



## NOVEMBER ISSUE 2015

### CELEBRATE WITH US!

- Options classes started in October – and have been an exciting addition to our student programming once a week during flex time. Students are learning about robotics, drama, cooking, sewing and crafts, and photography!
- The Student Leadership Team has now begun and planned exciting Halloween activities on October 29<sup>th</sup> including a haunted house, pumpkin carving and a costume parade!
- The school is working on a special community/school project toward building a legacy piece from previous Milo students. The project will bring a 'buddy bench' to the playground for students who need a friend to play with. Thank you Katie Walker and Parent Council for supporting and organizing this.
- We are preparing an advertisement for Milo School to be promoted in the spring edition of Calgary's Child magazine. Thank you to Colin Monner and other Milo School friends for their work and support on our marketing endeavours!

***"Be the CHANGE you want to see in the world."* Gandhi**

### International Baccalaureate Update

As an IB candidate school, we will strive for excellence and be an engaging, collaborative, and global community.

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) challenges students to learn through asking questions, making connections about themselves and the world, thinking creatively, and valuing different perspectives.

Students in grade 1-3 had a special math inquiry project where they, designed and built cardboard haunted houses!

## Principal Message: School is in full swing!

School is now in full swing and the halls are filled with student work, school photos, our school goals and our JH Girls Volleyball Team had a terrific season! Walking through classrooms I hear student **laughter**, singing, and meaningful **conversations**. I see word walls with **vocabulary**, reading and writing goals, student **reflections** and collaborative learning. I see teachers working diligently to plan for student success and feel excited about the potential I see in everyone!

Over the past week students have been preparing for their first self-created **Monthly Progress Update** which will go home and feature samples of their work and reflections thus far. Parents, be sure to take time to review the Monthly Update and provide a comment, then return it to the school with your child. These updates and work samples will help to shape the Student Learning Portfolios. In upcoming months the Progress Update may look different as students create ways to show their learning and growth.

This year for parent teacher interviews, we will have **student-led conferences**, where students will show their parents examples of their own learning and progress. Our first student-led conference time will be held on **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Parents will book a

time for 10 minutes with their child and then 10 minutes with the teacher for a parent/teacher interview meeting. Information will be sent home about this and how you can sign up for a time. If parents have a child with an IPP (Individual Program Plan) an additional 10 minutes can be booked.

Student-Led Conferences and Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled to be in advance of report cards so that parents and teachers can focus on learning progress and improvement, rather than just the report. **Report cards** are scheduled to go home on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for practicing reading and writing at home with your child and encouraging them to be independent readers and learners. The more your child practices a skill the more they will grow and excel. We are looking for volunteers at school - contact us if you are interested in reading one on one with a student, reading with a small group or helping with learning centres.

Remember: For the latest news go to our website, at [www.miloschool.ca](http://www.miloschool.ca) which features a live calendar of events for the year, a School Council page with meeting information/ reports, and school news updates.

Thank you for all that you do! Yours in learning – Ms. Prud'Homme, Principal

## Palliser Technology Wrap Around Project

Palliser has started an initiative to help provide support for students and teachers to effectively use technology in classrooms. The Technology Wrap Around project is a collaborative approach where students and teachers complete a survey to gather initial

data and technology specialists meet with a school team (teacher and principal) to provide consultation about how to improve technology use to help support student learning. Milo has begun this process and we look forward to seeing the outcome of this initiative.

# LEARNING SPOTLIGHT



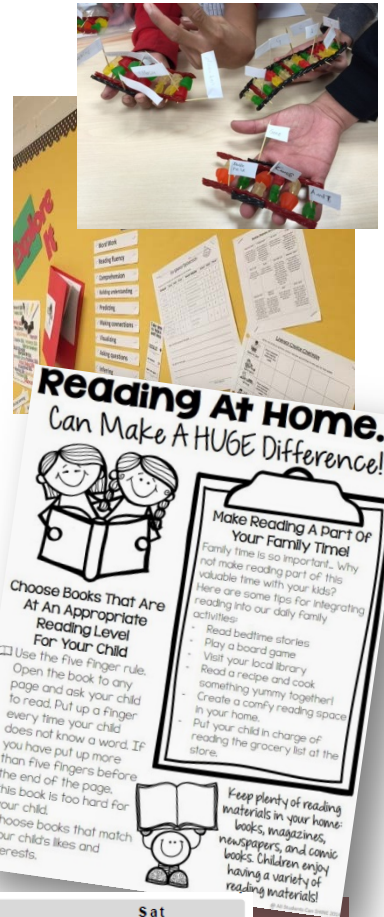
## LITERACY update

Last month we finished assessing reading levels for students in grade 2-9 and have communicated the results home to you. This week the assessment for grade ones will be completed and information will be shared with you shortly afterward.

This past month teachers have attended powerful professional learning workshops focused in literacy and are implementing and sharing methods and best practices across the school. In order to help struggling readers, teachers are collaborating with one another, the Principal and Palliser's Literacy Coach to plan engaging literacy building activities. This month our school will have a *School Happenings and Spotlight* bulletin board for updates on our work in Literacy, Assessment and IB programming.

Literacy is all about language. It is how we make meaning and involves reading, writing, speaking, listening, and representing ideas.

You may have received a 'Reading at Home' guide to help families learn tips and strategies for reading well at home. Remember, reading is EVERYWHERE! Words are on food containers, juice boxes, price tags, clothing, band-aid boxes. And the more we read, the more we know. And knowledge builds our curiosity and thirst for learning and growth. *In what ways do you encourage learning at home?*



## Milo November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 1 10 am - Pre-School 6 pm - Adult Yoga	3 Day 2 Hot Lunch - Chili Monthly Progress Student Leadership Meeting at Lunch	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Movie Night at 7pm Scholastic Book Cross-Grade Dream Teams	7
8 Day 1 10 am - Pre-School	9 Day 2 Student Leadership 10:30am Remembrance Day Ceremony	10 Day 2 Student Leadership	11 Remembrance Day -	12 No School	13	
15 Day 3 10 am - Pre-School 5:30pm - Student-Led Conferences/ Parent Teacher Interviews	16 Day 4 Student Leadership 6:30pm - Parent Council Meeting	17 Day 4 Student Leadership	18 Day 1 4:30pm - Student-Led Conferences/ Parent Teacher Interviews	19 Palliser Student Leadership Conference Day 2	20 Milo No School	21 Grade 7-9 (More info to come!)
22 Day 3 10 am - Pre-School	23 Day 4 Student Leadership	24 Day 4 Student Leadership	25 Day 1 MILO: Canopener News Articles DUE	26 Day 2 Report Cards Home 7 am - VB 7-9 School Volleyball Game at Barons	27 Milo No School	28
29 District PD Day - No 10 am - Pre-School	30 Day 3 Student Leadership	1 Day 3 Student Leadership	2 Day 4	3 Day 1	4	

Milo Community School is transforming...  
the way we LEARN,  
the way we TEACH,  
the way we SUCCEED.

