

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

It was great to earn one environmental grant for Milliken Mills High School in the early Fall, but as this school year begins to wind down, the Geography Department was proud to win a second grant by the Ministry of Education. This one was a team effort by members of the Geography Department consisting of Christina Bazzo, Marilyn Buxton, Chris Heath and Mark Watkin. Together they won over \$1200 to purchase plants, flowers and bushes for the new roundabout that Milliken Mills is now proud to have. Maybe lightning DOES strike twice in the same spot....



We look forward to seeing the new improvements before the end of the year.

M. Watkin (Head of Geography)

Mathematical News

Congratulations to all students that wrote the many Math contests in Semester 2. We are awaiting many of the results of the contests written in April. We will be celebrating the successes of these contest writers with our Mathematical Celebration in late May or early June. Great Work Everyone!!

EQAO Math (for Semester 2 Grade 9 students) will be written in class on Monday June 14 and Tuesday June 15. Teachers will be working with students in their classes to help students prepare for the test. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

I would like to formally welcome Mr. Paul DeLyon to the Mathematics Department. He joined the department after March Break.

Keith Auyeung (Head of Mathematics)



Science Department Breaking News

Four senior Biology (SBI 4U) students, Manpreet Lamba, Puneet Labana, Rumsha Nadeen and Gargi Patel were selected (by Mrs. K. Reid) to participate in the Annual Biotechnology Day on Thursday May 6, 2010. This is the fifth year that YRDSB has been offering this program and is a wonderful opportunity for our students. Teachers and students will travel to THREE different sites throughout the day and participate in a tour of various biotechnology facilities (including IBM labs, Pfizer Labs and Sanofi-Pasteur Labs).



Our department is also busy preparing our students for the following Competitions:

1. York University – Engineering and Science Competition – (P. Kyriakou and J. Ho - Coordinators) - Apr 28, 2010
2. University of Toronto National Biology Competition (K. Reid- coordinator) – Apr 29, 2010
3. U of Waterloo - Sir Isaac Newton Competition – (M. Vigneault - Coordinators) – May 06, 2010.
4. U of Waterloo – Avogadro and Chem 13 news - - (N. Qureshi and D. Chung - Coordinators) – May, 2010.



On April 12th, 2010, a group of our students competed in the annual York Region Science Olympics at Bill Crothers Secondary School. A huge congratulation goes out to all participants for their outstanding performance as well as our team of senior student coaches for their support. In particular our junior team (see below), including Jennifer Lou, Chung Zheng, Patty Hu, Victor Vuong and Kitty Lin, out-competed 35 other teams to earn 1st place in the Chemistry competition! Our thanks to Science Teachers, Ms. Ho and Mr. Vigneault for their planning and organization of this event. Great job everyone!

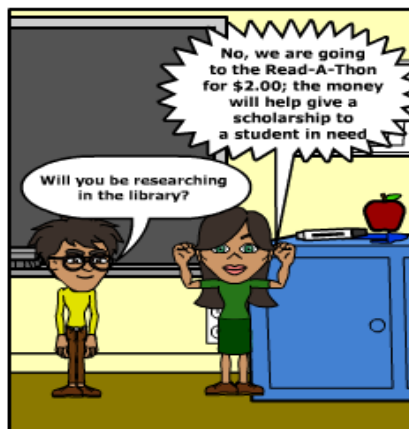


Stay tuned for

competition results in June! - K. Reid (Head of Science)

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'Upcoming Read-a-thon'



by Mrs. Saxena

GUIDANCE NEWS

(輔導辦公室重要的消息)

Summer School Information:

(關於暑期學校的資料)

Attention all students interested in taking summer school courses either for acceleration or for reinforcement. Please be aware that registration is now taking place online through the career cruising website. Come to the guidance office to pick up the registration instructions and an orange information sheet. Also be aware that signed confirmation of your registration must be submitted to the guidance office.

Planning for Post-Secondary Education:

(第10和11年級的學生準備計劃未來)

Any grade 10 and grade 11 students who are interested in both "planning ahead" and getting scholarships when they graduate, are invited to speak to Mrs. Mantell in the Guidance Office.

In planning for the future, please note that on Wednesday night, October 20th, 2010, Milliken Mills High School will be hosting an information open house for all of our community. You are invited to speak with representatives of colleges and universities from our province who will be in attendance. In your planning, please also do research on the programs available at college by visiting the ontariocolleges.ca (OCAS) site and check out universities' programs at www.electronicinfo.ca

Further, the entire MMHS community is invited to join a list server which will keep you informed of upcoming events, scholarships and so forth of interest to our Milliken family. Send an email to millikenlists@mmhs.ca. In the body of the message, include the command: Join MMHS GuidanceNews@mmhs.ca. Please take care to use an address other than hotmail or yahoo.

Getting Ready for Graduation:

(12年級準備畢業的學生)

All grade 12 students are invited to check the Potential Grad List in the guidance office to make sure that they have fulfilled all the requirements in order to merit a high school diploma. Remember that you need to have passed the literacy test, done 40 hours of community service and successfully completed 18 compulsory and 12 optional courses. Please speak to Ms. Mantell if you have any questions with regard to the grad list.

Please note that the **Class of 2010** will have their Commencement (Graduation Ceremony) on Tuesday, June 29th, 2010 at the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, 3223 Kennedy Rd, Scarborough.

Volunteer Now:

(現在就參加義務工作)

Looking for volunteer opportunities over the summer? Please check the volunteers binder in the guidance office for possible placements.

Thank you,
Mr. J. George, Mrs. P. Mantell, Mr. L. McCutcheon, Ms. D. Fanous

Personalized Alternative Education News

Students looking for motivation to challenge, change and grow themselves may be interested in joining the burgeoning Duke of Edinburgh's Duke of Ed. Club at Milliken in September.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all young people, equipping them with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their community and their country. The Award is flexible and can be done by anyone aged 14-25 in their own time: mental or physical ability or social circumstances should never be a barrier. Moreover, the individual chooses what activities to do depending on his/her interests and resources. There are three levels of the Award in which you can participate - Bronze, Silver and Gold, with each successive level demanding increased commitment. To gain an Award, all four Sections (plus an additional requirement of a Residential Project at Gold level only) must be tackled for the specified minimum period of time. The Sections are: Community Service; Adventurous Journey; Skill; and Physical Recreation.

Chris Williams, Head of Personalized Alternative Education at Milliken Mills High School, is one of a number of Duke of Ed volunteers who will be honoured and celebrated at our Annual General Meeting & Reception on Thursday, April 29. Chris, a dedicated volunteer for 10 years, has coached a number of Milliken Mills students through the Award programme including three Alternative Education students who made it all the way to their gold standard. We thank him for his efforts!

Megan Wainman
Programme Co-ordinator
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Take the challenge
Live the achievement

ELL – ALEP Cooking Program

From March 2 to April 13, 2010, the ELL-ALEP students of the Alternative Education Department participated in an informative cooking program organized by the PACT Program. This program was funded by the Rotary Club. Eighteen students, and two teachers, Miss Wang and Ms. Sullivan, took part in this fantastic culinary experience.

Each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:30pm, alongside professional chefs La-toya Fagon and Ian Martin from Twist Catering, students learned how to prepare and cook quick and cost effective meals. This activity was part of the students' workplace credit program. After six weeks of refining their culinary skills, the students' talents were put to the test in the culminating project: prepare and serve a full course lunch to guests from the Dreams Inc. organization in Markham. The lunch was a huge success!

The ELL-ALEP students transformed Room 124 into a full service restaurant complete with servers and kitchen staff. After greeting the guests and serving a delicious lunch, the day ended with an awards ceremony celebrating the students' success.
M. Sullivan, S. Wang



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

“On the twenty-first day of the month of September, in an early year of a decade not too long before our own, the human race suddenly encountered a deadly threat to its very existence...”

On Monday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. the students of Milliken Mills High School will present *Little Shop of Horrors!*

This full-length musical theatre show, with its cast of talented student actors and musicians, will be the production you don't want to miss this year! Come out and see if shy Seymour gets the girl, watch Mushnik's Skid Row Florist shop finally get its big break, and hear the "Doo-Wop Girls" tell everyone all about the "strange and interesting new plant" that makes it all happen.

Tickets will go on sale in early May, and will be **\$8.00** each. Cast members and the Music Department will have tickets available... get yours before they're gone, but ***Don't Feed the Plants!***

(*The cast of *Little Shop* are looking for generous sponsors to support our show. If you or your business/organization would like to make a donation or provide materials to support this student production, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Kervin at Milliken Mills H.S., 905-477-0072, ext. 578. or jocelyn.kervin@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

More "Notes" from the Music Department ☺

In addition to the school musical, the MMHS Music Department has been extremely busy this winter! We have rehearsed like crazy, traveled to the opera (twice!), and have developed our teamwork and friendships at social events such as Movie Nights and Games Nights. Later this Spring, we hope to host a Murder Mystery Night for Music students and guests, and we will wrap up our year with the annual Music Awards Night and Banquet, where we recognize and celebrate student achievement in Music.

If you would like to see the results of all our hard work and practice, we will be presenting our annual Spring Music concert, *Vivace*, on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**. Our audience will be treated to fantastic performances by our bands, choirs, and small ensembles, and will be awed by the most amazing grand finale of the season! Speak to any Music student about tickets to this wonderful musical extravaganza. See you there!

Community – Based Education Department

This semester our co-op students are out earning credits in a variety of work placements. New placements for this semester are Mt. Joy Animal Clinic, Richmond Hill Center For The Performing Arts, Dr. Fred Weksberg & Associates, Indus Systems, Warden Animal Hospital, Pinkoskys, Moss Park Armory, Nedco Electric Supplies, and Briarlane Property Management. Our long-term partners in the community continue to support the program. We thank all of them for their participation and will graciously feed them during our student-run Annual Employer BBQ at the end of the semester!!

The OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) coordinators at the board level have created more opportunities for second semester again this year. Students in grade 12 who will be graduating this year can once again take a 4 credit co-op package and also earn their Level One in several trades at no cost by attending Community College for 8 weeks during the second semester. If your organization would like to assist us in helping students get valuable on the job experience please contact Miss Robin Mitchell or Ms. Kelly Leblanc at 905-477-0072 ext. 123. As well, students entering the workforce after High School graduation are invited to attend the FAST TRACK TO THE WORKPLACE Symposium on May 12, 2010. Please come to the Co-op office in room 123 for more information.

Chinese Parents Information Session



On Saturday March 27th, Cantonese and Mandarin speaking parents gathered in the MMHS cafeteria to find out more about the Education System. Many thanks to our settlement worker, Ms. Wai Chi Wu (*SEPYR*) for partnering with MMHS staff.