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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

It is with immense gratitude that I would like to express our appreciation to our School Council members for a very successful community fundraising event this past Saturday and to the many volunteers who help make Milliken Mills Public School a very special place to learn and grow each day.

*“The healthy social life is found when in the mirror of each human soul the whole community finds its reflection and when in the community the virtue of each one is living” (R. Steiner)*

As we enter the last month of the school year, we feel an increased pace as activities start up and wind down. There is great anticipation that arrives with the warm weather, and renewed demands on our time. For this reason, we remind each other to be aware of the day-to-day moments and learning opportunities that we may brush over due to time constraints.

We continue to build on these learning opportunities as we head into end of year assessments. Continue working and supporting your children at home to ensure that a routine is maintained for completing homework. Your partnership is valuable to us.

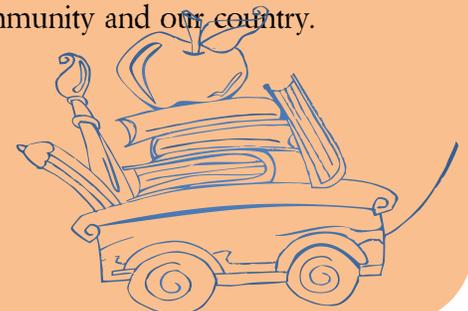
Thank you everyone!

### Hours of Instruction for French Immersion

YRDSB offers a French Immersion program that is highly sought after. As we continue to implement recommendations from our recent French as a Second Language (FSL) review, we are making a slight adjustment, based on our research that will provide better consistency within our schools while also better meeting student needs. Research shows the importance of time spent learning in French at the beginning of a program. In Grades 1 to 3, YRDSB students receive 100 per cent of their instruction in French. Beginning in Grade 4, English instruction is introduced for a number of subjects. Starting in the 2014-15 school year, weekly instructional time in Grades 4-8 will be shared equally between French and English language of instruction. Students will accumulate at least 5,000 hours of French language instruction by the end of Grade 8, which far exceeds the 3,800 hours mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Education. YRDSB remains deeply committed to providing high quality and sustainable French as a Second Language (FSL) instruction.

### Music Monday

Music Monday is an annual event in May where students, musicians, parents and community members celebrate the gift of music by singing and performing one piece of music simultaneously across Canada. For more information and media releases about this event, please see <http://www.musicmonday.ca/> and <http://musicmakesus.ca/>. Music makes us one within our school, our community and our country.



## *Education Week*

We had a wonderfully exciting education week! We welcomed our new junior Kindergarten students and their parents to school, thrilled our community with exhilarating music from our students and opened our classrooms to everyone on Friday morning. On Thursday, May 8, our Milliken Mills Public School's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night's Music) was a great success! It was a night filled with music ranging from heavy metal rock music to classical favorites such as the famous Canon in D. Students from Grades 4 to 8 showcased their talents with small ensembles to large full-scale concert band performances. Our Little Night's Music ended in a chorus of united voices when all our students performed, Is Somebody Singing. It is an anthem specially written by Canadian Space Agency Astronaut, Colonel Chris Hatfield and multiple Juno award winner, Ed Robertson from the group, BNL in celebration of Music Monday.

## *EQAO Testing: May 26 to June 6*

The Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessments of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics are conducted annually in every publicly funded Ontario elementary school under the auspices of the province's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The assessments are based on the Ontario Curriculum and measure how well students have met the provincial expectations in reading, writing, and mathematics. Students' work is marked according to four levels of achievement based on the expectations in the provincial curriculum. Level 3 represents the expected standard for Grades 3 and 6, and identifies a high level of achievement of the 7 expectations. Teams of specially trained classroom teachers and administrators mark the work the students produce during the assessments. Our teachers have been preparing students for these assessments all year, while remembering that student learning is accumulative from each grade.

## *Thank You, Volunteers!*

Thank you to all our volunteers who provide their time, skills and expertise to our students and staff. We are fortunate to have many parents, guardians and community members who volunteer their time and talents in a variety of settings to support our school. We are grateful to the volunteers who help in many different ways. Some serve in School Council, some in the library, others in out of class activities such as Sub Lunches, Healthy Snack Days, supervising during field trips and driving their child and others to sporting events. In every case, volunteers make a huge difference to our school community, and we honored that contribution with a Volunteer Tea on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## *School Climate Survey*

Between May 20 and June 6, we invited parents/guardians to participate in a school climate survey. The surveys provided the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

### *Summer Institute*

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Weekly sessions are offered at 12 elementary schools throughout the region from June 30, 2014 to August 8, 2014. Program hours are 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Before and after care is provided at each location by YMCA, (additional cost) Summer Institute registration fees are \$115 per week for YRDSB students.

Program and registration information is available on the YRDSB website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) for further information: Email: [performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca](mailto:performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca) or contact the Summer Institute office at 905-884-2046 ext. 240

### *Early Dismissal*

All students received a copy of the 2013-14 Learning Calendar. Please note that on Thursday, June 26th, 2014 an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of student achievement and school planning. Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26th, 2014 only. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 before lunch. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

### *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.

### *Reminder*

Kiss N' Ride is for the purpose of dropping off students and alleviating traffic congestion. With warmer weather approaching, we recommend that students walk to school rather than get dropped off by car. This will not only help the environment but also contribute to promoting healthy habits through leading active lifestyles. Thank you!



### *Safe Cycling*

It's almost summertime and time to get geared up for biking season! Take out your bicycle and get it cleaned and tuned up. Make sure all parts are well lubricated and in good repair and that your tires are properly inflated. Most importantly, before you or your children start cycling, it is good to review safe cycling practices and ensure your bike helmet fits properly. For more information and free program information please check

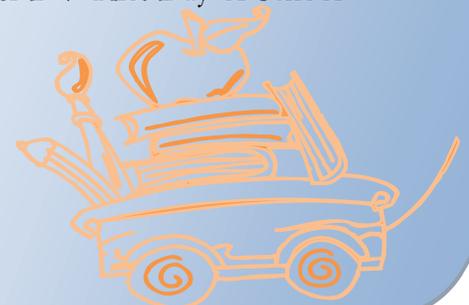
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### *Music Alive*

Music Alive 2014 is an amazing time of collaboration, rehearsals and performances. Here are the results of our achievements thus far:  
MMPS Recorder Ensemble – Gold  
“Golden Essence” Brass Ensemble – Gold  
MMPS Junior Band – Gold  
MMPS Intermediate Band – Gold  
“Silver Silhouettes” Flute Ensemble – Silver  
“Wrath of the Reeds” Reed Ensemble – Silver  
MMPS String Ensemble – Gold  
Our performing season continues as we get ready to perform at the the Canada's Wonderland Music Festival on June 9.

### *Important Dates*

June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>: Grade 8 Camp Tamarack Trip  
June 6<sup>th</sup>: PA Day (no classes)  
June 9<sup>th</sup>-June 13<sup>th</sup>: 2 for 1 (241) Book Fair  
June 9<sup>th</sup>: Canada's Wonderland Music Festival  
June 10<sup>th</sup>: Track and Field  
June 17<sup>th</sup>: Sub Day  
June 24<sup>th</sup>: Grade 8 Graduation  
June 25<sup>th</sup>: Report Card Day  
June 26<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of School/Early Dismissal  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>: First Day of School



# ESL SUMMER SCHOOL



July 7 - 31, 2014



Bring your  
Immigration  
Documents

REGISTER AT  
Uplands Learning  
Centre  
Monday - Friday  
9 am - 4 pm

Please call  
(905) 731-9557  
for more  
information

## ADULT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES (ESL)

Visit [www.yrdsb.ca/  
programs/coned/  
pages/esl.aspx](http://www.yrdsb.ca/programs/coned/pages/esl.aspx)

for a complete list of  
locations

At Milliken Mills P.S. this summer, there will be a NEW Summer Institute program option offered, **International Language & Summer Institute (Mandarin-Simplified)**. The students will be learning Simplified Mandarin for half a day, and participating in athletics, arts and recreational activities for the other half. Because the language program is funded by the Ministry, students only have to pay for the activities sessions. The total cost for the 6 week full-time program is \$320.

今年暑期， Milliken Mills小学将开设新的国际语言暑期课程（简体中文）。

学生将半天学习简体中文， 半天参加运动、艺术及娱乐活动。

该课程是由安省教育部提供资金， 学生只需要支付参加半天活动的费用。

6周课程的总费用为320加元。

This pilot program runs from June 30 to August 8; and includes a total of 75 hours of S. Mandarin instruction. Students who complete this program will be given a certificate that will qualify them to proceed to the next level when they register for our International languages programs in September.

该实验课程6月30开始， 8月8日结束， 共包括75个学时的简体中文课程。

学生完成课程内容后将获颁证书， 并可在今年9月份依此注册报读下一个等级的国际语言课程。

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# 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**



# NUBIAN BOOK CLUB

Inspire And Be Inspired

**DATES:** Thursday July 3, 2014  
Thursday July 17, 2014  
Tuesday July 29, 2014

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 30 Heathrow Court  
Markham, ON  
L3R 3T8



Thursday, July 3, 2014

*The Arts*

*Keynote Speaker:* Andrew Forde, Violinist and former YRDSB student

Thursday, July 17, 2014

*Sports*

*Keynote Speaker:* Anton Skerritt, Teacher YRDSB, Howard University Sports Hall of Fame, Trinidadian and Canadian Olympian

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

*Careers*

*Keynote Speaker:* Royson James, Journalist, Toronto Star

### Building Bridges

The Nubian Book Club is a network of students, parents, educators, and community members who are engaged in the academic and social well-being of students. "The Nubian Book Club uses literacy as a tool for advancing student success, leadership skills and community engagement amongst youth, particularly those of African Caribbean heritage."

*Hear words of wisdom from great mentors and enjoy food, friendship, swimming and networking.*

*No purchase of books or pre-reading required. Books will be provided at each Nubian Book Club session.*

*\*\*\* For further information please visit [www.nubianbookclub.com](http://www.nubianbookclub.com) or call (905) 479-5821 \*\*\*  
Nubian Book Club Welcomes elementary, secondary and post secondary students, and all others*

**"A Reading Nation, Is a Winning Nation."**