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### Character Trait of the Month

#### June—Optimism

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

- Helen Keller

#### A Message from the Principal

The end of June and another exciting school year is wrapping up! This school year has been filled with learning opportunities and community celebrations that enhanced everyone's life.

Thank you to the students who have inspired us all to be the best that we can be. It is a gift to watch them grow and develop, take on challenges, and arrive here at the end of the school year sparkling from their accomplishments and anticipating the future and next year.

Thank you to the teachers who have given unselfishly of their time and shared their knowledge, passion and joy of learning and who make Milliken Mills a great place to learn and grow. At this time we would like to wish farewell to Ms Irwin, Ms Morris, Ms Llewellyn, Ms Reid, Ms Pakjou, Mr. Iozzo, Ms. Bagg, Ms Bancroft, Ms Blundell and Ms Kotchoubei who will be on leave. We thank them for the incredible gifts they have shared with the Milliken Mills community. Their many contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our School Council and to all parents. The trust you have given us for caring for your child is important. You have provided an endless amount of support and your commitment and enthusiasm is much appreciated.

Thank you to all of our support, custodial and office staff, who often are the first voice and smile to greet you and your child at Milliken Mills Public School.

#### Book Fair Bonanza!

Thanks to students, staff and the Milliken community for supporting our June Scholastic 2 for 1 Book Fair. It is wonderful to be able to report that 50% of our total sales of \$2700.00 will go directly to designated children's hospitals in our community, with the help of Children's Miracle Network and Big Brothers Big Sisters of York. This event, not only provided our students with good summer reading, but also encouraged character development and compassion by touching the lives of less fortunate children in the Milliken community.

#### Scholastic Summer Challenge Web Site

Engaging activities for students of all ages:

1. Interactive reading minutes log
  2. Book recommendations
  3. Book-themed games
  4. Moderated message boards for chatting about books
- Customized reading lists that teachers can create to send home for their students to read over the summer
  - Expert advice for parents on keeping their kids reading and helping them find books that fit their interests
  - Valuable reading resources for librarians and educators

[www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)



## *Milliken Mills PS Parent/School Council Wrap Up*

As the school year comes to an end, the Parent/School Council would like to update you on recent activities that the Council organized; the funds that were raised – and to thank you for your support, participation and donations.

**Raffle Tickets Raised \$4,563.27:** During April and May, Books of Raffle tickets (\$2 per ticket) were distributed to all of our students and many came back for more to sell to family and friends. With amazing prizes like a 40" Smart TV, Laptop and iPad, it was a very successful fundraiser and we hope to do again next year. Special thanks to Madame Davydova's class who sold the most tickets. They were treated to a Subway Lunch. Congratulations Jacob Moy, the student who sold the most tickets and was rewarded with a gift card for EB Games.

**Garage Sale \$500:** On Saturday, May 31st the Parent Council held the 2nd Community Garage Sale. Tables were sold for \$25 each. A sunny day was the backdrop for a fun event that featured a jumping castle, face painting, balloon twisting, zippy race cars and a delicious BBQ. We also had a surprise visit from our former Principal, Dr. Berg! The Raffle ticket draw took place and it was great two of the winners were there when their tickets were picked!

### *Congratulations to:*

1. Patrick Lam, 40" Smart LED Television
2. Pinky Lin (Ms. Spyridakis' class), Dell Touch Screen Laptop
3. Jerisha (Mme Pakjou's class), I-Pad Mini with Retina Display
4. Richard Johnston, Digital Camera and Memory Card
5. Kelly Lai, Dinner Gift Card

### *What do we do with the funds raised from school events?*

The monies raised from the events above, along with food sales from school concerts and gift basket sales throughout the year, have all been applied to purchase much needed supplies that school budgets don't provide for:

1. Snack Program – to purchase and distribute snacks for students every Thursday
2. Classroom laptops and computer equipment
3. Musical Instruments for Ms. Hwang's music classes
4. Disc Jockey for Grade 8 Graduation

### *Snack Program Donation Recognition and Special Thanks to:*

- Local Real Estate Agent David Lam for his \$1,500 donation to the Snack Program
- CN Rail – via Fiona Veening, a parent at Milliken Mills for \$1,000 donation to the Snack Program
- Mr. Jack –Teacher at Milliken Mills for his \$1,000 donation to the Snack Program
- Neena Ali – Highburch Daycare for their continued support and donations
- Mary Massoud and Baharathi Thayabharan for their invaluable support in organizing and overseeing school snack program and the administration of proceeds.
- All parent council members and volunteers for their ideas and assistance at events and meetings

Finally, we want to take this opportunity to thank you - our parents, our children and the school administration for the support and co-operation you provide collectively to ensure this school's success and sense of community.

We will continue to keep you informed and invite you to consider attending the first meeting of the Parent/School Council tentative on Thursday, September 11, 2014.

We understand you are limited on time. Connecting with the School Council is a great way for you to become informed and consult on matters relating to our school. We could also use volunteers at some of our events and to help us source discounts and programs that benefit the school. Please email Ron Yiu, Chair of the School Council at [ronyiu@rogers.com](mailto:ronyiu@rogers.com) so we can keep you posted on meetings and other school issues.

We wish everyone at Milliken Mills P.S. a healthy and happy summer ahead and look forward to communicating with you in the fall!

## *The Value of Learning With and From One Another – A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

What a success! The Grade 7FI students performed a part of Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream*, this past June 19th for their parents and friends. It was a pleasure to be a part of this committed creative process, spearheaded by Mr. Mio. Ms. Leung and Ms Boyd shared their expertise as well and added greatly to the process.

Among our many highlights, one was our visit to Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School, where our Grade 7s were able to both, perform for the Grade 11s, and watch the Grade 11s perform their adaptation of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. Our students were introduced to the Drama Department, complete with props, make-up, costumes, lighting and stage. They received feedback from Ms. Boyd-Navazo, the drama teacher, and the Grade 11 students themselves. Our experience was a direct connection between elementary and secondary staff and students, collaborating and supporting the integrated K-12 literacy system which focuses on promoting student achievement and well-being.

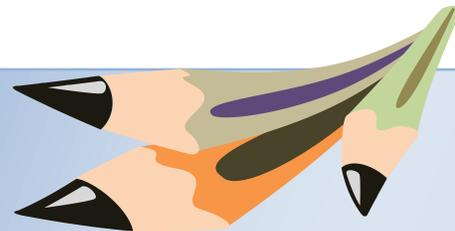
Sharing increases emotional investment as well as offering opportunities for practice in giving and receiving feedback. The teacher is the steward in terms of helping to negotiate ‘audience participation’ in a way that student self-concept and self-esteem is enhanced. The more students are supported as autonomous learners, the higher the school performance overall (Watkins, 2010).

### *Student Transportation*

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number. Please confirm bus stop service for September by checking [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) as of August 18. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop ten minutes early. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early.

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of



their school are not eligible for transportation.

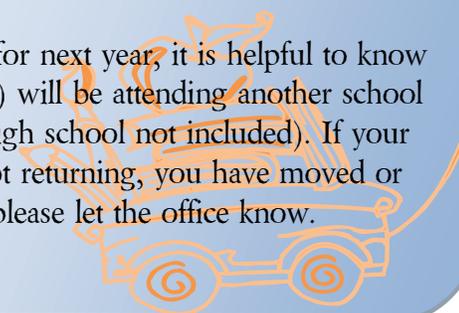
All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation. Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Bus Stop Information tab at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca) or phone 1-866-668-3978.

Please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

- Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.
- Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child’s school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus.
- JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian.
- Keep current phone numbers records and emergency contact details with the school office.
- Record the bus company and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place.
- Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.
- Student Transportation Services of York Region would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continually focus on providing safe, efficient transportation for students.

### *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.



# FRENCH

## IMMERSION CAMP



### WHY SIGN UP FOR FRENCH IMMERSION CAMP?

At French Immersion Camp, your child will be able to continue to use and practice their french vocabulary in a fun and creative learning environment. They will be encouraged to be creative thinkers, investigate problems and ask questions to become active members of their own learning. This helps to create long term learning success for your child.



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING FRENCH IMMERSION CAMP?

Competitive edge for your child's future (College, University and Career)

Second language learning can greatly strengthen first language skills

Enhanced social skills as they are able to be in an environment with others

Enhanced creativity and problem solving skills

Helps children to build upon their vocabulary to become fluent in french

An increased sense of independence and confidence

### HOW TO REGISTER



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<https://econnect.markham.ca>



Enter in the following program code:

247311 July 14-18  
251270 August 5-8

For more information visit:  
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