



Welcome to the 6th 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,

We have lots to tell you about so let's get started!

Your Executive Committee would like to say **THANKS** for the overwhelming support, both by email and in person. It is especially nice to see new faces at our meeting, those who attended and provided their feedback, expressing their comments, concerns calmly and constructively.

We know that parents can't always attend meetings so we want to make sure you know that every email that we receive (millwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com) is shared and discussed between the Executive Committee and then at a future meeting. Your feedback helps us improve in many areas including future planning.

The Millwood staff continue to amaze us by offering so many clubs at Millwood (on their own time). We always try to support the staff when presented with these opportunities. At our last meeting we discussed 2 additional requests made by Ms. Glinos. A coding club (computer programming) for Grade 1 and 2 students with the help of Mr. Anderson, a parent volunteer, to purchase Dash & Dot robots, as well, the Wellness Committee has initiated a Wellians club. The latter will be discussed in further detail at a future meeting. I wanted to comment on the overwhelming support we received from parents who attended that meeting. Continuing to provide additional resources, new ways of thinking, not to mention supporting our children's mental health and general wellness was commended by parents.

All of our students at Millwood will take part in Groove EDGEducation December 14th & 15th. Founder Amy Tepperman, Educator and TEDx Speaker is transforming the way Teachers Teach & Students Learn! Programming proudly funded by you, through the Millwood HS Association.

FUNDRAISING DETAILS:

QSP Campaign raised approximately 2K. The cookie dough portion of our QSP campaign will start in February with delivery the end of March.

Investment in Education campaign to date raised approximately 9.5K. We have made donating even easier with online payments. All the details can be found on our website including a quick link for donations. To all the families that have already contributed we thank you for your support!

These two revenue items remain at approximately 50% of our target. This came to a bit of a shock to some parents who had the opportunity to join us for the first time at a meeting. We can relate to the disappointment you expressed in hearing that a line item will probably be cut from our budget. We are equally disappointed with the lower than expected participation. Our hope is that this number will continue to grow over the next few months so that we can fund the proposed field trip for the entire school in late spring.

Pizza Lunch Friday's is our most successful fundraiser and continues to be a huge success thanks to our dedicated pizza team as well as all the volunteers that help each Friday. Flyers will be sent home with students the first week back to school in 2018. Online ordering for the January to June lunches will then be available. Volunteers are also needed in ALL classrooms starting again in January. A signup will go out in the new year.

Upcoming Events:

Green Elephant Sale: December 5th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to make this event a success. Signup details are on our website.

Gift of music Concert: December 20th 6:00pm (Choir members to arrive at 5:40pm). Donations will be accepted in support of the Food Bank, the popular VIP seating raffle will take place, and we will be serving hot chocolate after the performances.

Staff Appreciation Doors: Class parents and volunteers will decorate the doors on January 17th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm. Signup for doors will go out shortly.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch: January 18th parents donate all the food for this event, signup will go out shortly.

Family Skate: January 27th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm at the WestDeane/Martingrove outdoor rink, all are welcome to attend.

Pancake Day (Shove Tuesday): February 13th

Scholastic Book Fair: February 12th - 16th

FUN FAIR: Save the Date: May 12th. Our class parents will be sending out a package to parents with further event details and ways you can help to support this event. If you have any questions about Fun Fair or if you would like to get involved email to millwoodfunfair@gmail.com.

Grade 5 GRAD: June 21st. The Grad trip has been booked and further details will be provided to parents in the new year. Grade 4 parents host the party (paying it forward) following the ceremony. We are looking for Grade 4 parents (1) English stream (1) French stream to volunteer to make the event a success. Please email us if you are interested. millwoodgrad2018@gmail.com

Our next Home and School Meeting is Monday **January 29th** 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