



Millgrove Elementary School

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Good Afternoon Millgrove Families,

Monday September 9, 2024

We had a wonderful first week at school! The classrooms, hallways, and playground have been full of engagement, learning, wondering and making new friends. The start of the school year is a time of new beginnings, creating healthy routines, and opportunities for all students to experience a sense of belonging, engage in dynamic learning, and reach their full potential.

A reminder that our **bell times are 8:45am and 3:05pm**. School supervision begins at 8:30am. We are striving to minimize transitions and interruptions to classroom learning, and kindly ask that all parents and visitors check in at the office with Ms. Gunn if you arrive late, or need to leave early. **Nutrition breaks are 10:25am-11:05am, and 1:05pm-1:45pm.**

Special Lunch and Snack Days

Food items are now available for purchase using school cash online, and include Pizza Fridays, Popcorn Tuesdays, and Booster Juice biweekly on Mondays. All orders are *due online on September 25th*. Please review the calendar attached for start dates. If you or someone you know requires financial assistance please connect with Ms. Gunn in the office.

Terry Fox

Millgrove will be participating in Terry Fox activities on *Thursday September 19th*. Please review the attached letter from Ms. Mason for more information.

Professional Activity Day

No school for students on *Friday September 20th*, staff will be participating in collaborative learning.

Family Communication

Millgrove school information calendars will be sent monthly to support planning for school events. Student safety is top priority... please ensure that the school (your child's teacher/office, and before and after care staff are all made aware of an absence or any changes in the daily routine for dismissal.

SchoolMessenger

Millgrove and all HWDSB schools use SchoolMessenger to notify families about unexplained absences, as well as other important announcements. Families can use the

free [SchoolMessenger app or website](#) to choose how they wish to receive these messages. Please contact your child(ren)'s school to provide current - or to change - your information.

School Council

Every school in Ontario is required to have a school council to work collaboratively with the principal to improve student achievement and to enhance accountability of the school with parents/guardians. Kindly consider joining our wonderful council. Our first meeting is **September 24th at 6:30pm in our Learning Commons**. Nomination forms stating your interest are attached. ** Please return your completed form to the school office by *Thursday September 19th*. Regular meetings will occur on Thursdays directly following our school staff meetings.

Parent Portal

A reminder to complete the following forms in the portal:

- Media Consent Form to share information virtually
- Early Closure and Emergency Evacuation information
- Student Information /Verification Forms
- Updated Medical Plans of Care

Code of Conduct

HWDSB is committed to making each one of its schools a caring place that is safe for learning. Every student deserves to feel and be safe in a school, on the school grounds, on the school bus and at school events and activities. Visit HWDSB's [Code of Conduct webpage](#) to learn about these changes.

At Millgrove, we are committed to partnering with our families to ensure that your child(ren)'s school experience reflects HWDSB's values – dignity, trust, compassion and joy. We are committed to ensuring your child(ren) are celebrated for who they are, experience safe and caring school environments and are supported to achieve their own academic success and positive learning outcomes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out at Millgrove School at 905-689-4544 or millgrove@hwdsb.on.ca. Have a great few weeks, looking forward to seeing everyone at our meet the educator evening on Tuesday October 8th!

Sincerely,

Tracy Walsh
Principal, Millgrove School

