



The Millgrove Chronicle

It's hard to believe that 2017 has almost come to a close. December is a month where we look back and reflect on the wonderful things that Millgrove School has been a part of so far.

December also continues to be busy and exciting as we prepare for our Annual Dinner and Skate, delivery of our Sock and Mitten Drive, and our assembly on the 22nd.

During this special time of year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for the joy and enthusiasm they bring to our school each day. I am also very thankful to our teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodians and parent community for their ongoing commitment and for working hard every day to support our students and each other.

There has been a buzz in the air at Millgrove as students begin to get excited for the upcoming Winter Holidays. As we enter into this holiday season, we want to remind parents, guardians and students that our school will be closed from December 22nd, 2017 until January 5th, 2018. We hope you take this opportunity to spend time with family, and most importantly enjoy the time off. We have had a great start so far and are excited to continue learning and growing together in the New Year!

Happy Holidays!



Dates to Remember:

- Every Monday - Pizza Day
- Every Wednesday – Lunch Lady
- Every Friday – Popcorn
- December 1 – PA Day
- December 5 – Dinner and Skate
- December 6 – Council Meeting @ 6:30
- December 13 – Vision Screening for our JK/SK classes
- December 14 – Lockdown Drill
- December 20 – Grade 3 Trip to Crawford Lake
- December 22 – Assembly @ 9:15
- December 25 to January 5 – Winter Holidays
- January 10 – Council Meeting @ 6:30
- January 22 – Jillian Jiggs Performance



Evangeline D, Yuri V, Ella T, Denver H,
Megan, Daniel H, Madison P, Deep B, ,
Carley M, Landon K, Dean P, Saalih A,
Tariq A, Daniel B, Cameron C,
and Tristan S!

Night at the Gallery

On behalf of Millgrove Staff and Students we would like to thank all the parents that came to support our Night at the Gallery fundraiser! It was an amazing event and a great way to showcase the artistic talents of our Mustangs! An enormous thank you to Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Allen who organized the event, as well as Council and the many volunteers who dedicated their time. A big thank you to all those who donated for the raffle baskets! The night was a huge success because of our amazing community!

Food Drive

The Millgrove School Food Drive for the Flamborough Food Bank will begin on Monday, December 4th. Items will be collected daily from your child's classroom. The last day for donations will be Friday, December 15th. Watch the graph outside the French room as we track our progress towards our goal of 750 items. Some examples of food items that could be donated:

- lunch and healthy snack items for school-age children (peanut-free granola bars, juice boxes, crackers, pudding, jello and fruit cups...)
- canned fruits and vegetables
- canned meats
- canned chili or stew, chunky-style soups, pasta sauce and tomatoes, pork and beans
- instant breakfast items including cereal
- macaroni and cheese, dry pasta
- festive treats



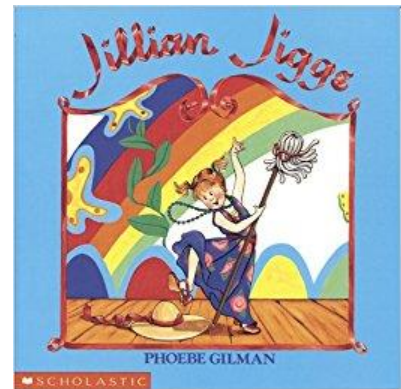
Thank you for caring and sharing!

Holiday Dinner and Skate

Our annual **Holiday Dinner and Skate** will be happening on Tuesday, December 5th at the Beverly Community Centre for all staff and students. Thank you to our parent council, all the parent volunteers, and our various community members for their generous donations.

Coming to Millgrove on January 22nd!

A big Thank You to our Parent Council for providing us with this amazing opportunity to keep the Arts alive at Millgrove!



Mitten and Sock Drive

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Mitten and Sock Drive! Students have been excited to bring in the items and to put an ornament on the "Millgrove Gives Back Tree" with their name on it! The response has been overwhelming and we will be able to keep many children warm this winter because of your help!



MEDICAL ALERT

Just a reminder that Millgrove is a NUT FREE School. We have both staff and students with severe life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Do not send any nut products to school with your child. Thank you!



Popcorn

Just a reminder that popcorn will be on sale every Friday during 2nd Nutrition Break for \$2.00!

Flavours include:

- Dill Pickle
- Kettle Corn
- Butter & Salt
- Cheddar Cheese



MacMillan's

Thank you to all families who have participated in our MacMillan's fundraiser. Delivery is scheduled for Friday, December 8th. Orders will be ready for pick-up by 9:30 am. These items are frozen so timely pick-up is important. Items not picked up around 9:30 will be placed outside the front doors on tables. We'll hope for freezing temperatures that day. Happy baking!

Every Child Reading By the end of Grade 1

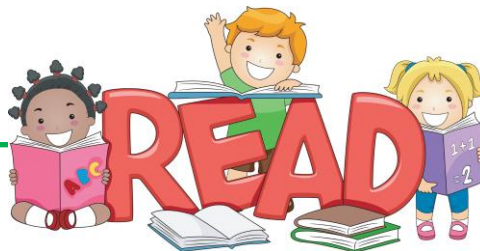
At Millgrove School, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate.

A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success.

In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms. Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.

We're pleased to welcome Mrs. Macartney in our school this year.

If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.



Winter Weather

Bus cancellations and school closures

How does HWDSB decide on bus cancellations and school closures?

- When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m.
- Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.
- For clear communication, HWDSB **does not** announce when schools are open – we only announce when schools are closed.



When do we make decisions?

HWDSB will announce the cancellation of school and board operations by 6 a.m. based on the best information at the time.

The HWDSB Rule:

**Inclement weather
+ Bus cancellation
= No school**

When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools. Some boards have different procedures.





What's the rule for extreme cold?

In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this **does not** automatically mean that schools will close. *In 2014, Trustees gave the Director (or designate) the discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold.*



Where do I find cancellation information?

We will share this announcement in a variety of ways:

- The HWDSB website www.hwdsb.on.ca
- HWDSB's Twitter account www.twitter.com/HWDSB
- HWSTS website www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca
- Local media outlets:
CBC Hamilton, CHCH TV, CHML, CKPC Brantford, Hamilton Community News, Hamilton Spectator.



Families always have a choice

A school cancellation is a tough decision – and some families may disagree with HWDSB's call. Families can always make the choice they feel is best when it comes to sending their child to school.

Dressing for the Weather

With winter weather soon upon us, please make sure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. On days where cold weather and snow are in the forecast, boots, mittens or gloves, a warm hat and a winter jacket should be worn. Snow pants may also be needed for children who will play in the snow.

Please remind your children of this as many feel that they do not have to wear what they come to school with during outside nutrition breaks.



The "Learning Through the Arts Program"

Once again, our grade 3-5 students will be part of a fantastic learning opportunity that focuses on differentiated instruction of CORE curriculum using the Arts as the vehicle for learning. This program was originally developed by the Royal Conservatory of Music, with the support of the Ministry of Education and supports learning in core curriculum subjects and content through the arts exploring either Dance, Drama, Music, Media or Visual Arts.



The goal of this program is to integrate the Arts as instructional strategies into core curriculum by having community artist's partner with our teachers. Emphasis is placed on using the Arts as a vehicle for learning. The professional artists receive extensive and ongoing training to support education, have numerous classroom experiences and many have been principal artists with the program for many years.

We are extremely excited about this opportunity for our Millgrove students and we will continue to keep you posted once the program begins in the New Year!

Stay Tuned...

We will be having a **Lockdown Drill** on December 14th. In case of a change in date, the new date will be posted on our website.

Staff will be preparing students in advance of the drill and our Community Liason Officer will be working with us.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

ORDER BY
DECEMBER 10TH
and have your photos
for the **Holidays!**

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Fall photo day orders placed **online at edgeimaging.ca** by **Sunday, December 10th** or by phone at **1-888-416-3343 (EDGE)** by **Friday, December 8th*** will have

guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays!

Technology Use



Just a reminder that student personal devices are not to be brought to school unless they are being used as an instructional tool with the permission of the classroom teacher. Parents who choose to allow their child to bring any device to school other than when requested to do so by the teacher must acknowledge that the school will not be held responsible for lost or stolen devices. In addition, devices are not to be used during nutrition breaks (both inside and outside time). Parents are asked to remind their children of appropriate use of these devices before and after school. Due to privacy issues, taking pictures or videos is not permitted. **"When the bell goes, the cell goes"**! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.



School Council News

A HUGE thank you to Gina Allen & Jackie Parry for organizing "The Night at the Gallery"! It was a huge success. Thanks ladies for all the work you put into planning this fun night for our school community!

It's almost that time of year, our annual **Dinner & Skate is on Tues Dec 5th**! Please make sure your child comes prepared with their **skates & mitts**. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that are helping out or donating food for the event. We usually have at least 100 parents at this great Millgrove tradition. See you Tuesday!

Join us, Sat Jan 27th to see former Millgrove Alumni, Team Canada & Oshawa Generals player, Mitchell Brewer play his first game in Hamilton against the Bulldogs. Tickets are just \$15 with \$2 going back to the school. Email jzylstra12@gmail.com for your tickets.





Thank-you!

Congratulations! Congratulations raffle winners!

- Gonda Voortman
- Ryan Taylor
- Alison Van Alten
- Jackie Parry
- Casie Alfonso
- Pete Sowden
- Veronica Marrone
- Kim Large

Thank-you for supporting Millgrove's Night at the Gallery fundraiser. Our gymnasium walls came alive with the amazing artwork of all our student's from JK to Grade 5. Millgrove staff got into the artistic spirit and helped make our "Emoji" Wall of Fame a highlight of the night!

Classrooms were a hub of shopping and craft activity that pleased attendees of all ages. Thank-you to all the local vendors who set-up shop at the event and our family volunteers for the fun "Make & Take" craft room.

Taste buds were treated to lots of scrumptious goodies too. Thank-you to our bakers and pizza professionals for feeding a hungry crowd.

The raffle was a tremendous success! Thank-you to the families and businesses who donated items for the raffle and to the talented volunteers who put it together.

We would like to recognize all the volunteers who helped make the Night at the Gallery possible. We hope you had fun participating in the event.

Through your support of the event over \$6000 was raised. With that money school council will continue to supplement learning opportunities that support student engagement throughout this school year. This includes funds for the maintenance of our playground structures and outdoor learning spaces, the purchase of learning tools and supplies and monies to subsidize special events and field trips throughout the year.

Again, thank-you for being a part of our school's family. We are grateful for your support.



Thank-you to our donors:

- Tim Horton's - Carlisle; Vector Equestrian; Crescent Mortgage Inc.;
- Growing Gardens Inc.; Splitsville Burlington; Dairy Queen; Real Sports Toronto;
- Theatre Aquarius; Clifton Hill; Eric's No Frill's - Waterdown;
- Sobey's - Waterdown; Carlisle Chiropractic; Mary Taborek, the McCannell Family, Alfonso Family, Hunter Family, Van Alten Family and Safko Family.



A Night at the Gallery

Millgrove Elementary School

"Every child is an artist." Pablo Picasso