



Welcome to the 3rd 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,

Although we don't have a long list of upcoming events to tell you about in the next few months, the Executive will be working on several housekeeping tasks.

A Calendar has been added to our website. You can sync this new calendar with the one you use on your smart phone. All of our events, and lunch program dates have been added. You won't pack a lunch on pizza/subway day again!

We have taken feedback over the last year regarding the bylaws and have made some changes which will be presented at the April meeting.

We are also working on the Fundraising Lunch programs we will be offering next year.

A discussion about other Fundraising opportunities for 2017-2018 school year will take place. In the past we held a Fall Fundraiser, QSP and most recently the chocolate sales / donation match. We will weigh all the options and make a decision.

We also plan to hold our Fun Fair in the spring of 2018. This is a massive undertaking and will require many volunteers. A Fundraising Coordinator will head up the event but many additional Volunteers will be required to take on individual roles. Some examples include Games, Food and Beverage, Raffle, Gift Baskets, Corporate Sponsorship etc.

We will also be holding an election in June to fill some of the Executive positions. If you are interested in running for a position please take the time to read over some of the past minutes, and the bylaws. These are available on www.millwoodhomeandschool.com

You will also need to attend a minimum of 2 meetings before the vote in June. That means, if you have not attended a meeting this year, you need to attend the April and May meeting to be eligible.

The June meeting is also when the Executive presents the proposed budget for the coming year.

If you have any questions or comments about the above, we welcome them at:

millwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com

Fundraising Lunch Programs:

At this time we have a confirmed commitment by Volunteers to run the Pizza Lunch. We have been looking for someone to take on the Subway Lunch program. However, no one has come forward yet. We will be entertaining the possibility of having Pita lunch instead of Subway next year. Our plan is to sample product from 2 possible Pita franchises during the May 15th Home and School meeting.

We held 2 spirit day lunches through Kids Kitchen. An option for the replacement of Subway lunch program was to use Kids Kitchen. Our only feedback so far regarding this option was the number of students who participated, which was way below our expectations.

Kids Kitchen:

In addition, Kids Kitchen has a minimum requirement for the weekly program they are currently providing us and we are not even coming close to that. There is a real potential that the program will not be offered again next year based on the current participation.

Pizza Lunch Days:

Pizza Days are throughout the year. **We could really use some more parents to help out.** We really need to have the JK/SK and Grade 1 rooms covered with a parent at every pizza lunch. If you have some free time please signup online.

Home and School Meetings:

Monday April 10th, Monday May 15th, & Monday June 19th

All our meetings are held in the staff room and start at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

** The June meeting is our Budget meeting and vote for new Executive positions.

Past Events Report:

Staff Appreciation Day was a success thanks to many! To all who contributed to the Breakfast and Lunch, we had an amazing and varied selection of food for our staff. The doors that were decorated by volunteers, all looked fantastic. If you missed seeing the doors in person, pictures are posted on the HS website under events tab. Our Staff were grateful to everyone that contributed to making it a special day.

The **Family Skate** was enjoyed by many and the weather was certainly on our side for the event. Thanks to Katie for booking the venue and making hot chocolate for all to enjoy. Lots of smiling faces that day!

JungleSport Evening was something new this year and we think it was a great addition. We had lots of kids out. We want to thank Kim Lee who stayed all evening to supervise and even help the students during the climbing portion.

WOW - the Scholastic Book Fair exceeded our expectations. We surpassed our goal by over \$2000.00 coming in over \$7000.00. 60% of the proceeds from the event go directly back into the Literacy program at Millwood. Way to go Millwood! Thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time to run the event and everyone that came out to support the event. Also, thanks to all the teachers that make this event a success. We couldn't have the things we do at Millwood without you!

Pancake Day was a sticky but successful morning enjoyed by all. Thanks to Marisa and Katie for leading this event. Volunteering your time that morning and making it all run smoothly. We had many volunteers show up to help cook, serve and clean up. Thanks to all!

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all the Staff at Millwood that put together the **Math Night**. This was so well received. We had so many families come out and take part in the event. We had wonderful feedback from it, which we forwarded to Mr. Pinkney and Ms. Glinos. We hope that they will consider doing something like it again next year.

If at any time you would like to know more about what we do or become involved in any of the events that we have scheduled this year (or next) please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Upcoming Events:

Grade 5 Grad: Save the date! Thursday, June 22 is our Grade 5 student graduation! The ceremony will take place at Silverthorne Collegiate Institute with the reception to follow at Millwood.

Thank you to all the families that have sent in pictures already for the slideshow and yearbook. Please keep them coming!!! If you haven't submitted a kindie picture for the year book yet, please email one to millwoodgrad2017@gmail.com

Grade 4's: Millwood has a wonderful tradition of PAYING IT FORWARD allowing the Graduating Class and their parents to sit back and enjoy the event by donating food and volunteering their time to host the buffet at Millwood the evening of the graduation ceremony. A Signup has been created online and soon we will be inviting you to participate in making this event a success.

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

Our next Millwood HandS ENews will be in June.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Mahatma Gandhi