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Character Trait of the Month

April—Integrity

Integrity is defined as the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.” - *Mark Twain*

A Message from the Principal

This is a great time of the year, more daylight and gentler weather are here to lift people's spirits as we patiently wait for spring to fully burst into bloom.

This past month we hosted a well attended school wide interactive family math evening. It was empowering to have teachers, students and families learning together. In March some of our intermediate students entered the Poetry Slam competition as they celebrated and shared their written word.

Healthy living habits need to be taught and fostered. So this past month we had fun as a whole school crunching into an apple at the same time to underscore the fun of eating healthy. Thank you to our Snack program and parent volunteers for providing the apples for our healthy snack and for organizing a fun event! We celebrated Earth Hour this past Friday to maintain our awareness and responsibility to care for our earth. Next week is ParticipACTION week when we encourage everyone to wear sneakers and sneak in some extra physical activity! And at the end of the month, Pause To Play (week of April 28) will encourage everyone to turn off their electronics and go outside to play!

Music Matters

During the months of March, April and May, our Milliken Mills musicians are performing in the Music Alive Festival. It is a festival that celebrates the joy of music and showcases the talents of students from across York Region schools and communities. It promotes an open environment of learning and fosters musical and personal growth. It is a non-competitive festival where ensembles are rated on a performance standard.

Our Milliken Mills musicians have worked diligently and faithfully since the beginning of the year. Students practiced challenging repertoire and demonstrated great commitment by attending weekly rehearsals. These students from Grades 4 to 8 have shown exceptional motivation and enthusiasm in their playing. Our performances have been outstanding!

MMPS Recorder Ensemble – Gold

“Golden Essence” Brass Ensemble – Gold

MMPS Junior Band – Gold

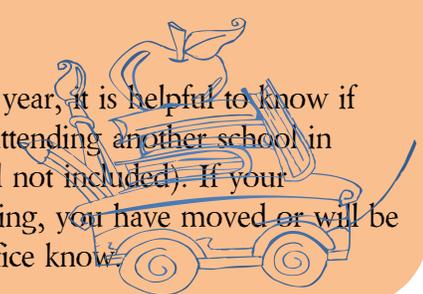
MMPS Intermediate Band – Gold

We still have three festival days in April and May with four ensembles getting ready to perform. Parents and guardians are welcome to be an audience at the various Music Alive venues. Stay tuned for results on our upcoming festival performances. Let's continue to keep music alive!!!

On May 8, the Junior and Intermediate students will be showcasing their musical accomplishments at our spring concert and sharing the joy of music. Please mark your calendar!

Next Year

When planning for next year, it is helpful to know if your child(ren) will be attending another school in September (high school not included). If your child(ren) are not returning, you have moved or will be moving please let the office know.



A Message from the Library Information Center

Freedom to Read Week : February 23 to March 1, is Freedom to Read Week, an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to the intellectual freedom guaranteed them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. To commemorate Freedom to Read's thirtieth anniversary, some writers cast a look back over the past three decades and reviewed 30 'challenged' publications. To celebrate our Library displayed a variety of challenged books that are in our collection, including *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Golden Compass*. In the past, these books were challenged for either racial or religious reasons.

Reading Buddies: Once a week, Ms. Spyridakis's JK/SK students buddy up with Mme Hsueh's Grade 6FI students to engage in a period of reading in the library. 'Big' buddies support 'little' buddies by reading to them, asking questions, having them predict events, taking picture walks, making connections, visualizing and listening to them read. Big buddies have an opportunity to practise their English, while little buddies have the chance to engage in reading. Reading together is fun!!

Student Learning: Evidence of student learning displayed in our library has been enjoyed by everyone. Appreciation goes out to the Ms. Llewellyn's class for their work on 'I Have a Dream' wish, celebrating Black History Month. Landscape/cityscape artwork created by Mme Tantalo's Grade 7FI art students attracted the attention of library visitors. Thanks to Mme Chan and Mme Momeni's grade 4FI students for their wonderful 3D projects on Ancient Civilizations. Students have enjoyed admiring, discussing and reading the creative books made by Mme Pakjou's Grade 2FI class.

Sochi Olympics 2014: During the Sochi Olympics 2014, the Milliken community watched our Olympic Wall, in the library hall, collect medals that were won by our Canadian Olympic athletes. We all took part in celebrating Canadian successes. Students from Mme Fejer and Mme Davydova's Grade 3FI classes enhanced the wall with pictogram artwork showcasing the various Olympic sports. Ms. Irwin's Grade 8 class demonstrated their learning of using materials to create intricate miniature sculptures of Olympic athletes, which communicated a feeling or action inspired by the artwork of Alberto Giacometti.

What's the Buzz in the Junior Division?

After March Break with the students returning well rested, Term 2 is in full progress!

- The Grade 4s are excited to learn about Medieval Times in their social studies class.
- In Science, the Grade 4s are having fun exploring real rock and mineral samples from Mr. Mio's lab!
- Mme Momeni and Mme Chan are facilitating literature circles once a week using fairy tales.
- The FI Grade 4s are also learning about Canada's physical regions and will create a 3D model.
- Some classes are learning about the art of speech and persuasive writing as they prepare to present speeches expressing their opinion and personality.
- Mr. Grundman's students are realizing that the humans are facing many environmental concerns. Through the inquiry approach and in cross-curricular subjects such as language, math and social studies students are studying statistics and providing solutions to live an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

Student Council

The Student Council has been working hard to achieve their goal of creating a positive school environment by organizing many exciting activities for the students at MMPS. Some of the memorable events include:

- Creating a human peace sign during Bully Awareness week.
- Celebrating the Olympic spirit with our own Winter Olympic Games.
- Going Loco for Cocoa by dressing crazy for a cup of hot chocolate.
- Watching Frozen on movie day.

The student council has more fun activities in-store! A special thank-you to the class representatives who attend monthly planning meetings and help create the posters to advertise each special event. The overwhelming, enthusiastic participation of the students at MMPS proves that TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER!

MMHL – Update

Milliken Mills Hockey League continues with its non-stop hockey action. Our 7 student teams are playing in hopes of getting a playoff spot, winning the championship and getting the coveted “Kastner Cup” trophy. Teams play once or twice a week during lunch recess and the gym’s stage continues to be filled with a cheering audience. Which team will emerge as the champion? Who will be this year’s MVP? Only time will tell.

Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that supervision begins at 8:05am. Please do not drop children off before this time unless Before School Program services are being used. With no adults to supervise it creates an unsafe situation. When students arrive, they are expected to walk around the school to their entry doors not enter through the front door. If you are coming in the school, you must sign in at the office. If you are coming to pick your children up after school kindly wait outside. Thank you for cooperating.

Grade 7 & 8 Summer School

YRDSB will be offering a Grade 7 & 8 Summer School program. It will run from July 2 to July 25, 2014 and take place at Bur Oak S.S., Emily Carr S.S., Markville S.S., Newmarket S.S., Richmond Hill H.S. and Keswick H.S.

Register on-line using

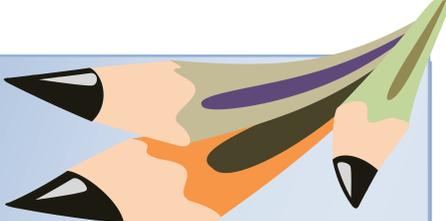


After School - time to get active!

Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Getting outside can make a difference – kids who play outside after school get 2000 more steps a day (the equivalent of walking an additional two kilometres) than those who do not play outside.

- Use active transportation such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Departments

For health-related information call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit www.york.ca/healthyschools.



World Classroom



STUDENT PROGRAM

Join the many YRDSB students and families who have participated in the World Classroom Program since it began in 2005.

Since then local teachers, students and their families have had the opportunity to learn about another country and culture and made life-long friendships by hosting an international student in their schools and homes.

Host families receive \$225 per week to cover the cost of hosting a visiting student.

This spring, a group of grade 7/8 boys and girls will be arriving from Shanghai Xiwai International School. We are looking for homestay families from April 21 to May 30.

For more information please call or email Jennifer Recine at 905-884-2046 ext.254 or homestay@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

Important Dates

- April 8th: Sub Day
- April 18th: Good Friday (No Classes)
- April 21st: No Classes
- April 22nd: Sub Day
- May 6th: Sub Day
- May 8th: Junior/Intermediate Concert Night
- May 20th: Sub Day
- June 3rd: Sub Day
- June 17th: Sub Day
- June 24th: Grade 8 Graduation
- June 27th: Last day of school

LEARN TO TRAIN

LEARN SPORTS
& HAVE FUN!



BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 10-12

The Program

The goal of Learn to Train
Colt Camp is to
Learn Skills & Have fun!

Along the way, campers will
develop in three key areas...

1. General Sport Skills
2. Fundamental Movement Skills
3. Motor Coordination Skills

These skills will be
developed by playing
four unique sports!

- Modified European Handball
- Tennis-Baseball
- Modified Ultimate
- Modified Rugby (non-contact)



COLT CAMP
is for Kids who
LOVE TO PLAY!



ONLY
ONE
SESSION

JULY 7-11
2014

9AM-3PM

One week of FUN
is only
\$195.00!

EARLY BIRD!!

Register before
April 30
and only pay
\$165.00!

How to Register

Fill out the registration form
and mail it along with a cheque
OR

drop off registration at the
main office with cash or cheque.

Cheques can be made payable to
Bill Crothers Secondary School.

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

We will only accept
50 campers!!

The instructors of Colt Camp
are all NCCP certified coaches.



National
Coaching
Certification
Program

Questions?

Questions can be directed
via email to Derrick Stryker at
derrick.stryker@yrdsb.ca

Bill Crothers Secondary School
44 Main Street
Unionville, Ontario
L3R 2E4

COLT CAMP - REGISTRATION

LEARN SPORTS
& HAVE FUN!



BOYS & GIRLS
AGE 10-12

Please fill out and submit this application along with a cheque to:
Bill Crothers SS Athletics, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario, L3R 2E4
Office Hours: Monday-friday 8:30am-3:30pm
CAMP DATE: JULY 7-11, 2014

Camper Name:

Birth Date:

Gender:

Address:

City/Town:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

T-shirt Size: YM YL S M L

School:

Emergency Contact 1:

Emergency Phone 1:

Emergency Contact 2:

Emergency Phone 2:

I authorize the director and instructors of Colt Camp to act in accordance to their best judgement in any emergency requiring medical attention:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



Milliken Mills Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!



AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- optional lunch
- extended child care (a separate YMCA registration form is required)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

- Actor's studio
- Ball Hockey
- Comic Book Wizard
- Cricket
- DigiArt
- Field Invaders
- Music Mix
- Naturally Curious
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Rock Hounds
- Simple Machines
- Soccer
- Sportacular Fun
- Street Ball
- Tech World
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Visual Arts
- Wacky Science World



Weekly out trips for **Clubhouse & Words Alive** students at no additional cost!



Weekly Outdoor Education trips will be taken to Bruce's Mill!

Contact Information:

Milliken Mills Public School

Phone: 1-877-280-8180 ext. 240 (before June 30)

Phone: (905) 475-8143 (after June 30)

Email: millikenmills.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Cost for YRDSB student:

\$115

per week

Community  *Engagement*
Bringing People Together *Supporting Neighborhoods*

In Partnership with Family Services York Region & YRDSB

**A Training Opportunity for Parents
with Children in School**

Become Ambassadors in Your Community

Starts: April 25th, 2014 Ends: June 20th, 2014 (9 Sessions)

When: Every Friday Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm

Where: Community Connects, 5000 Steeles Ave E, Markham, ON
(At the North West Corner of Brimley & Steeles)

Building Healthy Families and Healthy Communities

Practice Positive Parenting

Understand the school system

Strengthen family relationships

Know your rights and responsibilities

Promote Literacy Skills

Connect to services and resources in York Region

Join us and be part of a positive change in your community

Increase your skills and opportunities by volunteering in:

- community organizations
- your child's school
- helping to bridge schools and communities
- Collaborate with Settlement Workers and help to ease the transition to Canadian living for other newcomer families in York Region



Please Contact us to register Monday to Friday 10am-5pm

Amita: 416-617-0645 thisisamita@outlook.com

Leena: 416-818-7075 l_nayyar@hotmail.com

Make friends! Have fun! Light refreshments will be available!

VENDORS WANTED!

MMPS is offering you a spot in their
2nd Annual Indoor Garage Sale

Held on May 31, 2014 - 9AM to 1PM

at Milliken Mills Public School (MMPS)
289 Riseborough Circuit, Markham

Sell your gently used treasures or showcase your business

A great place to network in our Community!

AND Your profit is all yours!!!

To reserve your table, please forward a \$25* cheque payable to:

Milliken Mills Public School

by April 30, 2014 (to take advantage of the "Early Bird Special, May 1st will be \$30)

*Include your name, email address and phone number
Confirmation will be sent via email

Please remember, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

For more information, contact mmpsgaragesale@gmail.com

*Proceeds fund the MMPS Snack Program
Healthier snacks for our kids today!*