



## Millwood Elementary School Newsletter October/November 2021

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### Up Coming Dates:

- **October 20: SAC virtual meeting**
- **October 22: Conference Day (no school for students)**
- **November 11: Remembrance Day (no school)**
- **November 16: Picture Retakes**
- **November 19: Assessment and Evaluation Day (no school for students)**
- **November 25: PD in the AM and Parent Teacher Interviews (no school for students)**

### Connor's Corner Update

In collaboration with the SAC and SOS committees, we have purchased a tree to be planted near our new outdoor classroom in memory of Mamie Connors. Mamie was a member of the school community for many many years and was our Lead Excel teacher and lunch monitor. The SOS committee is coordinating the planting of the tree. Once it is planted, grade level classes will have the opportunity to plant two bulbs at the base of the tree. Excel students are also working on painting rocks to be placed at the base of the tree in Mamie's memory. Thank you Jojo and the S.O.S. committee for taking the lead on coordinating this project.

### Millwood Elementary School Advisory Council

We would like to thank Natalie Lafleche for stepping forward and volunteering her time to be our SAC chair. The Millwood Elementary School Advisory Council focuses on issues related to student achievement and well-being. Our meetings for the 2021-2022 school year will be held virtually and we will meet 5 times during the school year.

The School Advisory Council now has an email address: [Hrce-sac-mle@gnsps.ca](mailto:Hrce-sac-mle@gnsps.ca). If you have any questions, issues or concerns related to SAC, please do not hesitate to reach out. Once monthly meeting minutes have been approved by the SAC members they will be uploaded to our school website.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

On November 25 there will be school PD in the morning and Parent Teacher interviews for the remainder of the day. Parent teacher interviews will occur over the phone or via a video conference. An appointment request notice will still be sent home mid November indicating how you can sign up for an interview time. Even though we cannot meet in person, it is still important to be able to have a back and forth conversation with your child's teacher. All parents are encouraged to make an appointment to hear about their child's progress so far this year.

### **Cancelling School in the event of Severe or Inclement Weather**

Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the Centre's website at <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>, on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded on 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school and bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link above to set up an account.

### **Holiday Concert**

Due to current health guidelines and continuing concerns of community spread of COVID-19 in the central region we will not be having an in-person holiday concert this school year. However, Ms. Baker-Skinner is looking forward to working with the students to create a virtual holiday celebration that will be shared with families before the December break. More information will be shared late in November or early December.

### **Before arriving at school/Daily Screening**

We need families to continue to monitor the health of their child(ren) each day before they come to school using the COVID-19 Daily Checklist (posted on our website). Students should remain home when they are ill, even if their symptoms are mild, and contact 811 for guidance. I have also attached information that can help you determine when your child may return to school if they had to remain home because they were ill.

### **Essential Visitors Only**

According to public health guidelines, only essential visitors are permitted in the building. They will review the COVID-19 Daily Checklist and confirm they have no symptoms. They will wear a mask in accordance to public health guidelines while in the building.

Michelle Andrews  
Principal