

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

He or she who gets hired is not necessarily the one who can do that job best; but, the one who knows most about how to get hired." Richard Bolles. MMHS students involved in Community-Based Education are learning valuable Employability Skills while earning credits. Once again, this semester's students have represented our school extremely professionally and are learning hands-on skills from trained professionals in fields such as computer engineering, graphic design, film production, primary school teaching, marketing, electrical repair, auto service, fashion design, accounting, law, optometry, cosmetology, the armed forces, law enforcement, child care, dentistry, medical treatment, and the art of cuisine, among others.

In other news Eric Chim, who is in his second year of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, is taking part in a new Accelerated OYAP Program in the field of Auto Service at Centennial College. Eric will not only receive 4 High School credits this semester but will receive his College Level I training in Auto Service as well. He is currently working for Master Chiu's Auto in Markham. This semester has seen an increase in the number of students in the three different co-op programs. Many of the same community partners are participating along with the following new placements: Midland Child Care Center, Kinark Child and Family Services, the law office of Still McCalmont Daly Ung, and Chuck Stokes Electric Ltd.

Thank-you to all of the companies and organizations that take our students!

The interviews for applicants to all co-op programs for next year have just finished and we in the Co-op Department are looking forward to another year of exciting experiential learning opportunities for our students at MMHS. If you, or your organization, are interested in helping a student get valuable hands-on experience please contact Miss Mitchell or Ms. Ramos at 905-477-0072 ext. 123.

Disney Dreams Come True

by Anita Boyd-Diamond

May 14th had finally arrived. At 5:00 am, nearly 300 students and volunteers converged upon the Air Canada maintenance hangar. Now that our day at Disney World in Florida was upon us, would the expectations live up to the reality? Abdul Cileeban, Brian Lee, Neelam Asif, Wisam Siddiquie and Mrs. Boyd-Diamond had the time of their lives! The huge send-off party included celebrities, singers, magicians, dancers and a live elephant, who bid us farewell as we embarked on "Mickey 1". After an exhilarating take-off the Captain informed us, "We've reached cruising altitude. Commence pillow fight." A toilet paper race down the airplane aisles followed that mayhem. Former Leafs Captain, Doug Gilmore, defeated our contender, flight attendant "Crazy George". Then the real fun began after our bus took us to the ferry that floated us over to The Magic Kingdom. The rides, the shows, the weather, the fireworks, Wisam telling me I look like a kid – all conspired to make this day fantastic! Walter Gretsky sponsored our group, and the volunteers and staff from Air Canada and Dreams Take Flight tended to our every need and remarked on how great our students were. I was very proud of them. We have stories to tell and photos to show. Would I do it again? Yes!



NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

All grade 12 students are reminded to check the potential grad list posted on the guidance office window. It is important to make sure that you have met all the requirements: 18 compulsory credits, 12 optional credits, 40 hours of community service and a successful passing of the literacy test. Please see **Mrs. Mantell in the guidance office if you have any questions.**

Two of our grade 12 students, **Priya Leena Singh and Arnold Lai, are representing our school and also our country in Atlanta, Georgia, USA for a week** at the end of April. They are competing at **the International Career Development Conference. They earned the right to do so because of their success in provincial contests.**

Priya Leena Singh and Arnold Lai are outstanding all round students who have a particular interest and passion in business and have worked hard to excel. Priya has already accepted a place in the Queen's ISC program in England and Arnold will be at the Schulich School of Business at York University.

Summer School applications are now available. If a student wishes to go to Summer School for either acceleration or reinforcement, please come to the Guidance office to pick up an application.

Workplace Conferences

This May the Guidance Department will be running two exciting field trips for students thinking of entering a skilled trade. On May 16 we will be heading to the "Fast Track to The Workplace Conference" for students who are graduating in June and directly entering the workplace or an apprenticeship placement. Students will learn how they can better prepare themselves to be successful in the workplace. May 6th we will be sending 46 female students to the "Women in the Workplace Conference" Students will be travelling to Waterloo where they will hear from many women who work in the trades. They will tour the Ontario Technological Skills Competition and Career Showcase, and will themselves have the opportunity to participate in a hands on competition. Both of these conferences are organized by Skills Canada. To learn about more opportunities offered to prepare you for your career, make an appointment and come visit us in Guidance. We will be happy to assist you.

Learning to 18

Reporting your child's absence

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Education Act Respecting Pupil Learning to the Age of 18 and Equivalent Learning*, provides for an expanded range of opportunities to support students and also requires that the responsibility for absent students must be addressed to ensure continuity of their learning.

You must complete the Notification of Expected Return to School Form if your child will not be returning from vacation within the first 30 days of school in September and every subsequent 15 days after that.

Please note that you must contact the school within 15 days to inform the school of continuing absence and to ensure that your child's name remains on the register. Your child will be removed from the register if you do not contact the school within 15 days to inform the school of continued absence;

If you do not complete the Notification of Expected Return to School Form, your child may be required to attend school at an alternate location where space is available, given the current accommodation issues in the Board and the Ministry of Education's requirements for class size caps.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All personal belongings must be removed from lockers by Friday, June 20th, 2008. Anything left in lockers after this date will be disposed of or given to a charity.

All locks are the property of the school. Please Do Not Remove Locks.

All members of the Milliken Mills High School community are invited to join our list server. We post information on scholarship, volunteer and summer possibilities for our students.

To join this mail server, send an email to: millikenlists@mmhs.ca
In the body of the email include the command:
JOIN MMHS GuidanceNews@mmhs.ca