



Welcome to the 7th edition of the **Millwood HandS E-News**

Millwood is a unique school within the TDSB. We have a student council and a Home and School Association. The Home and School side handles all the fundraising activities and helps with other events by finding volunteers.

We do a lot of FUN stuff at Millwood. We need your help to make it all happen!

Hello Millwood,

As I hibernate writing this message, I hope that you embrace the cold better than I do.

Sometimes doing the right thing is tough. And your understanding has been greatly appreciated over the last couple months. No communication disregarding YOUR personal privacy will be tolerated, previous violations are being forwarded to the appropriate agency, Canadian Spam Reporting Centre. If you have received any communication in the past or you receive any communication in the future that you did not directly express consent to receive, you can report it as well.

We are also conducting several internal audits of our practices and procedures to further protect our greatest asset, YOU.

After a recent conversation with OFHSA (the Federation our Association falls under) we learned better ways to protect your privacy, on our website, and in the distribution of meeting minutes.

We also learned our bylaws, written years ago, were never sent to the Federation for approval. After reviewing the guidelines we must follow, which they provided, the current executive had only a few paragraphs to decide on as an association, which are as follows; How many elected executive (reduced to 5); The amount the executive is authorized to spend without holding a general meeting (stays the same); The schedule of general meetings and the quorum required (stays the same).

We learned that **membership is required** for anyone who wants to have a vote going forward, on motions and elections, budget, and if you want to run for an elected position. Everyone will continue to be welcome, at general meetings, and everyone can continue to volunteer at events.

To proceed with what is required of us and giving those interested time to purchase memberships and have those memberships registered with OFHSA we need to start the process now. Our annual general meeting is not until June 11, at which time a proposed budget is passed and the new executive is elected.

If you would like to purchase a membership, you may do so [here](#).

We welcome suggestions/comments as we continue to grow. millwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING:

QSP Cookie Dough campaign is off to a good start. I have heard that these cookies are YUMMY. You asked us to offer this in the fundraising survey, so here it is! Don't forget about all the awards that are up for grabs. Looking forward to seeing who wins top sales, and the class that wins the private pizza party.

As always, your feedback is important to how we plan our following year.

Pizza Lunch Friday's: VOLUNTEER - if you want to see what Millwood looks like day to day start by getting involved with pizza lunch. **Just 1 hour of your day on a Friday makes a huge difference.** You will meet other Millwood parents and interact with you child in the classroom. You will also be able to check out the newly painted hallways - which look awesome BTW. There are all kinds of studies about parents that are involved in their child's day to day life at school, and the positive effects that it has. Don't take my word for it, come out and see for yourself!

On the organizational side of Pizza, there is a huge team of ladies (Katie, Kira, Steph, Elsa, Laurie & Karolyn) who I can't thank enough. They have pulled together and made this fundraiser the HUGE success that it is. It's not just about the bottom line either, these ladies work to bring the kids healthy snacks that go along with the yummy slices of pizza. Did you know that they have introduced these gorgeous little Ontario grown apples to be served as the snack with some of the lunches... well done Pizza team.

All the Volunteers that made the **Staff Appreciation Day** happen are AWESOME! Every door, for every staff member was decorated (31 parents stepped up). All the slots on the signup for meal donations were taken (56 parents donated items), which means that the staff at Millwood were treated to an exceptional breakfast and lunch, all donated by YOU. Give yourselves a big pat on the back. I have had the honour of leading this event for several years now and this was the smoothest it ever ran with the best contributions. I couldn't have asked for a better partner to lead the event with either, Karen is unbelievably creative...our last official event together at Millwood was a truly awesome one. Our new Principal commented that she had never seen anything like it before! Well done Millwood!

The **Family Skate** was well received and great weather too! Thank you to Katie for organizing this event, booking the arena, supplying hot chocolate and even donuts!

Pancake Day was slightly sticky, but really FUN! Elsa, thanks for organizing. Thank you to all the volunteers and for your extra efforts setting up and cleaning up, especially since you didn't have the kitchen to use!

Scholastic Book Fair, Ready Set Shop... there's still time, the fair is open Thursday and the teachers are helping on Friday morning. I have to extend a huge thanks to Steph who pulled this all together each day when I came down with the flu. You did an amazing job! Thanks to all the volunteers that rallied together and filled the shifts. Millwood Junior School gets 60% of the profit raised which goes towards the literacy program at.

Big changes have been made to the Library. We have had a TDSB edit team through and we are working on the next steps to bring this space, used by all, up to a level we can be proud of. I walked into the library recently and it was like the ending of the popular tv show "Hoarders". I couldn't believe how refreshed the library felt. Please join us as a family at the book fair and check out the first stage. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Upcoming Events:

Beach Day: March 9

FUN FAIR: Save the Date: May 12th. Our Funfair Chair Tatiana has been hard at work for months now. Please welcome our 1st corporate sponsor Dr. Amy Bishai.

If you have any questions or if you would like to get involved email millwoodfunfair@gmail.com.



Our next Home and School Meeting is Monday **February 26th** at 6:30pm in the staff room. All Millwood parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

We welcome questions/comments, please send to: millwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Millwood Home and School Association.

Julia Huttram, President