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<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/millgrove/>

**Save the date:**

November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent-Teacher Interviews in evening and morning. The progress report is a snapshot of how your child is adjusting to the school year. It includes both learning skills and academic achievement.

Children do better at school when their families are involved. Families, educators and caregivers who work as partners enjoy a meaningful relationship and share valuable communication that can support a child's sense of trust, belonging, well-being and success as a learner. The kindergarten reports offer:

- clear, meaningful information about your child's learning
- three formal opportunities to hear from your child's educators throughout the school year
- a basis for supporting ongoing communication between home and school.

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/understanding\\_your\\_childs\\_report\\_en.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/understanding_your_childs_report_en.pdf)

Additional information to help parents support their child's learning at home:

- Publications for parents on the Ministry of Education's website ([ontario.ca/EDUparents](http://ontario.ca/EDUparents))
- Reading and Writing with your Child (K-6) ([edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit.html](http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit.html))
- Doing Math with Your Child (K-6) ([edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html](http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html))

Thank you to the many parent volunteers who have completed their volunteer check with Ms Minardi. Volunteers are a valuable part of our school community. Please check out the volunteer section on the Millgrove web site or call the school for information.

School Cash Online provides an easy way to pay for school activities and excursions. Visit the home page at <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option. Please contact (toll-free): Parent Help Desk: 1-866-961-1803 or email: [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com) if you need assistance. This access number will remain the same for your child's HWDSB school career.

Thank you so much to all our parent and grandparent volunteers who came out Friday to clean up the playground! It was a great day working outside with the kids! If you haven't already you should come take a look at our school yard, it's a great place to get to grow and learn! The kids worked so hard cleaning up, it was great to see the pride they took in their school yard! The FDK's planted bulbs in their planters that they can watch come up in the spring and were also able to harvest carrots that the FDK's planted at the spring GFG! A special thank you to Terra Greenhouse for the donation of bulbs! Thank you to everyone who donated hostas, bulbs, wheelbarrows and tools to use as well as their time and energy! Thank you to the Patchev family for bringing your trailer again and disposing of all the debris! Thank you to the staff for the amazing lunch you provided for the volunteers, it was delicious as always and a great time to connect! Hope to see everyone again at the spring Go For Green!

Millgrove is a nut-safe school. Snack / lunch time is very busy and with your support, we can make eating time healthy, enjoyable and independent for our students.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/canada-food-guides.html>

Healthy eating at Millgrove School: Please help us to ensure that your child will learn to choose healthy foods over those full of sugar and other preservatives by sending healthy foods to school. The best healthy foods include fruits, vegetables, cut up and in reusable containers to minimize garbage, cheese and yogurt, whole grain crackers and bread, sandwiches and warm meals in a thermos. Refillable water bottles are best for your child as they close/reopen during the day, unlike a juice box. Involve your child in choosing the foods to include in their snack / lunch. This helps to ensure that they eat the food and that you are aware of changes in their food likes and dislikes. Remember that pop, chips, candy and chocolate bars should not be packed in your child's lunch. By saving sugary treats for home and special occasions, your child will learn good eating habits that will last a life time. Please try to limit the number of Halloween treats in your child's lunch to 1 or 2 items.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Dance-a-thon fundraiser, it has proved to be a huge success! To date it has raised over \$5500.00 and still counting - WOW!!! A special thank you goes out to these families for your contribution to this event: Thank you to Julie Hunter, Laura Zonta & Lise Ciaverella for heading this up and keeping track of all the pledges!

Thank you to Mike Patchev for providing the music! Thank you to the Putoczki, Gerritsen and Fadel family for the donation of the prizes! Thank you to all the parents who helped with decorating, supervision and serving the pizza lunch! Thank you to the kids!!! Way to go Mustangs for your great pledge collections and awesome dancing!!!

I look forward to seeing you again at Parent-teacher interviews on November 1 and 2.

Denise Minardi, Principal