



Milliken Mills Public School Newsletter

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Character Trait of the Month *November—Honesty*

"Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honor, I lose myself." ~William Shakespeare

A Message from the Principal

We are taking care of our place and of each other. Flowers bloom indoor now on our window sills. There are many delights to accompany the exquisite learning that occurs here.

The snack program happens every Thursday, milk is being delivered every day, Friday is pizza day and twice a month on Tuesday submarines are available. In keeping with all these physical needs and exterior upgrades, the learning that has been happening inside—at the heart of our school, has been even more exciting. School routines are now firmly in place and each teacher is being responsive to the various learning styles and needs and removing learning barriers. This is facilitated through such strategies as guided reading, higher order questioning and purposeful talk. The mutual support and planning among teachers strengthens the delivery of the curriculum and benefits students.

Join us for our next School Council meeting on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome; and each Wednesday morning the We Care Café opens it's doors to welcome you. We look forward to seeing you there. Remember to visit the Milliken Mills website regularly as it houses a wealth of information, including the monthly calendar of events.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Ontario has designated November 16th to November 22nd Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. This annual event raises awareness in our students and staff around bullying and the impact it has on individuals and the broader learning environment. We recognize this time as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness in parents and the local community. It is important to note that everyone has a role to play in bullying prevention.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night allowed families to meet with teachers, provided the opportunity to open the lines of communication and build relationships between home and school. Information shared by teachers will help families and students understand the expectations of the new academic year and enable this learning partnership to be successful. Thank you for making this event a wonderful tradition. We look forward to seeing you again later this week for Parent Teacher Interviews.



Parents please join us in the library at 10:00am on November 20th for the some tea and talk with some of our teachers.

Intermediate News

Grade Eight students Kelise Fullerton and Theodora Girgis were invited to present their poem at the Equity Symposium two weeks ago. The audience was hugely impressed with both their delivery and composition.



Intermediate Soccer club



It is with great pleasure that the Intermediate students re-launched an in-house soccer club under Mme Balinda's supervision. We are now at our third game at all the members' excitement. Our games take place during lunch recess and the eliminations for the in-house winning team will start as soon as we finish the first round.



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 to 9:30am

Place: Room 103

Languages: English (Chinese translation is available)

November WeCare Café Topics & Events

Primary Café (K—3): Building my child's daily routine—November 5th

Open Café (K—8): Resources to take home / Q & A—November 12th

Junior and Intermediate Café (Gr. 4—8): Supporting your child's routine and building time management skills—November 19th

Open Café (K-8): Theatre in the Classroom
hosted by Mr. Grundman's Class —November 26th



"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."
(Eric Lindros)

Our rehearsals and performances are now in full swing! This November, there will be several performances by our Intermediate students. For the Remembrance Day assembly Michael L., Abigail L., Daniel C., Benson C. and Jennifer Y. will be performing the Last Post. Our Intermediate Band will be giving their debut performance on Friday, November 21. Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School will be hosting a music night at 7pm. The concert will feature many performers at various levels from elementary students to university students. All are welcome!

The Music Room will also be open several times a week at lunch recess for students to practice their repertoire as well as their tasks from their Grade Performance Steps booklet. The Grade Performance Steps program encourages students to progress on their path of music learning independently and sequentially as they complete one task after another.

Lots of patience, encouragement and problem solving is occurring during practice. Practising an instrument is very much like problem solving where your child should constantly be listening, thinking and paying attention to what his/her physical body is doing as they are playing. Playing a melody involves:

- ♪ constant counting to play at a steady beat with precise rhythms written on the page
- ♪ processing and reading the notes
- ♪ translating the notes they are reading into fingerings/positions on the instrument
- ♪ exhaling and breathing into the instrument at proper places within the music
- ♪ bringing the melody to life by including musical details such as varying the tempo, dynamics and articulation

Martial Arts Club

Our Milliken Mills Intermediate Martial Arts Club has taken off with success! We're slowly and gradually learning about ourselves, building character and discipline through Martial Arts movement. We meet every lunch recess once a week to work on stances, kicks, punches, blocks, and self defense. We have launched our beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. Continue to



encourage your child to train at home. Karate is for character building and discipline, not violence. Have a great day, and stay tuned for more exciting updates.



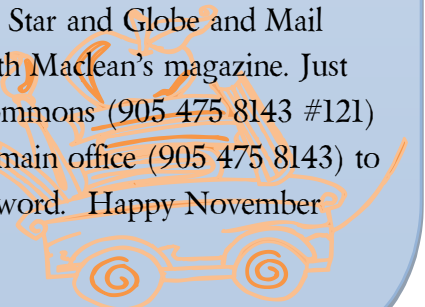
Sensei (Coach) Chris Hanson (3rd Dan-Dai Nisei Kempo Karate and Teacher at MMPS).



Our French Scholastic Book Fair went well. With the support of our Community of students, staff and parents the Library collection of French books has increased! Thanks to all! Our English Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday, November 10th and run through till Monday, November 17, ending at 3:00. The Fair will be open during Parent/teacher interviews on the evening of Thursday November 13 and the morning of Friday, November 14, during the PA day. Please drop in and see the wonderful new resources the Fair has to offer.

Our 7th Annual Free Voluntary Reading Week was a huge success! Twenty-six avid readers, ranging from grade 4 to grade 8, arrived at school at 7:15 each morning to read books, for one hour, of their choice. In total, 167 books were read in 5 days! FVR rocks!

Remember to visit our school website and click on the 'Library' link. You will find many wonderful online resources that you and your child can explore from home. On the home page of this site, on the right hand side, under Featured News, you will find access to The Toronto Star and Globe and Mail Newspapers, along with Maclean's magazine. Just contact the Library Commons (905 475 8143 #121) or Milliken Mills P.S. main office (905 475 8143) to inquire about the password. Happy November Reading to All!





FALL HAS ARRIVED AT MILLIKEN MILLS P.S.

2014/2015 School Council

Co-Chairs: Ron Yiu, Anders Rawlins
Co-Treasurers: Bharathi Thayabharan, Jim Yang
Secretary: Kim Loftus
Principal: Catarina Burisch
Teacher Rep: Tatiana Davydova
Student Council: Biranavy S, Vippy C, Lauren C and Tina Y

Members:

Mary Massoud, Fiona Veening, Sara Wong,
Kenneth Wong, Teresa Ing, Tania Fung

Further info from the meeting such as EQAO results and fundraising initiatives can be found in the School Council Meeting Minutes at:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/millikenmills.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Documents-and-Information.aspx>

Meeting Highlights of October 16, 2014

The School Council is very pleased that due to the success of last year's fundraiser's, the School Council Treasury started up with a balance of \$9,104.59. *To date we've raised:*
\$492.45 at Curriculum/BBQ evening
\$980.00 from Subway lunches

Cost Sharing Contribution

This year, the School Council will contribute to a cost sharing program with the YRDSB in which the Board matches school funds to purchase IT equipment.

Where those funds will go:

\$4,689.59 will be directed to the purchase of:

- 3 LCD projectors
- Document cameras and kits
- 5 DELL laptops

Halloween Draw

Congratulations to the Halloween Draw Basket Winners: Ashira, Ryan and Sarah from Mrs. Spyridakis's class, Tristan from Mrs. Clark's Class and Leo from Ms. Caplan's class.

As always, we encourage you to come to the school council meetings this year. Your feedback and ideas are always welcome, so if you can't make it to a meeting but have some thoughts, please email us at ronyiu@rogers.com.

School Council Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Milliken Mills PS Library.

Next Meetings:

Thursday Nov 20, 2014

Thursday Dec 11, 2014

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	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 and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.



NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3	4	5  WeCare Café  Walking Wednesday	6  Running Club	7  Pizza Lunch  Photo Retakes	8	9
10 	11  Sub Lunch 	12   	13   	14  	15	16
17 	18	19  	20   	21   Gr 8 Band Workshop (PET)	22	23
24	25 	26  	27 	28 	29 	