



Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

Our website is [www.millwoodhomeandschool.com](http://www.millwoodhomeandschool.com). All the details about Home & School events can be found there.

### **Presidents Report:**

I can't tell you how awesome it is to have so many parents involved this year. I have had lots of positive feedback regarding the Signup Genius website that we are using. It certainly makes our jobs easier! None of the events that we do could happen without your support so a HUGE thank you for taking a little time or donating something for an event.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ever wonder what happens to the money raised through Pizza, Subway and the Fundraiser (Chocolate Sales)? Well it goes back into making your child's experience at Millwood exceptional. Here's how it is being spent.

**Extra Curricular Activities** – Field Trip subsidies, JungleSport, In-Class and assembly guest speakers are all paid for by the H&S. Not to mention financial support for STEM and the many school clubs available to your children.

**School Infrastructure** – Google Chrome Books and iPads, equipment for the Kindergarten classrooms, new sound system for our gym along with many others.

**Events** – Staff Appreciation day, holiday concert, the family skate, and Grade 5 Grad are longstanding Millwood Traditions all made possible by H&S.

### **Announcements:**

Our next meeting is Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

Pizza Days are throughout the year. We could really use some more parents to help out. If you have some free time please signup online.

### **Past Events Report:**

**Grandparents Tea** (Halloween Parade) was a huge success. Thank you Katie Groulx for organizing and to all the volunteers for helping out and donating items. We had a wonderful turnout. It was so much fun to see everyone in costume.

**November Book Fair** was a HUGE success. \$7372.04 was our final tally. Scholastic gives us 60% back in books for our English and French Literacy programs at Millwood, that's almost \$4000.00! Thank you so much Millwood families for your support. And, thank you to all the volunteers that helped staff the event.

**Holiday Concert** was a wonderful evening. The gymnasium looked amazing and all the students that performed did a great job. We raffled off our VIP seating and made \$467.00 for Daily Bread Food Bank along with many donations that were brought in as well. We also had parent volunteers serve hot chocolate at the end of the evening. Thank you all!

## Upcoming Events:

**Staff Appreciation Day** is January 19<sup>th</sup> this year. We have a fun day planned and with all your donations to the breakfast and lunch we are certain it will be a huge success. Thank you to everyone that is bringing in a contribution for this event. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who are decorating the doors. Class parents will be doing the home room doors and a number of parents have signed up to take care of the other staff doors so that everyone comes into work on Thursday morning and is greeted with a surprise!

Dong Lee, our Treasurer has offered to take photo's of all of the doors and Thomas Beaman, our Secretary will post them on our website so everyone has a chance to see them.

**Family Skate** is being held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Participation is free. All the details about this fun event can be found on our website!

**JungleSport Evening** is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Details were sent out last week from the main office by email. If you would like your child to participate in this evening event you can signup and pay using the new cashless option through the TDSB. Each 45 minute session is \$5.00.

JungleSport will be set up in our Gymnasium January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of the students in the school will be going through the elaborate set up on a number of occasions during class time. Some of the activities are rock climbing; traversing; low ropes; vertical challenges; obstacle courses and team challenges. Students will learn new skills and increase self-awareness. This amazing opportunity is \$4,500.00 and is paid by the H&S Association. The class time sessions are FREE to all the students. We are certain your kids will come home and tell you how much fun they had!

**Scholastic Book Fair** is February 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30-4:00 and Thursday 8:30 – 7:00pm. Every purchase supports the school literacy program. This event is not a H&S event however we do help by supplying volunteers to run it. If you have some free time, please signup online.

**Pancake Day** (Shrove Tuesday) February 28<sup>th</sup>. Each student will enjoy two pancakes and a juice box provided by HS. We need a few volunteers to help out. If you are available please signup!

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 please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

General questions/comments can be sent to [millwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:millwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com).

Our next Millwood HandS ENews will be in April.

Our website is [www.millwoodhomeandschool.com](http://www.millwoodhomeandschool.com).

We also use Signup Genius, you will find the "signup" buttons throughout the website. You can click on the applicable one and it will take you directly to that signup.

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart"* – Elizabeth Andrew