



Welcome to the 8th 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 Parents,

It's hard to believe that our Fun Fair is in **10 Days!** A huge thanks goes to our Fun Fair Chair, Tatiana Rafique, along with her team who have worked for months putting together all the elements that will make this day a successful fundraiser. We also want to thank all of the community sponsors for their financial contributions. These generous donations directly impact each student at Millwood JS.

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For the first time we have play all day **WRISTBANDS** - "Play all day" are only available to purchase online and only until midnight May 9th. **PLAY ALL DAY** Wristbands will NOT be sold on the day of the event so place your order now for our best value ever! Also available online are the limited play "25" and "10" bands as well as Mighty Cob Food orders (ordering food online, guarantees the availability).

Please consider **VOLUNTEERING** for a shift. There are lots of areas we need help, from setting up on Friday night to helping with a station on the day of the event.

We also need **CAKES** for the cakewalk... Kids love this room! Please help us stock this room with baked goods! Cakes, Cupcakes, even cookies are welcome. **Nut Free** please to keep all of our little ones safe!

There are a lot of questions about the **Raffle tickets** that went home. Any tickets that were already sent in have been entered into the draw. If you have tickets at home and you would like to purchase them, you can continue to return them to the school with your child. If you would like to order additional tickets, please fill out the form that was sent by email from the school and return it to the school office. Tickets will also be available on the day of the Fun Fair! You can purchase as many as you like, that is completely up to you! If you don't want to participate in the raffle, you can return the tickets to the school or you can recycle them at home.

Our **SILENT AUCTION** is online this year. We have lots of items listed and new ones will be added as they come in, so please check back often and start bidding!

If you have any questions about Fun Fair: millwoodfunfair@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING DETAILS:

QSP Cookie Dough Campaign raised \$2,841.83. Thank you to all the parents that supported this fundraiser!

Pizza Lunch Friday's: The Pizza team can always use **volunteers** to help in classrooms handing out the orders, please consider signing up to help!

2018 Fun Fair Sponsors

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MEMBERSHIP: We learned that **MEMBERSHIP** is required for anyone who want to have a vote going forward, on motions, 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. Purchase before May 22, 2018 (membership takes 20 days to activate) if you are interested in being part of the above! Election and Budget vote take place on June 11th during our final General Meeting for the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our next Home and School Meeting is Monday **May 28th** at 6:30pm in the staff room. All Millwood parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Grade 5 GRAD: June 21st. Further details will be sent out as they become available and posted to our website. Any questions can be forwarded to millwoodgrad2018@gmail.com

SURVEY RESULTS:

Thanks to all the parents that took the time to fill out our survey. The information helps us to build our budget. The following points are to answer some of the feedback we received.

We asked you to rank in order of importance 7 areas of potential funding; with these being the top 3!

#1 Clubs

#2 Scientist in the Classroom

#3 Music

- **Clubs:** Millwood Teachers/Staff run clubs in their own personal time. We are very fortunate for the amount of time and the number of clubs we have each year. Please thank those who provide these amazing opportunities for your children! We will continue to support these opportunities as they become available. We received lots of comments about swim club, we did have a swim club in the past, again this would have to be initiated by a teacher and Administration. This feedback was shared with Ms. Lee.
- **Scientist in the Classroom:** The funds from the current Fun Fair raffle have been allocated to this line item!
- **Music:** We were so happy to purchase recorders/ukuleles and some new risers this year. Ms. Slemper's wish list includes more risers and some additional instruments. Although risers are expensive, they will last for decades! Additional risers can be used on the stage and will allow the students to spread out, making each more visible.
- **Scholastic Monthly:** The distribution and management of the monthly Scholastic orders are currently done by each individual teacher if they choose to. If a parent(s) would like to organize and run this program for the school, please get in touch with Principal Lee, the opportunity is available! The two Scholastic Book Fairs that we hold raise a significant amount of funds for Millwood JS each year.
- **Outdoor play space, lunch & recess:** The infrastructure is maintained by the TDSB. We have had years of conversations about funding to enhance the areas at Millwood. All levels would need to be on board with a initiative. This is not the case at this time. We did receive one suggestion regarding a potential school yard improvement that we may be able to do next year. We are looking into this now. We also purchase items for each class to use during outdoor recess and lunch (recess kits) including a number of balls, hula hoops and similar. We will be discussing increasing the funding for these items to provide more variety.
- **Plays/Presentations/Arts Programs etc:** We are looking at a larger number of "in-school" opportunities for all of the children next year in lieu of one large program like Directors Cut or Jungle Sport.
- We had a number of parents who said they are interested in taking on a larger role. Our Volunteer Coordinator(s) will be reaching out if they haven't already!

- **Fundraising suggestions:**

- Fundscript (gift card purchases), we ran this program for 2 years and made a profit of just over \$40.00. Unfortunately it wasn't embraced by our parents.
- Extending Jungle Sport in the evening/weekend, we did actually try this the last time we had Jungle Sport (2017) and it was a fun night for the few kids that joined us, we didn't sell out of available spots and we just broke even as we still had to pay for the Jungle Sport staff.
- Olympics fun day, we actually do have the summer olympics every 4 years! It isn't a fundraiser however. Every child is included! The last one was held at Centennial Park track, all the fees and activities were paid for with H&S funds.
- Bingo and other lottery related activities would have to be initiated by the school (just like the Fun Fair Raffle) as H&S is not eligible for a lottery license.
- Plants & Seed sale, we are looking at adding a campaign for spring 2019 using a TDSB preferred vendor provided we have volunteer(s) to run it.
- Mabels Labels, we do have an account with them! You can find their link on our website, or just scroll through the vendor list on their website and find Millwood in the listings.
- TDSB has fundraising guidelines that we must follow going forward, all vendors we use will need to be on their list.
- We are looking into the many other suggestions we received, at this time these are the areas we have comments/answers.

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