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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

Milliken Mills Public School is a uniquely wonderful place! I have been very fortunate to have worked here for the past 3 years and to have been a part of this learning community. Being the leader of an outstanding team of caring and professional teachers, committed to creating and maintaining a climate that promotes student achievement and well being to support the life-long joy of learning, has been an honour and privilege.

Our school is a model of the world we want to live in. Our teachers are role models who teach the curriculum in an engaging way as well as the essential character traits to our students. Our classrooms are rich because of the devoted parent community, office and support staff, and School Council who work tirelessly and collaboratively for the good of all students. They are all a testimony to this strong commitment as they weave the fabric of our school with care on a daily basis.

As this school year ends, we recognize that change is an integral part of life and that when we embrace it, has an enlivening effect. We are more aware, awake and alert because of it; a good way to be as we walk to meet the future and its challenges. Change, along with the warm memories of friendships and achievements, create the optimum conditions for life-long learning and living. Thank you all.

Mme Burisch

Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

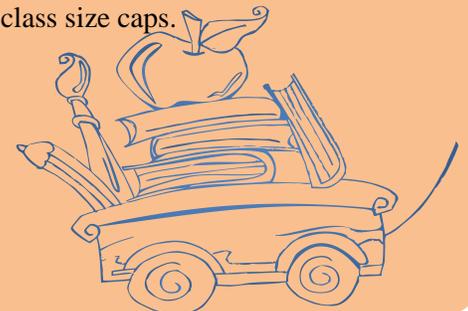
- Students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- Students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Student Vacations Causing Absence from School

Board Procedure #NP 681.0 supports Bill 52. Parents shall:

- Understand that it is expected that their child attend school on all days identified in the school year calendar and if their child is absent that they must ensure the continuity of learning for their child
- Complete the Notification of Expected Return to School form if their child will not be returning from vacation within the first 15 days of school in September and every subsequent 15 days after that
- Contact the school within 15 days to inform the school of continuing absence and to ensure that their child's name remains on the register
- Understand that their child will be removed from the register if they do not contact the school within 15 days to inform the school of continued absence
- Understand that if they do not complete the Notification of Expected Return to School form, their child may be required to attend school at an alternate location where space is available, given the current accommodation issues in the Board and the Ministry of Education's requirements for class size caps.



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.

Music Alive

Music Alive, the regional music festival is one of the largest student festivals in the province. In fact this year over 15,000 students from York Region Public, Catholic and Private and Schools participated in over 100 festival sessions between March 5 and May 17. Every spring for the last 23 years musical groups from York Region schools have come together to perform for one another and to receive comments from a professional musical adjudicator.

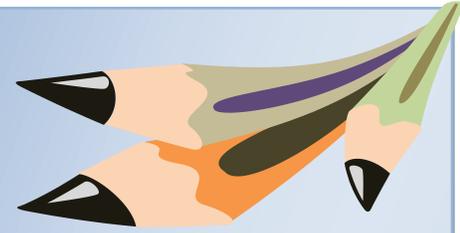
Students from MMPS were a big part of this year's festival and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them, their teachers and you on their exceptional musical skill, their behaviour and their attention as audience for the other performers in the session. You should be very proud of the way they represented your school.

I must also take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution that Anna Hwang from your staff, makes to our program. As an active member of the organizing Festival Committee she is responsible for Site Managing at festival sessions. These people are our front line – they meet the directors when they arrive at the venue and they organize and manage the performers at each of the sessions. They are an indispensable part of our team. Thank you for encouraging her participation in this leadership role.

Please feel free to share my congratulations with your music students and teachers. We hope you will continue to encourage their participation in Music Alive. BRAVO!

Wayne Hill

Music Alive Festival Coordinator



Thanks to students, staff and the Milliken community for supporting our June Scholastic 2 for 1 Book Fair. It was a success and provided our students with ongoing summer reading. Enjoy!

Staff Changes

June is a time of transition as we wish farewell to friends and colleagues and welcome new ones.

We wish Mr. Jack the very best in his retirement. THANK YOU MR. JACK! We appreciate his many years of dedication to Milliken Mills students and community. Mr. Jack will be remembered for the caring and professional ways in which he always taught. Thank you to Mr. Grundman for his 10 years at Milliken Mills and for the dedication he showed to the well being of students during that time. Thank you to Mrs. Leung and Mrs. Clark who in the past three years have left a lasting positive impression on our school. Thank you to our long-term occasional teacher Mme Balinda for her dedication and thank you to Ms Desouza. We wish our Principal, Catarina Burisch, and colleagues, the very best at their new schools. To each and everyone of you, we wish you well and thank you most sincerely for all you have given to the students and our community.

At this time, we extend a warm welcome to Nandy Palmer our new school Principal and to our new colleagues Chris Ritchie and Scott Thomas, who will be joining our Milliken Mills family in September.

