners were introduced to the letter “A” and the theme of the week was all about me. Each Early Learner was able to share something special about themselves with the rest of the class.

Week of September 13 – The Early Learners were introduced to the letter “C” along with the number zero. The theme of the week was colors. They also had lots of fun creating the circle shape in shaving cream and finger paint.

Week of September 20 – The Early Learners will be introduced to the letter “W” along with the number one. The theme of the week will be weather. They will learn about the different types of clouds and the color white. The Early Learners will also be celebrating Grandparents Day with their own grandparents this week by singing special songs, presenting special gifts and sharing snack with them at school.



Week of September 27 – The Early Learners will be introduced to the letter

“F” along with the number two. The theme of the week will be farm. They will also discuss the season of fall and their feelings.

### Dates to Remember:

Friday, September 24, Grandparents Day Celebration 2:30p.m. to 3:00p.m.

Monday, September 27, Fall Pictures

Friday, October 8, No School for Early Learners, School Improvement Day

Monday, October 11, No School, Columbus Day

## KINDERGARTEN

The new school year is off to a great start! During the month of September the children have been working on reading the color words red, blue, yellow and green and the sight words “my” and “a”. The Kindergarteners have been introduced to many sounds of the alphabet using Jolly Phonics. In Jolly Phonics each letter has a sound, song and motion to go along with it. We have studied shapes and solid figures in Math as well as counting

with 1:1 correspondence to ten. The students have also started writing the numbers to 10 with correct formation. The children are enjoying learning about animals in science and about John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) in social studies.

In October Kindergarten will learn to read the sight words “the”, “like” and “I” and the color words purple, brown, black and white. We will be reviewing

the alphabet with many exciting theme days and will start to focus on correct letter formation. Please make sure your child is holding their pencil correctly and begins all letters at the top. Positional words will be the focus in Math and we will be reviewing numbers, number formation, counting, and matching numbers to sets.



## FIRST GRADE

During the first few weeks of school the first grade students participated in a unit about rainbows. The students completed various activities in literature, writing, and science related to this topic. As a culminating event, each first grader wore their favorite color of the rainbow, and we made a “human rainbow” outside.

In September, the first graders will be reviewing all of the consonant sounds. The children will be identifying sounds at the beginning of a word,

in the middle of a word, and at the end of a word.

In the area of math the children are reviewing writing and recognizing the numbers 1 through 20, naming simple shapes, and identifying right and left. We will complete graphs and discuss the concepts of “most” and “fewest”. The children will also order numbers from least to greatest.

Later in the month the students will learn about an American folk hero

named Johnny Appleseed. His birthday is September 26<sup>th</sup>. The children will learn about Johnny’s gentle nature and generosity by hearing many of the legends written about him. In celebration of his birthday, students will discover the parts of an apple, eat apples, and create a graph to show how many seeds their apple has.



The First Grade Team

# SECOND GRADE

We are off to a great start in second grade. Remember to check your child's folder on a daily basis.

Math – It will be important for your child to practice the addition facts daily. Please remember that they are given 2 ½ minutes for their timed tests. Some skills we will be working on in the month of September are: identifying time and hour ago and one hour from now; identifying even and odd numbers; identifying week-days and days of the weekend; and

identifying polygons.

Language Arts – It is in your child's best interest to study the weekly spelling and vocabulary words along with the weekly story. The reading verification slips will be sent home on Wednesday and need to be signed and returned on Thursday. While reading the weekly story with your child be sure to ask them questions pertaining to the story.

Science – Our first unit in Science will

be on Weather. In this unit we will talk about the water cycle, how to measure weather conditions, and what we can do to prepare for weather conditions.

Social Studies – Students will be learning about the many groups we belong to. We will discuss different places in our neighborhood and community. Students will color and write about why they like their neighborhood.

# THIRD GRADE

Welcome to Third Grade! It was nice to have the opportunity to meet most of you at Expectation Night! We look forward to a great school year. Please contact the classroom teacher regarding any questions or concerns about your child. In September, we will be reviewing skills and getting accustomed to working independently.

Reading: We will be reading the following genres: Fantasy, Personal Narrative, and Realistic Fiction.

Spelling: Please remember to have your child practice writing the spelling words on a nightly basis to prepare for the end of the week test.

Language Arts: Skills will be identifying complete sentences and using proper punctuation and capitalization.

Science: We will begin the unit of Minerals, Rocks and Fossils.

Social Studies: We will read the story, Flat Stanley and do a project based on the



story. We will also begin our study of geography.

Math: We will review telling time to the hour and half hour, bar graphs, addition, subtraction, evens/odds, acting out story problems, rounding to the nearest ten, fractions and reading a thermometer.

Please continue to check your child's assignment notebook and sign each night. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

# P.E. NEWS - Ms. Sharp

Welcome Back. I am looking forward to another great year. **Please remember that your child needs to keep a pair of gym shoes at school, so he/she will be able to change into them for PE. Also, please continue to work with**

**your child on tying his/her shoes.** Thank you.

The classes will start the year with a football unit. They will work on the skills of throwing, catching, kicking, and passing. They will play lead-up games after working on their skills.

They will also be playing a variety of activities, while working on their gross motor skills, such as, running, throwing, hopping, jumping and galloping. The classes will have a fitness day once or twice a week.

Mrs. Donna Gray, Superintendent

Mrs. Tracy Carlson, Principal

## MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that ALL students can be successful in school. It is the mission of Milne-Kelvin Grove School District 91 to provide a supportive environment for learning in which students acquire knowledge and skills, develop a healthy self-image, demonstrate positive social behaviors, as well as acknowledge and respect ethnic and cultural diversity. We expect students to become life-long learners and productive citizens.

# MILNE GROVE MUSIC NEWS - Mrs. Randolph



To Contact Mrs. Randolph K-8 Music & KG Chorus Director  
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Web Page: [www.d91.net](http://www.d91.net)  
select Music Dept. and then the heading you want

Welcome to the 2010-11 School Year at Lockport District 91 (Milne-Kelvin Grove Schools)! The Theme in Music this year is the National Music In Our Schools Theme - "Music Lasts A Lifetime". Students in all grades will be studying different areas of music - to LAST A LIFETIME.

Milne Grove Kindergarten through Third Grade Music Classes are learning Music Tone Colors (music sounds) and learning about the different instruments within each Instrument Family. All students are playing the Orff instruments within the percussion family. Music Classes have been studying patriotic and folk music during September. September 14 was the birthday of when Francis Scott Key wrote the words (lyrics) to the Star-Spangled Banner - the national anthem of the United States. All D91 music classes learned about the song.

ALL D91 students in grades 2-8 should have 3-ring binder music folder with 5 tabbed dividers labeled (1 - Notes, 2 - Theory, 3 - History, 4 - CIC = Classical Is Cool, 5 - Music) and their name on the outside FRONT COVER AND SIDE SPINE. They are to have at least two sharpened pencils with good erasers in the folder at all times. At the end of every year, a paper clip should be put on all of the notes and worksheets for that year in each chapter section with that

year's sticker sheet in front of that grade's papers and labeled by grade. This folder is to be kept until they graduate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be their music portfolio.

Students have music class 40 minutes once each week. Each week students in grades 2-5 will receive a music homework sheet to complete and return by the next music class. The first sheet is the music sticker sheet "Music Lasts A Life Time" for the students to color and decorate any way they would like. They will leave that paper in their music folder to put their music stickers on.

Students who complete and return the music worksheets to music class on time will receive a music sticker for their music sticker sheet. Students with a top number of stickers in the spring will earn MG Character Coupons. Students who come with their homework completed to music class on time will earn the privilege to play the Orff instruments. Sometimes they will earn MG coupons for being responsible and following our Character Counts program. Students who don't return the completed music homework will spend their time completing the homework page while the other students advance to playing the instruments or computers/pianos.

Worksheet answers and help can be found at the top of each music page and on the school's web [www.d91.net](http://www.d91.net) site under music department. Select the school you want information on under music for help in answering music worksheets (ex. MG Music or KG Music). To see how your child is doing in music, ask him/her to bring home their music folder and check the sheets. Most of the sheets will be graded in class.

## MUSIC DATES:

F. Sept. 24 - Music Technology TAG DAY (MG & KG Music Parents NEEDED!)

W. Oct. 6 - Chorus/Band Pizza Hut Fund-raiser

W. Oct. 27 - Ad Book Deadline (Place your personal or business ads with the Chorus/Band) Please see a Chorus or Band Member to purchase an ad in our souvenir ad booklet. You and family/friends may purchase ads honoring your child(ren) wishing them best wishes in school AND contact places you do business with and ask them to purchase an ad - \$10 for 10 words, \$25 for 25 words, \$50 for business card size, \$75, and \$100.

F. Oct. 22 & Sat. Oct. 23 - Chorus/Band TAG DAYS

Tuesday, December 7 - (9:15 am & 1:15 pm) - Students in grades K-5 and KG Chorus grades 5-8 will present the FREE Christmas Program "Jingle Bell Jukebox" in the Kelvin Grove School old gym. Watch for more details.

NOTE: KG Chorus parents continue to purchase equipment that is used not only for chorus, but also for every student in District 91. In past years, they have purchased choral risers for the Christmas and Spring Concerts, a sound system for the music and chorus rooms, a computer for music and chorus, an electric piano, and many other things ALL of our students use.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me as we make MUSIC to LAST A LIFETIME!



**The Music Students Need YOUR HELP! Clip and Return to Mrs. Randolph by Monday, Sept. 20, 2010. Thank you!**

**(ALL D91Parents are needed to work.)**

**PLEASE check ALL you can help with:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I can help work Music TAG DAY – Friday, September 24**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I can help Mrs. Randolph with copying, filing during the school day**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I can sew material for organ bench covers (school pays for materials)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I can build a small wooden box for instrument bars (school pays for materials)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I will help decorate for the Christmas program at KG Fri. Dec. 3 sometime between 7:30 a.m. through the day until 5p.m.**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Homeroom** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **News from the Art Room - Mrs. Cravens**

Welcome Back!

Thank you to all parents for attending Milne Grove Expectation Night.

Please be advised that Mrs. Seifken will be my guest teacher until November 8, 2010 as I will continue my leave to be with my daughter. If you have any questions regarding your child's art class please feel free to check the "Art Pages" on the school website, or do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Seifken directly anytime. She can be

reached at 815-838-0542 extension 111 or via email at [jcravens@d91.net](mailto:jcravens@d91.net).

All students will need an art shirt to wear during painting and sculpture projects to protect their clothing from accidental spills or drips of material. Please provide an oversized adult short-sleeved t-shirt (no buttons or long sleeves please.) Buttons and long sleeves can be difficult for some students to put on or maneuver with when com-



pleting their projects. Please also write your child's first name clearly on the art shirt provided.


All students have started their first projects of the year with Mrs. Seifken. She will be working on drawing and design within the first quarter with all kindergarten through third grade students. She is excited to see all the personality, individuality, and creativity Milne Grove students bring to each and every project.

# THE LATEST FROM THE LRC - Mrs. Tumino

## Library News

Welcome to another year at Milne Grove School! I'm having a great time seeing all my old friends and meeting so many new ones. After finishing up a major inventory project, we are now starting library and lab services. We'll start off the year discussing book care and library rules, and reading books about libraries, school, and more. In October we will read about fire prevention and Halloween, as well as many other topics the kids are covering in class.

Watch for library books to come home soon, and help your son or daughter remember to take good care of their books. Be sure they are returned on time! Many children like to keep their books in their backpack so they have them at school every day – just don't forget to take them out and look at them at home! New books may not be checked out if last week's books are still at home.

As part of our Character Counts program, I am once again rewarding children for being Responsible citizens: For each class, I will hold a weekly drawing for a prize from my "Treasure Chest." Only those  students who remember to return both of their books on library day will be eligible for the drawing. The chest contains books, small toys, pencils, etc.

*If a library book is ever lost or damaged while checked out to your child, please let me know! If I know that an adult knows a book is missing, I can give you more time while also allowing your child to check out new items. If I know about damages, I can often repair them myself at no cost. **Please**, if a book ever gets wet, make sure I know about it! It takes*

much longer than you might think to completely dry out a book, and I need to continue to dry it here in order to prevent the growth of mold.

## Lockport Library Connections

If your child does not already have a card for the public library, stop in at the Lockport Library and get her one! All you need is a driver's license (or photo ID) and one other item showing your current address. You may even fill out and print the form ahead of time by going to [www.dpvlib.org](http://www.dpvlib.org).

Did you know that Milne Grove keeps copies of most of our textbooks at the public library? If your child ever needs a book that she did not bring home, just inquire at the Children's Desk.

## Computer Lab News

In the computer lab we'll start the year by going over our Cool Tools – the expectations for proper behavior in the lab. We will also discuss the names for all the different components of our computer stations and go over many "need to know" items. Students will then begin a variety of activities, both online and via school software.

School wide we are focusing strongly on hygiene and how to slow the spread of germs. We are especially concentrating on this in the Computer Lab, where all the children directly touch the same keyboards and mice. To cut down on illness, we will be washing our hands immediately before and after using the lab. I have been really trying to get through to the kids that they should not put their fingers in their noses or mouths, especially at school, and most certainly not in the Lab! Please help to reinforce this at home!

Please be sure to visit the MG LRC page on the District website, [www.d91.net](http://www.d91.net) for library and lab info and for links to some of the websites we use at school. Just click on the globe at the top of the MG LRC page! Also be sure to visit the KG LRC page (Cyberlibrary) for tons of information and links to our database and research subscriptions.

Remember, Milne Grove provides "community" headphones for student use in the lab, but you are welcome to send in a set of your own if you would rather not have your child share with others. Just be sure to mark them with your child's name and put them in a zip-style bag, also marked with their name. Any inexpensive headphones (like what you use for a personal CD player, etc.) will work, but we do not recommend the earbud style – kids' ears are too small.

## Volunteer Corner

***I am still looking for a few more volunteers for the kindergarten classes' first visits to the library. If you are a kindergarten parent who is available on September 21, 28, and/or October 5 during your child's library time, please let me know!***

I welcome back Carmen Mancera, my very dedicated library volunteer of the past few years! If you see Mrs. Mancera, please thank her for her help. I can always use more help with reshelving books or working on special projects in the Library. Please let me know (815-838-0542, x122 or [tumino@d91.net](mailto:tumino@d91.net)) if you might have some time to help out – I'd love to have you!

## A MESSAGE FROM AMY BRODEUR

Welcome back to school and to what promises to be an excellent year of learning for everyone! My name is Amy Brodeur and I have been hired by District 91 to work with your excellent teachers on some strategies for differentiating lessons in their teaching. What's that, you say? Differentiating is a process of teaching which allows teachers to teach to students' specific needs. It takes into account their interests, their strengths, their learning styles and their levels in order to

prepare lessons and assignments that will work best for them. You may have by now been asked to fill out an Interest Survey about your child. If not, your teacher may be doing it independently in class with your child. This information will help the teachers get to know your child well and begin to find out what motivates them and helps them to learn most effectively. No teacher can differentiate EVERY minute of the day, but the more time your child's individual needs are met the better

they will learn. The motto we have been discussing is "Fair may not be Equal. Each child gets exactly what HE/SHE needs." Throughout the year I will be trying to keep you updated on where we are taking this topic and using it in the classrooms. For now, just know how completely impressed I am with these teachers and administrators who always have the children's best interests at heart!

# NOTES FROM THE NURSE - Kim Cast, BSN, RN



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. As the school nurse, one of my goals is to provide a safe and healthy environment for your child.

The school health office is available to provide basic first aid and assessment for students with an injury or who become ill during school hours. If your child requires further attention or appears to be contagious you will be notified. If I am unable to reach you by phone, a note will be sent home to keep you informed of non-emergency issues.

Please remember to **keep the office updated with current phone numbers**. If we are unable to reach you, we will call the next name on your emergency phone list. In the event of a more serious injury, we will call you and the paramedics.

I will keep you informed if your child makes frequent visits to the health office.

Sometimes children complain of illness but that may not be the core issue. I welcome calls to inform me of any home or medical issue your child may be experiencing. The goal is to keep your child in class to optimize learning.

I realize that it may be difficult at times to decide if it is necessary to keep your child home from school. I have attached some guidelines that may help assist you in making the correct decision. If you have any doubt, it is always best to keep your child home to rest.

Please **return all physical exam forms, dental and vision forms to the health office**. If you are having problems obtaining any of these exams, call and I will assist you.

**If your child requires any medication** to be administered at school, the Medication Authorization form may be obtained from the district office or the health office. The

**authorization form is required for prescription medications such as: antibiotics, insulin and inhalers, as well as over-the-counter medications including: Tylenol, Motrin, cough drops or lotions etc.**

**Over-the-counter medications taken at school require parental authorization. For the safety of all students, absolutely no medications are to be sent to school with a child. An adult will need to bring the medication to the Nurse's Office in its original packaging. No child will be given medication without the proper authorization.**

If your child has any special health needs or concerns, please feel free to call me to discuss these issues. I am here to assist and promote the health and well being of every student and to achieve a successful school year.

## FROM THE LUNCHROOM - Mrs. Thomason

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great summer. Please take note of the following information.

o All hot lunch orders are taken on a **monthly basis only. Order forms must be turned into the designated school lunchroom on the designated day by 9:00 am. No late orders can be accepted.**

o All lunch orders must be paid with a check, money order OR by using our e-pay online system. **Cash will not be accepted. WE WILL NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO CHARGE LUNCHES.** Plan in advance when your child will be eating a hot lunch or bringing a cold lunch.

o Credits cannot be used daily – they must be used on your **MONTHLY ORDER FORM FOR THE NEXT ORDER PERIOD ONLY.** Credits will **ONLY** be granted if a child is absent or goes home sick BEFORE lunch.

**PARENT / GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES:**

o An order form must be turned in with payment, unless approved for the free lunch program. Our kitchen and office staff will not be filling out order forms over the phone.

o Please keep track of scheduled non-attendance days, early dismissal days and field trips. These do not appear on the menu sheets provided by the food service provider, but we do attempt to note this on your order form.

o We see more and more students each year coming to school with no lunch. **Please see to it that your child has a cold lunch or has ordered a hot lunch each day.** If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Kelvin Grove office to apply for the

Free / Reduced lunch program.

o Know when your child is scheduled to receive a hot lunch. This will eliminate an extra sack lunch or a child without any lunch at all.

o Sales of “extra” lunches are solely based on availability. Students should not plan on buying a lunch on a daily basis.

o Please make sure your child has the proper utensils to eat their sack lunch. The lunchroom does not have extra utensils available. Our hot lunches come pre-packaged with utensils.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (815) 838-0542 X117.

Lunch Menu Due Dates		
MONTH	DATE SENT	DATE DUE
October	09/09/10	09/15/10
November	10/14/10	10/20/10
December	11/11/10	11/17/10
January	12/02/10	12/08/10
February	01/06/11	01/12/11
March	02/10/11	02/16/11
April	03/10/11	03/16/11
May/June	04/07/11	04/13/11

# School Grounds Safety Reminders

Please remember that our staff does not begin supervising students in the morning until 8:20. Students should **NOT** arrive at school before 8:20.

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If you walk East from the school to get home or to walk to your vehicle, please note that you and/or your children should walk on the lower sidewalk where we have a volunteer crossing guard. Please take the stairs down to the lower sidewalk when walking East (toward the bank) at dismissal time.

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If you walk to the school to pick up your child(ren) in the BACK of the building:

- Please do so by entering the back parking area from the West side of the school.
- Please exit the school grounds on the West side.

- Do not use the East side of the property (toward the bank) to pick up your child(ren). This requires you to walk through moving traffic in back.
- Please do not walk through driveways or parking lots. Use the sidewalks and crosswalks.

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If you drive to pick up your child in the back of the school for dismissal, please do not block the sidewalk with your vehicle as you enter our driveway. Be courteous to our wonderful parent volunteers that are trying to safely cross our walkers and bike-riders.

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Please remember to use the sidewalks and crosswalks anytime you are walking on school grounds. Too often we see students AND parents walking through the parking lots. This is VERY dangerous. Also, remind your children of the importance of looking both ways

when crossing the street or walking in any crosswalk zone. Please take this opportunity to talk to your children about these important safety rules.

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Please stay off of our 7<sup>th</sup> Street neighbors' lawns as you wait for your child to be dismissed. Do not throw trash in their yards or park in their driveways. If someone is trying to leave their driveway, please allow them to enter the line. Let's all remember the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

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Dogs and other pets are not allowed on school grounds at any time.

The students and staff of Milne Grove School appreciate your continued support, cooperation, and effort to keep everyone safe on school grounds.

## INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

Students are allowed to arrive at school at 8:20 and enter the building at 8:30. School starts at 8:35. Students who are not in class by 8:35 will be marked tardy.

Please remember to label your child's personal items (lunchboxes,

backpacks, etc.) with their name for identification purposes.

If your child is going to be absent please call 815-838-0737 ext. 2 as early as possible to report the absence. State your child's name, your name, their teacher's name, and the

reason for the absence. Include specific details if your child is ill.

Any type of student absence beyond 15 absences is considered an unexcused absence.

## NO CELL PHONE ZONE!

Effective January 1, 2010, House Bill 71 and 72 took effect. These new laws prohibit talking on a cell phone while driving in a construction zone or a school zone. Sending or reading text

messages is also prohibited. We continue to see many parents using their phones in school zones. For the safety of everyone, please follow the law and stay off your phone in school zones.





# Don't throw out that used ink cartridge!

*Send it to your school library for recycling! The MG and KG Libraries receive money for each cartridge collected. Please collect them from friends, family, and places of business and send them to school with your child!*



# DISTRICT 91 ACADEMY



We are looking for parents that are interested in joining our District 91 Academy. Topics of discussion include School Improvement, Discipline, and Response to Intervention. There will

be three evening meetings throughout the year:

October 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30

December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30

April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30

Please contact Principal Tracy Carlson at 815-838-0542 if you are interested in attending the acad-

emy meetings. We meet in Kelvin Grove's LRC. The monthly Board of Education meetings will follow our academy meetings at 7:30. Please join us for these too, if you have the time.

## Dinner With the Family – *Family Day* September 27, 2010

*Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children* is a national movement launched by CASA, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, that encourages parents to frequently eat dinner with their children and be involved in their lives. Whether you are cooking a gourmet meal or ordering take-out, rest assured that what your children really want at the dinner table is YOU! Family meals are the perfect time to talk to your children and listen to what's on their mind. More than a



decade's worth of research by CASA has consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink, or use drugs.

If you don't have time to sit down and eat with your family tonight, choose any day that works for your family. For more information about Family Day or other parenting tips, go to [www.CASAFamilyDay.org](http://www.CASAFamilyDay.org).

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★ **CHARACTER COUNTS!** ★

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★ ♦ **Trustworthiness** ★

★ ♦ **Respect** ★

★ ♦ **Responsibility** ★

★ ♦ **Fairness** ★

★ ♦ **Caring** ★

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## PTO SCRIP PROGRAM

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Information about sex offenders can be found on <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>
- You can view our District and School Report Card on the web. Visit [www.d91.net](http://www.d91.net), open up the *About District 91* link under "For Parents" and then click *Report Cards*.
- We have information to share that may help out someone who is homeless. Please contact Mrs. Carlson for more details at 815-838-0542 if you know anyone who is homeless.
- Milne Grove School takes part in the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program. Visit [www.charactercounts.org](http://www.charactercounts.org) for more details.



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DESKS	428.68
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FIELD TRIPS	4,981.74
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HOT DOG DAY	703.95
MG COPIER MAINTENANCE	883.59
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RED RIBBON WEEK	399.51
TEACHER CLASSROOM DONATIONS	<u>3,937.88</u>
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