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Milliken Mills PS

April 2017

A Message From Administration

Dear Milliken Families:

Happy spring! It's hard to believe it's April already! We would like to thank all of our families who took part in the **Global Earth Hour** initiative. It is extremely important for us to do our part to protect and care for our Earth! Now as the warmer weather continues, why not encourage your children to continue the effort by **walking or wheeling to school**? The health benefits of this are significant and so are the benefits to our Earth!

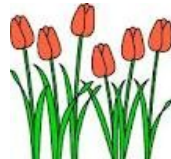
March was a busy month at Milliken, and April promises to be even busier. I would like to appreciate all Milliken staff for the work they do to engage students in **activities beyond the classroom**. Our secretarial, caretaking support and teaching staff all provide opportunities for student involvement and leadership, which our students find extremely beneficial. Merci, Milliken staff!

Our teaching staff will continue to work on professional development in the areas of **Math, Modern Learning, and Assessment & Evaluation**. Look out for rubrics and various evaluations over the next few months, which will indicate how your child(ren) are being evaluated. As always, please contact the subject teacher directly for additional information.

I would like to thank all families for their cooperation with the drop-off and pick-up procedure at Milliken. Thank you for helping us keep the children safe at all times!

We are looking forward to learning and growing together over the next three final months of school!

Yours in education,
Nandy Palmer & Padmini Padiachy



Information Night

Milliken Mills Public School will be hosting an information night in May 2017 for **students and their families in Grade 3 and 6**. This is to develop a deeper understanding of the upcoming EQAO assessment. Parents will understand how this assessment is used at the school level and together with their child(ren), they will have an opportunity to practice some of the math questions with the strategies highlighted at each station. The event will run from **6:00 – 7:00 pm on** and will be held in the library. Please join us!

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



From Mr. Hanson

MEDIA CLUB



SCHOOL HOURS

First bell:	8:15 a.m.
School Starts:	8:20 a.m.
Recess:	10:00-10:20
Lunch:	12:00-1:00
Dismissal:	2:40 p.m.

Our Media Club is going strong. As a result of York Region District School Board's strong stance on Modern Learning, the Intermediate students have been involved in various projects (e.g. Lunar New Year, Tamil History Month, Black History Month, Positive Affirmations, and Monthly Awareness Initiatives). Through their creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication skills, the students have designed newspapers, podcasts, announcements, commercials, and theme specific art work posted all over the school. We are currently in the process of making a school-based feature film called "Mindset" – a film about the struggles of a girl who has a passion for Boxing, yet through peer pressure, bullying, gender inequalities, and various prejudices, she faces challenges and overcomes them with a positive mindset. We look forward to presenting this film to you. Our Media club has been involved in Francophone Week. Special thanks to Mme. Davydova for her leadership in guiding our intermediates in completion of the Francophone week activities.



This year, with the support of our Administrators, I had the honor of taking our Intermediate Martial Arts and Asian Fusion Dance performers to Markham Gateway to perform in two of their school-wide and community-wide collaborative functions (Markham Gateway's Lunar New Year Celebration, and Human Rights Night). Our students got a chance to collaborate with other teachers and intermedi-

ate students in such a vibrant event involving York Region Police, our Superintendent, Leaders in Human Rights, our local MPP, and representatives from Justin Trudeau's office. Secondly, I am in the process of starting up a Milliken-Gateway Student Network through Google Classroom. Both Jared Yoshiki (Intermediate teacher at MGPS) and myself, will be collaborating and involving our intermediates in rich online activities such as: virtual pen-pal activities, discussions around high school transitions, media responses (e.g. Critics Corner), DIY Video sharing, World News Sharing, and a collaborative Homework hotline. In time, I'd like to arrange for both our classes to actually meet!



On Apr.28th, my class will be participating in a field trip to the Microsoft Store at Yorkdale Mall, where they will learn how to use mathematics to code a Digital Collage art piece. Afterward we will involve them on a mock window shopping spree with an imaginary budget to buy a spring outfit (pretending to buy). Students will learn how to shop cost effectively, calculate HST, percent discount, and unit cost, while learning about various

sales and marketing strategies of clothing merchandise. April is turning out to be a fantastic month of learning!

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

~ TRANSITIONING INTO 2016/2017 ~

In May and June, current teachers, in consultation with receiving teachers and the school principal will work to develop balanced classes for September 2017, that strive to best meet the needs of all our students. All class placement decisions are made after extensive planning, preparation, and discussion on the part of many people. Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community, and allow the variety of skills, interests and talents of our students to emerge. After working with your child over the course of this year, teachers have a very good understanding of your child's abilities and needs, both academic and social. Each new year brings opportunities for all students to meet new friends and expand their circle of acquaintances. For this reason, class placement decisions based solely on friendships will not be considered. **Please be aware that we do not accept requests for specific teachers and/or for particular groups of students to remain together.**

How Can Parents Help? The teachers, staff and administration at MMPS strive to provide the best possible learning environment for all students. Open dialogue between parents and teachers helps us to accomplish this and has a direct and positive influence on your child's learning. If you have information about your child that may have an impact on his/her ability to learn effectively, **you are encouraged to share that information with his/her teachers at the beginning and throughout the school year.** If there is information that you would like us to consider with regards specifically to class placements, that does not include specific requests for teachers or for partnering particular friendships, and is helpful to our process, we would invite this information **in writing and sent confidentially to the office, to Madame Palmer's attention, by April 29, 2017.** All information will be considered in the process but, as mentioned above, the MMPS team will be making the final decisions and we ask that you trust our decision. Should you have any questions regarding class placement, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Honor Roll Assemblies

We are excited about celebrating success at MMPS! Since report cards have now gone home, we will recognize students at an assembly, on April 5th in the following ways:

Character Awards: one student per month per trait

Learning Skills Honor Roll: students with a total combined points of 20 or more (Grades 1-8)

Academic Honor Roll: students with a combined average of 80% and higher (Grades 4-8)

The families of the recipients are welcome to attend the assemblies.



School Council

The next school council meeting is on April 3rd. The final school council meeting is on June 5th. We hope to see you there!

Student Dress Code

As the warmer weather approaches, we ask that families review our student dress code.

The York Region District School Board believes that students must focus on achievement and well-being to be successful. It is important that students dress appropriately to demonstrate respect for self and others at all times. Milliken's student dress code promotes a caring, safe and respectful learning environment, and considers the diversity of the community in terms of culture, socioeconomic status, gender and other factors.

Dress Code:

The student dress code applies at school, on field trips and during any other school-related activity or event.

- ◆ Language or graphics on clothes will not display provocative, obscene, sexist or racist slogans, or refer to drugs, alcohol, smoking or sex.
- ◆ Clothing which contravenes the Human Rights Code in any way is unacceptable.
- ◆ Students will not wear clothing to school which is revealing or provocative. Midriffs and undergarments will remain covered at all times, and shorts or skirts will be mid-thigh in length. The following items are not acceptable: short skirts and shorts, tube tops, halter tops, and tops with narrow shoulder straps or 'spaghetti' straps.
- ◆ Clothing and accessories which depict violence or death or identify or promote cults or gangs are unacceptable.
- ◆ Head coverings of any description will not be worn inside the school. Exceptions are made for religious or medical reasons.
- ◆ Pyjamas or clothing which look like pyjamas are not to be worn at school except on Pyjama Spirit Day.
- ◆ For obvious safety reasons, weather appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. It is essential that all students have both indoor and outdoor shoes.
- ◆ Students will wear appropriate clothing for gym class, as indicated by Phys. Ed. teachers.

Parent Notification:

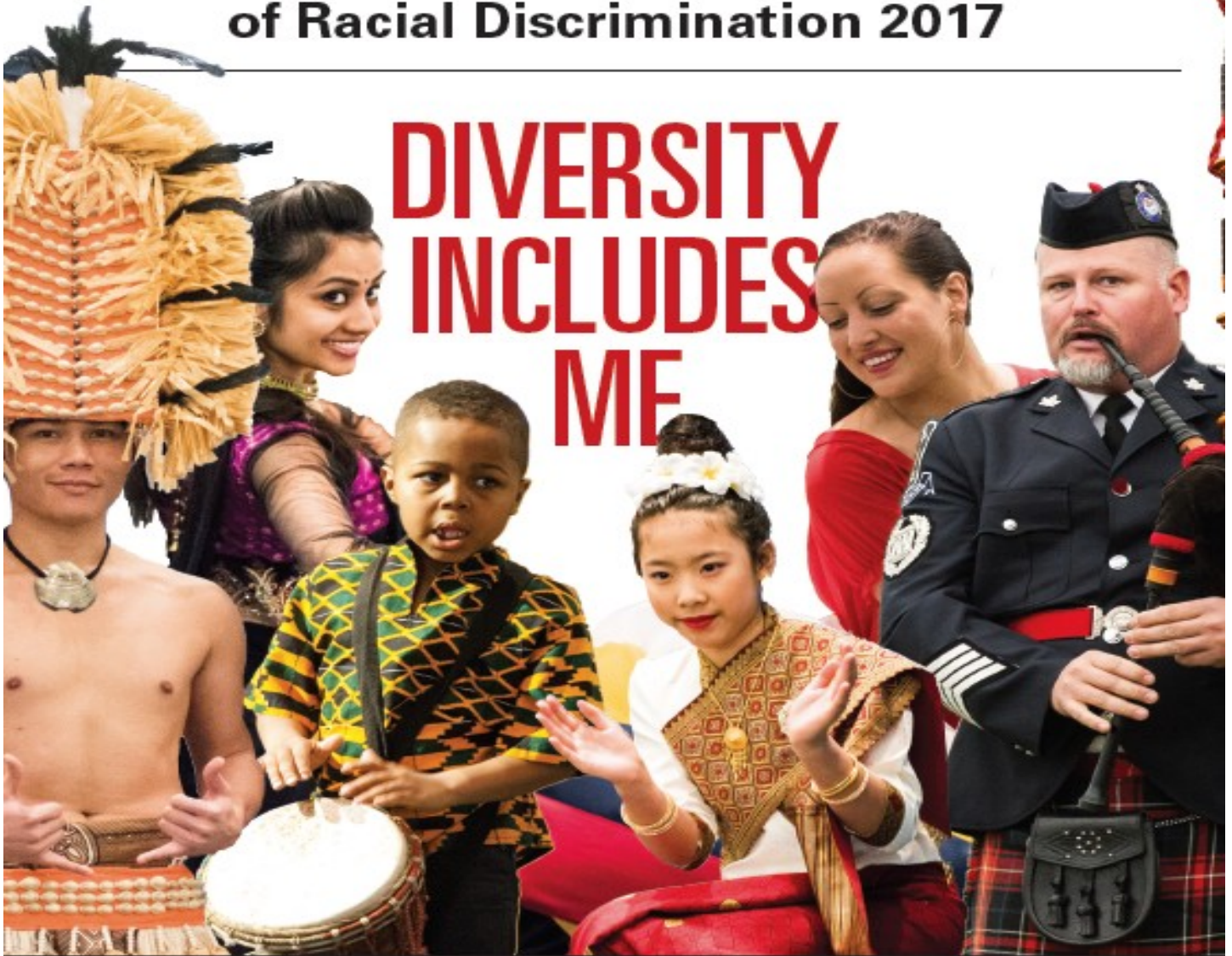
Parents will be notified when a student is not dressed appropriately for school. A student may be asked to:

- ◆ Turn the piece of clothing inside out
- ◆ Wear something over the inappropriate clothing
- ◆ Change into something else
- ◆ Remove the accessory and give it to the teacher, Vice-Principal or Principal

According to Board Policy #635.0 "Student Dress Code", Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for ensuring their child follows the student dress code, and students are responsible for following the student dress code.

FREE EVENT, ALL ARE WELCOME!

International Day For the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2017



DIVERSITY INCLUDES ME

WHEN: Sunday, April 2, 2017
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Markham Event Centre
95 Duffield Drive, Markham

Join us for an afternoon of cultural performances, networking, community booths, displays and food sampling, as we showcase the strength and vibrancy of our diversity in the community.

Admission is free and all are welcome!

To RSVP your attendance contact rsvp.events@yrp.ca





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		Please remember we do not provide forks or spoons to students or heat up lunches! Donations of plastic utensils are welcome.				1
2	3 7pm Library 	4 <i>Swim to Survive</i>  Boys Basketball	5 Honor Roll Assembly Intermediate Band	6 SNUGGLE UP & READ Cafe String Ensemble Boys Basketball	7 Boys Club   Boys Basketball	8
9	10 Badminton Club 	11 PEASCH PASSOVER 	12 Dance Team  Intermediate Band	13 VAISAKHI  	14 GOOD FRIDAY 	15
16	17  EASTER MONDAY	18 <i>Swim to Survive</i>  Boys Basketball Girls Basketball	19 Dance Team  Intermediate Band	20 RIDVAN	21  MAKE MILLIKEN A-MAZING DAY 	22
23	24 Badminton Club 	25 Gr 3 FI 	26 Dance Team  Intermediate Band	27 Stepout Dance Competition String Ensemble	28  Microsoft Field Trip	29
30	Character Trait for April: Integrity—We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave. W. Clement Stone said "Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity."					