



# 2018

## Happy New Year!

May the New Year bring  
joy, peace and happiness  
to you and your entire family!



### Dinner & Skate Thank You

On behalf of Millgrove staff and students we would like to extend a big thank you for bringing the community together once again during our Annual Dinner & Skate. It was so wonderful to see so many smiling faces from the staff, students, parents and volunteers. What a great way to come together and share a fantastic meal and some fun ice time. The food was delicious and all the volunteers went above and beyond to make the day extra special for Millgrove School!

A special Thank you to the amazing committee who made this day so successful for us.

# Thank You

### Dates to Remember:

- Every Monday is Pizza Day
- Every Wednesday is Lunch Lady
- Every Friday is Popcorn Day
- Jan 8 – First Day Back
- Jan 10 – Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Jan 18 – Movie Night @ 6:15 pm
- Jan 22 – Jillian Jiggs Performance
- Jan 26 – PA Day
- Feb 5 – Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Feb 7 – Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Feb 13 – Term 1 Reports Sent home
- Feb 19 – Family Day (no school)



Jabe B, Ethan M, Lincoln G,  
Zackery W, Sequoia D, Kendra P,  
Mekiah Z, Evan M, Ceara C,  
Samantha F, Lily B, Selah G,  
Samual P, Quillan G, Matthew L,  
Ewan R, Carter S, Colton S,  
Kirill G, Aaron K, Elana L

# 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.



**= No school**

# HWDSB

## Snow-clearing at HWDSB Schools

A responsibility shared by Board staff, contractors and the City of Hamilton



### HWDSB Staff

*Clear, salt and/or sand...*

- walkways from the city sidewalk to the school
- school steps and portable steps
- walkways to the portables
- ramps to schools and portables
- area outside entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs & ramps



### HWDSB Contractors

*After 5cm+ of snow, will...*

- Plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary
- Salt and sand the parking lot before school starts
- If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot



### City of Hamilton

*Responsible for clearing...*

- Snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City.
- **Note:** It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at **905-546-CITY (2489)**

## What about playgrounds?

Playgrounds **are not** plowed or cleared. Head Caretakers inspect playgrounds and sand and/or salt areas made slippery by changing temperatures.

Students, take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals concerned about weather or playground conditions may hold indoor recesses and lunch/nutrition breaks.





## *Benefits of outdoor play*

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience **fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside**. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

## *Preparing for the outdoors*

It's important that children come to school **prepared for the cold**. This means boots, mittens/gloves, hats and even extra mittens and socks in case they are needed.

### **Drinking Water Testing and Drinking Water Fixture Signage**

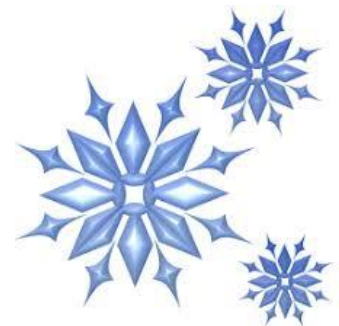
Ontario is continuing to protect children's health with new regulation changes aimed at improving drinking water testing in child care centres and schools to minimize children's exposure to lead.

New amendments to Ontario Regulation 243/07 that took effect July 1, 2017, now require lead testing within these facilities for all fixtures used to provide drinking water and/or prepare food or drink for children under 18. There is a three-year period to test at elementary schools and child care centres, and a five-year period to complete testing at secondary schools.

Ontario Regulation 243/07 also requires testing to measure the presence of lead in drinking water against the provincial drinking water quality standard of 10 micrograms per litre, based on a national guideline set by Health Canada.

As we go through testing each year at Millgrove you may notice stickers around certain sinks in the school. Any water fixture that is meant to provide water for consumption or for food preparation will be clearly labelled with a sign illustrating that the water is provided for drinking purposes. Water fountains will not have these signs as their intended purpose is for drinking.

#### **Signage**



## Staffing Announcement

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a couple of staffing updates at Millgrove. Mrs. Frizell and Mrs. Zuzek are off on a leave but it gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs. Holden and Ms. Bettencourt have been hired respectively as their replacement until their return. Welcome to our Millgrove staff!



### Food Drive

Thank you to our Millgrove families for helping us surpass our goal of 750 items. In total we raised 817 food items for the Flamborough Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity in helping us make this year's Food Drive a great success! A special thank you to Mrs. Nedelko and the grade 5 students for thinking of others during this holiday season.

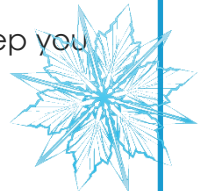
Way to go Mustangs!



**Remind** is a fantastic way to keep you notified of important events and reminders in our school!

Join our Millgrove School Parent Community! Download the Remind App to receive school reminders directly to your phone. To join, simply go to:

<https://www.remind.com/join/millgrove>



## 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!**



## School Council Corner

Happy New Year everyone! The Dinner & Skate was a wonderful event once again! Thank you to ALL the volunteers that helped out that day, we couldn't have done it without all of you! A HUGE thank you also to all the donors: The KIN Club of Flamborough, Strabane Optimist, Harvey's Swiss Chalet Waterdown, Brenn B Farms, Sobey's Waterdown, Foss Family, Fraleigh Family, Giunta Family, Hassaan Family, Howlett Family, Hulak Family, Keith Family, Longridge Family, Savoie Family, Thurgood Family and Whitehall Family.

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 [jylstra12@gmail.com](mailto:jylstra12@gmail.com) for your tickets.

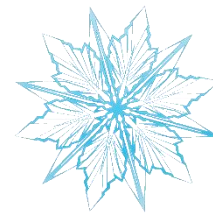
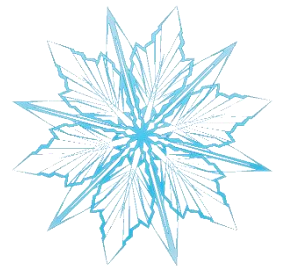
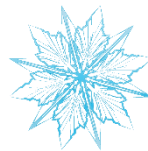


## HWDSB NUTRITION POLICY

The HWDSB has an approved Nutrition Policy set forth by the Ministry of Education. The purpose of the policy is to guide school communities in the development of healthy school nutrition environments in which everyone is encouraged to make nutritious food choices and beverage choices.

Schools are entitled to 10 Special Event Days in which food & beverages sold or served in schools are exempt from the nutrition standard outlined in the Policy. These 10 days are pre-determined and include special holidays and lunches.

Unfortunately, birthdays do not fall under the 10 Special Event days. Please refrain from sending in cakes, cupcakes, donuts or other sweets to celebrate a birthday unless it is a take home treat. Cheese, vegetable and fruit trays are a great alternative!



## 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!

