



Milliken Mills Public School Newsletter

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Character Trait of the Month

October—Responsibility

"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself." ~Jim Rohn

A Message from the Principal

We have enjoyed a beautiful beginning to the school year and a very enjoyable September filled with warmth and much light. Now as the days dim and grow colder we harvest the strength and courage to go into winter. The light of learning and the warmth of a caring community support student achievement and well being. Our EQAO results highlight areas of strengths and areas of growth potential. As educators and teachers, we reflect on this information and plan collaboratively. For more detailed results, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca, click on EQAO results and follow the links to Milliken Mills. P.S.

We were pleased to greet so many of you at our Community BBQ on Curriculum Night and thank you for your genuine support and interest to be involved. We welcome your participation and appreciate hearing from you.

In a week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and warm wishes of appreciation for the opportunity to be part of this caring and supportive community.

Catarina Burisch



The safety of our students is very important to us; therefore we ask for your support as we introduce the Kiss and Ride Program. It is intended for families who are dropping their child(ren) off in the morning and/or picking them up in the afternoon. Remember, student drop-off and pick-up is not permitted in the bus loop. To ensure the safety of all students your strict adherence to the following is required:

- Please obey all traffic rules while driving through the one way parking lot and remember to "kiss 'n ride".
- Children need to enter and exit the vehicle from the right side of the vehicle.
- Move forward in the kiss 'n ride loop so other vehicles can pull in behind you.
- Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended.

Lunch Procedures

Lunch is from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Students eat in their classrooms from 12:00pm to 12:20pm. Outdoor lunch recess is from 12:20pm to 1:00pm. Students are expected to go outside unless they are involved in a special activity. Students follow behavioral expectations and share the responsibility of maintaining a clean area. Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast, brings a lunch and a snack for morning break. Please remember: No Nuts!

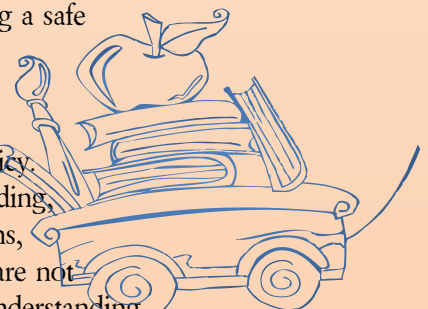


We need assistance with the snack program. If you can help on Thursdays from 8:15am to 9:30am we would appreciate your help putting together snacks. Please join us in the lobby each Thursday or contact Ron Yiu at ronyiu@rogers.com.

Halloween

We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Students celebrating in costume must comply with the Safe School's policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not allowed. Thank you for understanding.





Kindergarten Update



Our JK and SK students have been working hard practicing their personal and social skills. They are learning to line up inside the classroom and in the hallway. They are remembering to be respectful of the other classes in the area. They are learning to be respectful for their own belongings by hanging their coats neatly on hooks, emptying their backpacks of our communications bags and placing them in the proper bucket and tidying the toys at the end of learning time using their knowledge of sorting materials into bins.

They have excitedly been inquiring about apples. They are learning that apples come in different colours and that they have lots of parts we can recognize and label. They are showing their knowledge about apples using a variety of art techniques seen displayed in and outside of the classrooms. This has been an exciting start to the new school year.



Extracurricular activities



A number of high interest extracurricular activities are starting this month and MMHL hockey and Running Club have started. We are looking forward to the Martial Arts Club and Volleyball tryouts next week. Study Hall is held during lunch recess on Tuesday. We look forward to a great turnout.



- The Intermediate Running Club is under way. With a dozen boys and girls already signed up we are enjoying the laughter, friendship and feeling of becoming runners! Twice a week after school we meet. We run for 2 to 5 minutes and walk for 1 to 2 minutes. These intervals help us build our strength and find the breathing and rhythm to build our stamina. Stop by room 222 for a permission form as new runners are always welcome!



- Our Student Council is about to get organized. Grade 4 to 8 students will be asked to elect 2 class representatives to sit on our general council. Our one week campaign for our executive positions will be taking place in a few weeks. Watch out for posters as our grade 8s try to convince you to vote for them come election time!



- The annual Nathaniel Edwards 3 on 3 Basketball tournament is getting organized. Grade 6 to 8 boys and girls will be competing to get their name on our tournament trophy displayed in our lobby showcase. We are looking for grade 4 – 8 volunteers to help as score keepers, refs, and djs. Show your spirit Milliken and help make this year's event the best ever!



Our school will be sending students from grades 5 and 6 to represent MMPS at the Peace Tree Spirit Conference held on October 21. This year's theme, "Citizens for Peace" will offer our reps the chance to learn about how our community can contribute to better understanding. We look forward to their return and them sharing their new found knowledge with all of us!



On September 19th, inspired by the memory of Terry Fox our students and teachers walked and ran outside in honour of the late Terry Fox and his fight against cancer. We are thankful to the many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and students who supported this event. We extend a special thank you to Mr. Kastner for leading and organizing this campaign. MMPS embraces Terry Fox's spirit, courage and perseverance and prides itself in being a community of learners who are dedicated to making a difference in the world and in their school community and raised \$1,700.00! "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me."

Terry Fox





Corner

Welcome to all students, staff, students and parents of Milliken Mills Public School! The first School Council meeting took place on Thursday, September 11, 2014. The following are the elected members of the School Council:

Co-Chairs: Ron Yiu, Anders Rawlins

Treasurers: Bharathi Thayabharan, Jim Yang

Secretary: Kim Loftus

Teacher Representative: Tatiana Davydova

The purpose of the School Council is to enhance our school community in ways that benefit our children. Please contact us if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions on ways that you would like to help out.

Minutes can be found on:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/millikenmills.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Documents-and-Information.aspx>.

We encourage you to come out to a meeting or visit the school website to learn about what is happening on school council. School Council Meetings take place at 7:00pm in the Milliken Mills School Library:

Thursday Oct 16, 2014

Thursday Nov 20, 2014

Thursday Dec 11, 2014

Thursday Jan 15, 2015

Thursday Feb 19, 2015

Thursday Mar 26, 2015

Thursday Apr 16, 2015

Thursday May 21, 2015

Thursday June 11, 2015

Library Commons

The Library Commons is off to a great start. We are excited to announce new tables and chairs. This allows for easy reconfiguration of the space and comfort reading and doing research. We have also expanded technology to include two desktop computers and two laptops.

We started our weekly Book Exchange Periods. Students were excited to take out their two weekly books. Teachers encourage students to read a variety of text and record their readings weekly.

Our first French Book Fair proved to be a great success. All profits go directly back to Milliken Mills P.S. in the form of new French books which are added to our library collection. Thank you for supporting this fantastic event.

Please 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. Below are examples.



Ontario Culture Days were celebrated on September 26, 27 and 28. The Library Commons featured the newly opened Aga Khan Museum, the first museum in North America dedicated to the intellectual, cultural, and artistic heritage of Muslim civilizations. For more information go to www.agakhanmuseum.org.

Our Library Leadership Team has been formed for the year. We welcome Tiffany, Juana, Claire, Clarissa, Rahul, Tyler, Vincent, Mani, Kelly, Koni, Allison, and Christopher to the team.

October is International School Library Month. The theme is Your School: Mind-Map Central. It's the perfect time for kids to visit the library and browse through the hundreds of books available to them! Our Annual Free Voluntary Reading Week will be happening to celebrate International School Library Month. Students will be welcome to sign up to come every morning at 7:30 for the week and read their choice of text. Dates will be announced. Stay tuned!



- All visitors should report to the main office upon entering the school to sign-in and get a visitor badge.
- If a student will be absent or late please call the school at (905) 475-8143 before school starts. Our voicemail will record your messages at anytime.
- Please note that on Thursday, June 25th, 2015 an early release day to allow staff to participate in activities in support of student achievement and school planning. Students will attend school during the morning only.



Pizza Lunch: October 3, 10, 17 and 24

Sub Lunch: October 14 and 28

WeCare Café: October 8, 15 and 22

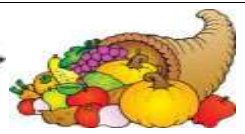
Thanksgiving (no classes): October 13

School Bus Safety: October 14 and 17

Immunizations (Gr 7 & 8): October 15

PA Day (no classes): October 27





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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)

Upcoming WeCare Café Topics & Events

Open Café (all grades): Tea and Talk with our Administrative Team - October 8th

Junior and Intermediate (Grade 4—8) Café: How to talk to my kids? - October 15th

Open Café (all grades): Tea and Talk creating our journey - October 22nd

Open Café (all grades): Tea and Talk building partnership - October 29th