

Milliken Mills High School

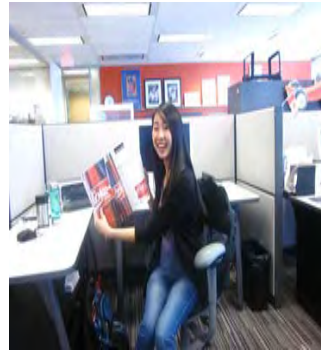


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June 2014 Newsletter

Co-operative Education



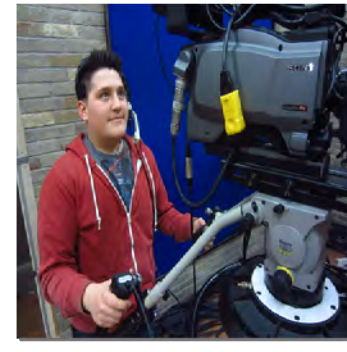
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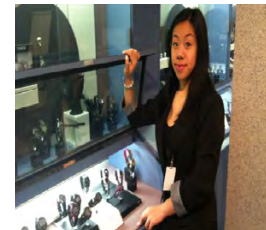
Carmen Tran: Scarborough Grace



Armando Lazcano: Rogers TV



David Tang: Air Partners Inc.



Rachel Yong: Timex Group Canada

Applications for all co-op programs for next year are now complete; however, there is still room for new students. Students who are interested should contact the co-op office in Room 123 as soon as possible. If you, or your organization, are interested in helping a student get valuable hands on experience please contact **Miss Mitchell** or **Ms. Ramos at 905-477-0072 ext. 123.**

Thank-you to all of the companies and organizations who support our students!



Andrew Situ: Milliken Mills Public School

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that June is here already. There is an excitement in the air that is contagious as the weather begins to feel like summer!

As many of you are aware, MMHS has been quite a busy place throughout this school year. Most recently our Student Council held their elections. Congratulations are extended to Janet Tan who is our new Student Council President and to Johnny Lum, our new Vice President. Thank you to all candidates who ran for council. We appreciate your willingness to step up for these leadership roles in the school as they are an integral part of what makes MMHS such a terrific place to learn and work.

In addition to the awards, achievements, recognition and ceremonies listed below, we are very proud of a number of 'firsts' that occurred this year -- OFSSA Boys AND Girls Champions in Badminton (in the same school!!), Arts Knight Event, Walk/Run for Haiti (which raised over \$2000) and the off-site Best Buddies Prom. These events were in addition to the numerous activities underway throughout the year that include academic contests, athletic events, music performances, drama productions, YoSA's yearend show 'Ganam', and various SAC sponsored activities such as Carnival, semi-formal, annual food drive, and talent shows.

All of the events above are made possible through the commitment of staff who support our students in their enthusiasm and creative spirit. Thank you to all of our many dedicated teachers who continue to provide the supportive learning environment that both nurtures and challenges our students to excel. Thank you to our coaches, teacher advisors, committee members as well as student volunteers for their dedication, efforts and positive contributions to the life of our school community. Thank you also to you, our parents and guardians, for offering encouragement, support and structure as you share in this journey with your young people. As is the case every school year, we have a number of staff who are leaving MMHS due to retirements, transfers, promotions and leaves. We wish these staff members all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their many contributions over the years to our students. We also welcome back a number of returning staff and look forward to working with them next year.

The operation of our school relies on the expertise of our non-teaching and support staff: Secretaries, Caretakers, Educational Assistants, Child and Youth Workers, and our Technology Support Technician. Thank you to each of these staff members for their contributions to our school and their support with our students. Thank you also to our Vice-Principals, Mr. Ganeshalingam and Ms. Obadia, for their leadership, dedication and care to our students, staff and school community. At this time, Milliken extends a special thank you and best wishes to Ms. Obadia as she transfers to Markville Secondary School as Vice Principal commencing this fall. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Sampson who will be joining us as Vice Principal.

We also take a moment to thank Ms. Juanita Nathan, our Trustee, Ms. Rashmi Swarup, our Superintendent and to her Administrative Assistant, Ms. Maryann Doherty as well as to Ms. Ramnarine, our School Council Chair for their enthusiastic support of Milliken Mills High School. We appreciate their contributions to school life and their willingness to celebrate the accomplishments of our students with us. Thank you also to all of the parents on School Council and community members for their support and advice throughout the year.

As this is the last newsletter of this school year, we wish all of our students and their families a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Recognitions/Achievements/Ceremonies

AEBS Awards
 Awards Ceremony
 CanTYD Awards of Excellence
 Eco Gold Status
 MACCA Awards
 Music Banquet & Awards
 OFSSA Championships - Badminton
 T.E.A.M. Banquet & Awards
 U of T National Biology Competition (96th percentile)
 University of Waterloo Avagardo Chemistry Competition (95th percentile)
 Volunteer Recognition Assembly
 YRDSB Celebrating Student Success Awards

Athletic Banquet & Awards
 Best Buddies Prom
 Duke of Edinburgh Awards
 Graduation
 Mosaic Project
 SNAP Hockey Tournament
 Provincial Special Olympics – Track & Field
 Uukkamathu Kaividale Awards
 Yes, I Can Awards

York Region Character Community Awards
 YRDSB Math Awards

Retirements

Joe Lefkowitz
 Roma Saxena
 Brad Thomas

Transfers

Ms. Afshari
 Ms. Bowmile
 Ms. Gerendas
 Ms. Jmemari
 Ms. Kachalia
 Ms. Kim
 Ms. LeBlanc
 Ms. Rix
 Ms. Sukdeo
 Ms. Tymbrurski
 Ms. Wan
 Ms. Williamson
 Mr. Zimbalatti

EAs

Ms. Tam

Leaves

Ms. Bishop
 Ms. Li-Chee-Ming
 Ms. Raponi

Returning Staff

Ms. Fanari
 Mr. Heath
 Ms. Hunt-Davies
 Ms. Mayer
 Ms. McGill
 Ms. Saweris

LTO's

Ms. Anandarajah
 Mr. Carducci
 Ms. Lam
 Mr. Kassar
 Ms. Schneider
 Ms. Upathilake
 Ms. E. Yu
 Ms. K. Yu

Dates Ahead

AUGUST
 26-27 Registration & Photo Days

SEPTEMBER
 1 Labour Day (no classes)
 2 First Day of School for Gr. 9
 3 First Day of Regular Classes
 5 & 8 Grade Assemblies
 15 School Council Meeting
 17 Photo Retake Day
 22 PA Day (no classes)
 24 Terry Fox Run
 25 & 26 Sig. Faith Day (Rosh Hashanah)
 18 Gr. 9 Milliken Mills Camp Day
 30 Gr. 9 SAC elections

OCTOBER
 8 Interim Report Cards

Eco Schools

Congratulations on another great year of eco-achievements, Milliken Mills High School! It was inspiring to visit your school and see all of the amazing initiatives you took on this year. You have a diverse and dedicated team of EcoKnights full of great ideas for greening your school inside and out. It is clear that your school has risen to the challenges of conserving energy and minimizing waste through effective and established routines. Good work on the boomerang lunches every Tuesday; it's a good start to promoting waste-free lunches! It's wonderful to see such active student engagement in your School Ground Greening project. The inclusion of an organic vegetable garden will provide fantastic opportunities for your students to learn in, about and for the environment. You had some wonderful Curriculum submissions that span over a variety of grades and subjects areas; we love the Leave No Trace submission! Great participation in your Environmental Stewardship campaigns this year. Re: 5Km Run/Walk for Haiti; what a meaningful initiative to take on. Your EcoKnights have done a great job educating your school about the environment; you are really making a difference! Congratulations on another year as a Gold certified Ontario EcoSchool, Milliken Mills High School!

Thank You,
 Ontario EcoSchools Certification Team



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Graduation

Milliken's 2014 Graduation Ceremony was held on June 26th at the Markham Event Centre. Congratulations to the *Class of 2014*. We wish all graduates the very best in their future endeavours.

Important Information for Graduating Students

Students who have received an offer of admission from either college and/or university are reminded that offers must be accepted online (on the OCAS website for college programs and the OUAC website for university programs) by the stated deadline or the offer will expire.

Qualified Ontario secondary school students applying for admission to an Ontario university who did not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings in other programs or at other Ontario universities through the OUAC from June 5 to August 29, 2014. Students should call 519-823-1063 or visit www.ouac.n.ca/ais/ for more information. Students who are still interested in applying to college should check for program availability on www.ontariocolleges.ca.

There will be a release of grades and other identifying information (name, date of birth, home address, telephone number, OEN, student number) for all students in Grade 12 on the dates listed below using secure transmission technology to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS). These data transmissions will be done in support of all post-secondary applications to college and university.

OUAC (University) Transmission Dates

July 8, 2014 semester two final marks and proof of graduation
August 29, 2014 final marks from summer school

OCAS (College) Transmission Dates

July 4, 2014 semester two final marks and proof of graduation
August 22, 2014 final marks from summer school

Community Involvement Activities

Students who plan to complete their community involvement hours over the summer are reminded that they must submit a completed *Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form* for school approval prior to the commencement of the volunteer activity. This is required to ensure students are covered by the Board's insurance plan for liability losses arising from the completion of 40 hours of community involvement activities.

To download a copy of the form visit: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Guidance/CommunityInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

Summer School Information

When a student completes a course but receives a failing grade, credit recovery may be an appropriate next step to meet course expectations that were not achieved initially. This year, the following summer school Credit Recovery programs will be offered through the YRDSB:

Reinforcement Program (2 week program)

This program is designed for students who were not successful in obtaining a grade 9/10 compulsory subject and/or a grade 11 math course during the school year. Students must be recommended by the school, and may take a maximum of two reinforcement courses during the summer.

Differentiated Support Model (flexible timeline within a 2 Week period)

This program provides opportunities for students in grades 9-12 to recover credits in subjects not addressed in the summer school reinforcement program (e.g., grade 11 or 12 compulsory subjects). Students recommended

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for this program will work independently to complete missed assignments or projects under the supervision of the summer school credit recovery teacher.

Acceleration Courses (4 weeks in length) are intended for those students who wish to take a new course for credit, or to upgrade a previous mark. Students may take a maximum of one acceleration course during the summer.

NOTE-Special Education students with an Individual Education Plan are required to submit a copy of their IEP to their Summer School teacher in order to receive the accommodations they are entitled to.

For more information about summer school programs offered by YRDSB please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Secondary-School-Courses.aspx>.

Best Buddies

The Best Buddies 3rd annual Prom was a huge success this year. The Prom was at the Shangri-la Banquet Hall and it was simply amazing!!!! A total of 15 schools and 250 participants attended and enjoyed a buffet lunch, posed at the photo booth, and the DJ kept everyone dancing. We had the Prom of our dreams with memories we will keep forever. A huge thanks to all the staff who made this Prom magnificent!!!



Library News

Milliken Book Cafe

The members of the book cafe meet every Wednesday in the Library from 4:00 to 4:50 and read a novel of their choice. This semester they raised funds for next year's club activities by selling books, book marks (made by students) and ice cream floats. They also organized a fund raiser for "Wishes for Watkin" by making a unique card for Sarah and donated the money to Sick Kids Hospital.

MMHS Library

The library raised \$463.00 during the Spring Read-A-Thon. The money was added to the library bursary account. The funds sponsor a Milliken student going to college.



Moderns—Core French

La classe de M.Thomas est allée au centre-ville pour une excursion. Nous avons mangé au Café Crêpe, puis on a fait une entrevue avec les personnes à la maison de retraite Place St. Laurent. On a fait une promenade au Distillery District. Après, nous avons vu « Les Précieuses Ridicules » de Molière au Théâtre Français. Quelle belle journée !



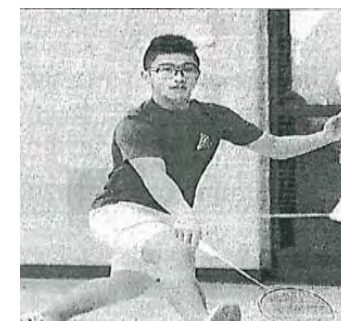
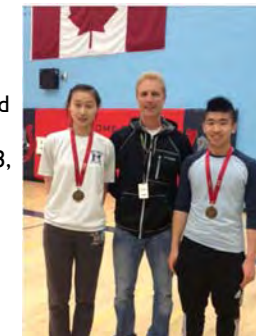
GSA

Gay Straight Alliance
Raising the flag for
YRDSB Pride Week.



Phys. Ed.

Congratulations to Poy Lo and Claudia Tai for both winning an all-Ontario gold medal for badminton. Poy defeated Newton Zheng in the final match 21-13, and 21-19. Claudia defeated the 2013 OFSAA champion Caitlin Sherry from Port Credit Secondary School. Mr. Martin is extremely proud of both athletes who each won 5 matches in a row before being crowned OFSAA Champions. Next year the OFSAA Badminton championships will be held at the new Pan Am Centre for badminton in Markham.



Special Ed.

Milliken Mills High School Athletes Score at Special Olympics Provincial Track and Field Meet

Five athletes from M.M.H.S. qualified to participate in the track events of the Special Olympics Provincial Championships which took place June 4-5, 2014 in Richmond Hill and Markham. The following students brought home medals:

Kirk Belarmino	Silver – 100 metres	Bronze – Standing long jump
Omer Farooq	Gold - 200 metres	Gold – 100 metres
	Silver – shot put	Silver - Standing Long jump
Andy Lin	Silver – Shot put	Silver – 50 metres
Joey Sakha	Gold – 50 metres	
Sanjai Sunderraj	Gold – Shot put	

Congratulations to the athletes, their coach Ms. Williams and the staff supporting students Ms. Kachalia, Ms. Parcells, and Ms. Stretton.

Council for Exceptional Children York Region recognizes MMHS Staff and Students with Yes I Can Awards

Congratulations to students and staff in the Community Class who were recognized for their success this year at the awards ceremony of the Council for Exceptional Children York Region held in Richmond Hill.

Recognized for their exceptional contributions to students, learning and work experience in special education with the Paraprofessional Team of the Year Award were Ms. Abraham, Ms. Kachalia and Ms. Stretton.

The following students were recognized for their successes in academics and work experience: Kirk Belarmino, Anna Chen, Omer Farooq, Andy Lin, Breanna Rhoden, Ayesha Sher, Sanjai Sunderraj, and Kaki Thevakumar.

Staff and students were nominated for their awards by Ms. McCrea, Assistant Head of Special Education.

Science

It is with pleasure that the Department of Science reports on many highlights of accomplishment of department goals and on student achievement for this academic year. As one of the largest departments at MMHS, we continue to offer curricula of a high quality that prepares all our students for continued and sustainable success in their various programs ranging from specialist programs (SHSM) into the workplace to post-secondary studies in Canadian colleges and universities. Our students continue to excel under the tutelage and guidance of our dedicated teachers. We continue to implement systemic and curriculum changes according to the YRDSB and the Ontario Ministry of Education, respectively. (See www.yrdsb.ca and www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/.)

We will be the FIRST department at MMHS to offer Pre Ap course in Academic Science (SNCID15) at MMHS in September 2014. Our expectation is to build on this precedence and to extend our Pre-AP into Academic G10 Science. The pedagogical thinking behind building our Pre-AP Science platform is to offer our students an avenue to explore (in G11 and 12) how a First-Year University course is taught, discussed and disseminated (rolled out) and provide clear advantages in further preparing students to be self-motivated and autonomous learners. The instructor for the SNCID15 course will be Mrs. K. Reid (Department Head).

We are also very proud to report on the achievements of various students in four different external competitions. Abhina Sreeskantharaj was our National Biology Scholar winner placing in the 96th percentile of the top 5% across Canada in the University of Toronto National Biology Competition for 2014. She was also MMHS's overall winner in addition to placing in the 95th percentile in the University of Waterloo's Chem 13 News exam (Grade 12). Jacky Xiao was our winner in the University of Waterloo's Avagardo's Chemistry exam (Grade 11) scoring in the 96th percentile. Mrs. Reid, Mr. Chung, and Mrs. Qureshi prepared these students respectively.

I would like to extend my personal gratitude to all members of the Science Team for their dedication, tenacity and professionalism as they continue to deliver science programs of the highest quality. The input of Mrs. Qureshi, Mrs. Gerendas, Mr. Kong, Mr. Leung, Mr. Chung, Ms. Kratochvil, Mr. Brake, Mr. Kyriakou, and Mr. Lee is highly valued. In our instructional and pedagogical Teams we have been proactive in our plans to ensure that student success is of paramount importance in our teaching practice and in our learning platforms. I would like to wish all our teachers, students and their families a safe, productive and enjoyable summer break!

Kamla Reid – Head, Department of Science