

Are you preparing your kids for the World?

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International Baccalaureate Candidate School Starting in Southern Alberta!

Enrolling Now!
It's just minutes to Milo!

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Advantage

The IB Primary Years Programme prepares Milo students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who will demonstrate respect for themselves and others, having the capacity to participate in the world around them.

- Globally Aware
- Family-Centered
- Collaborative
- Inquiry-Based
- Leadership-Focused
- Reflective

CELEBRATE WITH US!

- The Milo Community celebrated their 85th Anniversary and had a successful weekend in August of celebrations!
 - o A glow-in-the-dark dance
 - o A fabulous parade
 - o Snow mobile races!
 - o School open house
 - o BBQ and bonfire
 - o Show n' shine

WOW!!! It was impressive!

- Thank you for everyone who came out to support the community and the school!
- We have 3 new staff members and are in the process of hiring another Educational Assistant. Please welcome our new grade 4-6 teacher, Mr. Jared Munton, our new Grade 7-9 teacher and Vice Principal, Mr. Gerry Tetrault, and Ruth Ann Sherstabetoff our new Librarian and Educational Assistant. Yay!
- Terry Fox Run is soon, start thinking of fundraising!

Principal Message: An Exciting Year is Ahead for Milo!

I trust summer was restful and enjoyable for everyone and you are ready for another year of learning at Milo School!

This year will be one we will never forget. It will mark the beginning of a new journey, the implementation of the IB Programme. Be sure to stay updated with school progress, changes and growth throughout the year by visiting our website and staying involved. Here are a few ways to stay informed:

1. Attend monthly parent council meetings – this is open to all school parents and community members – the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
2. Review your child's agenda daily – it is used by teachers and you can use it for communication to the teacher too!
3. Check the calendar on the school website for updated events and information
4. Read the Monthly News Update ☺ (this one) – it goes home and is posted online.
5. Ask your child and teacher questions about their learning.
6. Attend school events like info

sessions, principal chats, Meet the Teacher Night, etc

7. Attend the November teacher student conferences – with your child too!
8. Learn more about the IB programme and how you can support it at home.
9. Volunteer for snack preparation and classroom support – call the school for more details!

There is much to stay informed about and to be excited about for Milo Community School, and the future is very bright! Our theme this year is "Aim for the Stars", and our cross-grade groups are star names. We are starting the year with our first inquiry focus of "Who are we" and will be investigating the diversity of the world and what makes us each unique. Our Programme of Inquiry is now posted in the school.

As always, we look forward to partnering with you in creative ways. Let us know how we can help empower your child!

Yours in learning... Ms. Prud'Homme

Milo School Registrations for 2016-2017 are now being accepted!

Contact our office to learn more. New families will meet the principal and classroom teacher in a family meeting to learn more about the family, the child's learning needs and the child's interests. Come and visit the school for a school tour or check out our website to learn more. We are transforming our teaching and learning and would love to meet you!

IB has Six Learning Themes which create the Programme of Inquiry units of learning across and connecting to subjects:

1. Who Are We
2. How We Express Ourselves
3. Where We Are in Place and Time
4. How We Organize Ourselves
5. How the World Works
6. Sharing the Planet

IB LEARNING SPOTLIGHT



Which of the 10 IB Profile Traits best represents you?

Mrs. Kirk is caring, reflective, and open-minded. (I try to be balanced) ☺

Mr. Munton is caring, an inquirer & a thinker.

Mr. Tetrault is knowledgeable, open minded, a risk taker

Ms. Prud'Homme is a principled, open-minded risk taker

Teacher Message from Mrs. Kirk and Mr. Munton

I am so excited to be part of the Milo Community School team again this year. This will be my third year in Milo teaching grades 1-2-3 and my 15th year with Palliser Regional Schools. I am looking forward to working with everyone - parents, community members, and staff.

I live on an acreage 15 minutes away from Milo with my husband, Mike and three children: Liam, Ceilidh, and Adrianna. Liam graduated this year, Ceilidh is going into grade 8, and Adrianna is going into grade 2. We added two puppies to our family this summer - Dakota and Laya. They are four month old German Shepherds and full of energy. Our family loves to camp, hike and fish together. This summer we did two camping trips in Kananskis Country and went on horseback trail rides by Cochrane and by Mount Kidd. We had an amazing time!

In school, our first Inquiry unit is called "Who we are". The grade 1 class will focus on groups they belong to (family, clubs, sports) and their rights and responsibilities. The grades 2-3 classes will focus on a more globalized theme where they will learn about organizations and people who help others in different countries. They will learn about the quality of life of children in other countries with a focus on Peru, Ukraine, India, and Tunisia. If you or anyone you know visited these countries please let me know. We would love to have a guest speaker tell us about their trip and experiences.

-Mrs. Kirk



I am so incredibly excited to be a part of the Milo Community School team! I am also thrilled to be the grade 4, 5, 6 homeroom teacher this year! I know this year is going to be a fun learning adventure and I can't wait to see what's in store for all of us! It will be wonderful to meet and get to know each and every one of you. Now I'll tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born and raised in Vulcan, Alberta and I am the oldest of four siblings. My dad, Ken farmed barley, wheat and canola crops as well as ranched Angus cattle. My mom, Eunice worked as a nurse at the Vulcan hospital for many years. I went to school at Hazel Cameron Elementary and graduated from County Central High School in 1996. Throughout my childhood I was heavily involved in sports - playing hockey, baseball and volleyball. I also was an active member in 4-H and helped my dad on the farm. Since leaving Vulcan I have received my Management degree from the University of Lethbridge and my Education degree from Ambrose University in Calgary.

Currently I live in south Calgary with my wife of 16 years, Jennifer, and my daughters Melanie (14), Abigail (10) and Elizabeth (3). Jennifer teaches first grade at Trinity Christian School. My children love to dance and particularly enjoy ballet. As a family, we enjoy playing board games, going to movies and travelling.

I look forward to partnering with you as parents and working with the grade 4, 5 and 6 class this year. While I have high expectations of students I also have them of myself. Together, I believe we can make this a year to remember! - Mr. Munton



WHAT'S YOUR AIM?

Our School theme this year is "REACH FOR THE STARS"

Think about the ways you want to be involved at school this year, and the impact you'd like to make in your world:

- Leadership opportunities
- Intramurals
- Music/ Art
- Academics
- Athletics
- Mentorship of a younger student
- Buddy reading
- School enhancement projects
- Snacks and smoothies
- Hot lunches
- Volunteering
- Community/ classroom gardens

Greetings from Mr. Tetrault (grades 7-9 and administration)

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! Let me introduce myself and my family and tell you a little of what to expect for the beginning of the year. My name is Gerry Tetrault and I will be the Milo Community School vice-principal and the Grade 7-9 classroom teacher. I have been a school administrator in Asia, and at two First Nations independent schools prior to arriving here. My last teaching assignment was teaching senior high school biology at Bangkok Christian College, in Thailand. As well, I am Metis, and continue to discover the roots of my heritage.

I have three children who will be attending Milo Community School this year. My daughter Air will be in Grade 6, my son Phrim (pronounced Fim) is in Grade 4, and our youngest son Alex will be entering kindergarten. My wife Kob (pronounced "Gop") is from Thailand so my children are bilingual and bicultural. Our family enjoys playing sports, hiking, swimming and listening to and playing music. The kids really want to learn to skate this year! Any young instructors out there?

I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students and families in Milo. We'll find out where students are at in the first few days and weeks of school and help them build on their skills and knowledge. Two main explorations we'll encounter early and throughout the year are *identity*, finding out and expressing who we are, and the *meaning of courage*, and how to recognize and practice it.

In each subject the focus will be on reading increasingly longer and more difficult passages (you'll get good, don't worry!), and learning to edit to improve writing. Lessons will be set up for students to help each other learn (because it works really well), with the teacher guiding their cooperation. Science will focus on hands on activities and active enquiry. We will be making connections between the subject areas where ever we can.

I believe we learn best when we are focused and having fun, so get ready to do that in 2016-2017. – Mr. Tetrault

