

MMPS Update

Dear Families,

All of our known school happenings are listed in the monthly calendar and on our school website. However, in an effort to keep you in the loop of what is happening at school, we will be sending you email updates periodically. Please ensure that you visit our website regularly to keep you and your child(ren) informed. Our school website homepage can be found at: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/millikenmills.ps/Pages/default.aspx>. You can also follow us on Twitter @MillikenMillsPS.

Events: Over the course of the year, we celebrate the diversity that makes up our community through announcements, bulletin board displays, guest speakers, cultural presentations and school-wide events. Getting to know our community is important to us – understanding is powerful. On **February 9th, we celebrated Chinese/Lunar New Year**. We look forward to our **Tamil Heritage event on February 22nd** and our **Black History Celebration on March 9th**. Please join us!

Parking Lot: Please do not park in the drop-off area. Please respect the directions of our staff on duty. Safety is our primary concern.

Inclement Weather Conditions and School Bus Cancellations: You can access local radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and 1-877-330-3001 or by following the YRDSB on Twitter. Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon and there will be no after school events. Therefore students transported to school by parents, **they must be picked up by 2:40 p.m.** There is no supervision for students after our dismissal time. Teacher supervision is available in the morning from 8:05am—8:15am. Students should not be dropped off before 8:05am for their own safety.

Contact Information: Please ensure that all parental and emergency contact information is current and up to date. It is important that your voicemail is initialized so that we are able to leave a message if you are unavailable. This information is crucial for the safety of your child.

Code of Conduct: Please review our school Code of Conduct and our Caring and Safe Schools policy with your child.

Late Students: One of our goals is for each class/student to start instruction as close to 8:20am as possible. In order for this to be successful, we need to have students at school by this time. If students miss 5 minutes of instruction each day because of late arrivals that adds up to 900 minutes of instructional time in a year or 15 hours of class time. 5 minutes can make a difference. Please help to ensure that students are at school by 8:15am.

Winter Weather: All students should be dressed appropriately for winter weather. Students go outside for recess. Please also provide an extra set of clothing for your child to be kept at school in case they get soaked, etc.

Feb. 20	Family Day
Feb. 22	Tamil Heritage Event
Mar. 3	Grad Photo Day
Mar. 9	Black History Celebration
Mar. 13-17	Winter Break
Mar. 23	Milne Outdoor Education Centre: Hanson & Statten Gr 7
Mar. 24	Milne Outdoor Education Centre: Kellman & Ahmad Gr 4

