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**Milliken Mills PS**  
**March 2016**

## A Message From the Administrative Team

Dear Families,

March is a busy, yet short month. Please post the school calendar in a prominent location in your home. March break is from Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The first day back at school is Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are planning a family vacation that either begins before or after March Break, please remember to inform the office of the days that your child will be absent from school.

Thank you to everyone for the preparation and delivery of program related to Black History month. The school bulletin board, daily announcements and the Hoza drumming presentation were all appreciated as we celebrated Black history.

I would like to thank all families who attended our Math Evening last week. Thanks to our teachers, secretaries and caretakers and also our student volunteers, the evening was a huge success. Thank you also to our School Council for selling food and cards for fundraising. The evening was truly a team effort! Go Milliken, go!

Finally, here's a general reminder about school safety. Whether walking to or from school, or playing out on the yard, the transition from winter to spring may bring about slippery footing. Please take note of the weather conditions! In addition, we would like to remind our families that we have a 'hands off' policy at Milliken Mills P.S. which means no 'play fighting' or 'rough housing'. Our priority is student safety and well being.

We wish all of our families a safe and relaxing March Break!

Yours in education,



## Additional PA Day

As a result of provincial labour negotiations, a P.A. Day has been added for all York Region District School Board elementary schools on Friday, May 6, 2016 and secondary schools on Friday, June 3, 2016. You can see the full updated school year calendars on YRDSB's website.



These additional P.A. Days are mandated by the Ministry of Education. On these dates, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Ministry of Education.

## Planning for Next Year

If you are planning to move prior to the beginning of September 2016, please let the office know as soon as possible. We are in the process of planning for next year and this information is extremely helpful when we make projections regarding student numbers.

## We are a Nut-Free School

This is a reminder that Milliken Mills P.S. is a nut-free zone. Please, for the well-being of our allergic students, make sure to read all food labels thoroughly before sending food to school with your child. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated, as you will be doing your part to help us keep our allergic students safe.



## Reminder - Bus Passes Are Not Permitted

Please remember that many of our students are bussed to and from school. Students are not allowed to have notes from parents for bus passes requesting students to ride a different bus. There are a number of issues associated with this (liability, insurance, overcrowding, etc.). We appreciate your cooperation.



### 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.

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

- Albert Einstein

### Recess

At Milliken Mills P.S., we embrace our wonderful Canadian weather! All students are expected to go out for recess unless the Principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for the weather and prepared to be outdoors for up to 40 minutes at a time. We monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions (e.g., wind chill and storm conditions), we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of their illness to others.

As we approach spring, please make sure that your children are dressed properly for unpredictable and mixed weather. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



### Lates and Absences - MERCI BEAUCOUP!

Please notify us as soon as possible if your child will be away from or late for school. A message can be left on our **General Mailbox** voicemail at any time at **(905) 475-8143**. Thank you to those who have been coming to school on time. The number of late students each day is decreasing. Students are to be at school **no later than 8:15 a.m.** so that they can be in class and ready to learn at 8:20 a.m. Merci!



### Parking at the School

In the interest of student safety and obeying the law, parents are asked NOT to park in front of the school. If you need to enter the school, please park in the parking lot. The Kiss and Ride is a *fire route* and as such, you could be fined if you are parking in this area.



## Math Night

On Thursday, Feb, 25th, Milliken Mills Public School held a Math night for families and students. Many families came out to learn from each other and to visit the different stations set up by the teachers. Some of the stations included learning math from the commercial board games that are available on the market. Families were also introduced to Level 4 Thinking as well as using homemade math games. Using grocery flyers, others had the opportunity to learn how to manage money. One more station included using technology to deepen our understanding of math concepts that may have been taught during the day at school.



Part of the evening included learning about how math concepts are taught in our schools and recognizing that all students have the capacity to learn, as long as we believe in them. When you are in school next, please look for the Honeycomb that was made in the geometry station.

## Supporting Your Child in Mathematics

Please visit the links below for resources meant to help support your child in mathematics:

### Grades 4-6

- [ABC 123 Tips and Toolkit](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/>
- [Tips and Tools for Parents](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/>
- [Prodigy](https://www.prodigygame.com/Canada/) : <https://www.prodigygame.com/Canada/>
- [Mathies](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/) : <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>
- [TVO kids](http://www.tvokids.com/) : <http://www.tvokids.com/>
- [Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8: Mathematics](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf>

### Grades K-3

- [ABC 123 Tips and Toolkit](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/>
- [Doing Math With Your Child](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>
- [Tips and Tools for Parents](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/>
- [Video Podcasts](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/podcast/) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/podcast/>
- [Full-Day Early Learning - Kindergarten Pro-gram](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindergarten_english_june3.pdf) : [http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindergarten\\_english\\_june3.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindergarten_english_june3.pdf)
- [Prodigy](https://www.prodigygame.com/Canada/) : <https://www.prodigygame.com/Canada/>
- [Mathies](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/) : <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>
- [TVO kids](http://www.tvokids.com/) : <http://www.tvokids.com/>
- [Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8: Mathematics](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf>
- [Building Blocks for Mathematics](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ChildCare/Pages/Building-Blocks-for-Literacy.aspx) : <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ChildCare/Pages/Building-Blocks-for-Literacy.aspx>

### Grades 7-8

- [Mathies](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/) : <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>
- [Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8: Mathematics](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf) : <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf>
- [We Use Math](http://weusemath.org/) : <http://weusemath.org/>
- [Guide to Selecting Courses in Mathematics](http://www.careercruising.com/individual/CP_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=17426&DID=45525) : [http://www.careercruising.com/individual/CP\\_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=17426&DID=45525](http://www.careercruising.com/individual/CP_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=17426&DID=45525)
- [Partnering with Your Teen in Mathematics](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/files/Partnering%20with%20your%20teen.pdf) : <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/files/Partnering%20with%20your%20teen.pdf>



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## School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

### RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

### TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.



# WeCare Café

We invite all parents, grandparents and caregivers of **K-Grade 8** students to come and join us!

## Café Goal

Building school-home partnership to improve student achievement and well-being.

Time: 8:20am—9:30am

Place: Room 103

Languages: English (Chinese translation is available)

## Upcoming WeCare Café Topics & Events

*Tea and Talk (all grades) — Your child's social well being—March 2nd*

*Tea and Talk (all grades)—Your child's emotional well being—March 9th*

*Tea and Talk (all grades): — How to support your child with organization —  
March 23rd*

*Make and Take (all grades): — March 30th*

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<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>EASTER MONDAY</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Music Alive String Ensemble</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>CAFÉ</p> <p>Gr 6</p> <p>VIP</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Music Alive Recorder Ensemble</p> 		