

GEOGRAPHY NEWS

It's official; the Environmental Club Green Inc. at Milliken Mills High School in Markham is well on their way to working towards becoming an Eco school. We've input all the data of what we are currently doing in the school. Now it's time to decide what we're going to change for the better.

Amongst the things that will be changing, will be a grant to 'green' our property and naturalize our grounds. \$1000 was awarded to our school from Metro Stores EcoGrant. The money will be towards the planting of bushes and flowers around various trees in the front to help prevent them from bicycle damage. Mark Watkin, in charge of the club accepted the grant with Principal Reid Wilshire. "We are all so proud of our students for volunteering and wanting to do this for our school. It just goes to show how great our community is," says Mr. Wilshire.

We look forward to seeing the results of Green Inc. in the spring.



From left to right: Jim Brant (store manager), Mark Watkin, Reid Wilshire accepting the EcoSchool Grant.

MMHS Cross Country Team



Members of the MMHS Cross Country Team take a breather at OFSAA. Amazing job! The 2009-2010 Team was coached Ms. Williams with pride.

French Department News



Quelle excursion intéressante!

Mid November the combined grade 11/12 classe de français with Monsieur Thomas took "un voyage" à Toronto to the Théâtre Français de Toronto to see *Les Zurbains*- a play written en français by students for students about urban living in various centres: Montréal, Toronto and smaller francophone areas. The scenarios were excellently executed by a very talented acting troupe from Montréal and we all enjoyed the entertainment. Following the play we headed to Place Saint Laurent (a completely French retirement home) to interview the residents whose origins are very international in the francophone world: Africa, France, Lebanon, Québec, New Brunswick, Manitoba and northern Ontario. Each student was paired with a resident and conducted biographical interviews (completely en français) about their partner and then presented these very interesting stories to the class upon their return to M.M.H.S. Both the residents and students thoroughly enjoyed the experiences. We then headed to the Quartier Distillery (Distillery District) for a tour (en français) of the older Toronto buildings and the boutiques, shops and art galleries.

Les classes along with Monsieur Thomas and Senora Pereira ended the busy day with a relaxing "déjeuner" (lunch) at the restaurant Le Papillon where we enjoyed their classic crêpes and gâteau chômeur. Délicieux! Quelle journée formidable!

International High School in Korea

YRDSB secondary students are invited to participate in a unique exchange experience with a prestigious international high school in Busan, Korea. The Busan International High School has a built a reputation for excellence as one of Korea's most illustrious high schools.

Exchange dates:

YRDSB students to Busan – April 1 to 17

Busan students to YRDSB – May 1 to 17

An information session for students and parents will take place: Tuesday February 9, 2010

Richmond Hill H.S. Cafeteria

7:00 to 8:30 pm

For more information, visit this web page:

<http://www.yrlc.on.ca/yrdsb/korean-exchange.html>