



## Upcoming Events

### October

- 4 Cross Country Meet
- 10 Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Tournament
- 11 Pizza Lunch
- 16 Cross Country Conference
- 25 Cross Country Finals
- 26 Grade 6 V.I.P. Presentation  
Halloween Dance

## Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call:  
416-395-3951

Kindly leave a message with your child's full name, homeroom number and reason for absence.



# MVMS Newsletter



## Message from Administration

Welcome back to all our students and staff to Milne Valley Middle School. A new school year, and new beginnings! Milne Staff work diligently to maintain a safe and caring school environment where all students will feel welcomed and grow academically.

Thank you to the caretaking team, the office staff, the support staff and the teachers who have worked hard to make sure that September ran smoothly.

Thank you to the many families who were able to join us for the Curriculum Evening on September 13. It was a good turn-out where families had the opportunity to meet with the Grade Team Teachers.. Following the Curriculum Evening, many parents were able to remain for the first School Council Meeting. Parents / Guardians are always welcome to join the School Council at any time during the year. Come out and learn about the happenings at Milne and the wonderful work done by our School Council. The following week families had the opportunity to learn more about the Grade 7 Mono Cliffs overnight excursion in December and the Ottawa Trip in May.

The school year has started off well, with many extra-curricular activities already in the offering. Choir, Cross Country, Future Aces, WE Day, Free the Children, Student Council, Soccer, Maker Club and the list will certainly continue to grow!

Parents, as we move forward through the school year, we ask that you remember to check the Milne Valley MS webpage and its calendar regularly for announcements and updated information. If you wish to speak with the teachers or the administration, please call the school office directly. Finally, in case of emergencies, it is important that the school office have up-to-date contact information for families. Please alert us if your contact information changes at any time. We look forward to a successful school year working with you and your children!

Your partners in education,

B. Fong and C. Harvey Kerr

# School Council News

Congratulations to the following who were elected at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Parent Council meeting for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

Chair: Omair Tahir

Secretary: Zaiba Bachoo

Treasurer: Dilnur Abduraheem

Communications: Sim Frayne

Thank you to the outgoing Chairs Samina Alim and Syed A Mazher Hussain for all of their hard work and dedication last year.

We would also like to thank all the other parent volunteers that have helped, and continue to help out in many ways to lead or support various initiatives and events at the school. To keep our community up to date about initiatives and opportunities, the School Council has launched a Council website. Please visit

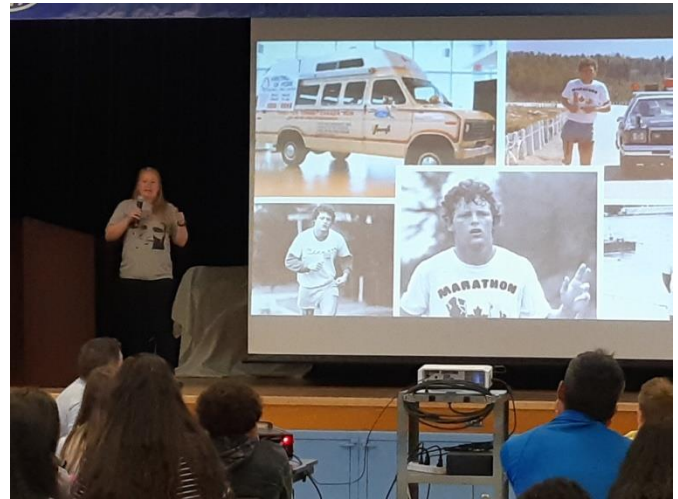
<https://sites.google.com/view/milnecouncil/home>

We encourage all parents to get more involved by attending the council meeting. We need your support!

Please come out to our next meeting on Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

To subscribe to School Council mailing list please go to

[Milne Valley Parent Council Email List](#)



*Terry Fox Kick Off Assembly*

## Terry Fox Run

Our IB Learner trait for the month of September is caring. Milne Valley's MYP students learn about each trait by connecting to an influential person who embodies the trait. The trait of caring is exemplified in Terry Fox.

The Terry Fox Kickoff Assembly included a visit from Lisa from Terry Fox Canada who taught students about the distance Terry ran each day. Lisa also shared information about the prosthetic leg Terry used. Each student was challenged to bring a toonie for Terry.

Our Terry Fox Run took place on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Students walked, jogged and ran around the perimeter of the school to recognize Terry's contribution to cancer research. This year Milne Valley staff and students raised \$ 2, 055. Our top three fundraising classes were:

1. 6-5 raised \$281
2. 7-6 raised \$230
3. 8-8 raised \$151

Thank you for Mr. Shim for his organization of the Terry Fox Run at Milne Valley for the past 15 years supporting students and staff to raise \$56 000. Our Terry Fox Run was fantastic way to end our focus on caring for the month of September.





# Aussie Football Comes To Milne Valley

Milne Valley students had the opportunity to learn a new sport this fall, Aussie Football. Aussie X explores growth mindset through the Australian sport of footy. Students were challenged to “Have A Go” at something new. The program incorporates movement, mindfulness and mateship encouraging students to build their resilience and confidence. Milne Valley looks forward to working with the staff from X - Movement again later in the school year.

## October IB Trait – Open Minded

Open Minded is the IB learner trait for October. Milne Valley MYP students are encouraged to understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories. They are supported to be open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They seek out and evaluate different points of view, and are willing to grow from this experience.

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple exemplifies the trait, open-minded. Jobs challenged his creative team to “think differently” resulting in a variety of technological innovations such as personal laptops, touch screen tablets and the iPhone.



# Community Service at MVMS

Community Service is an important part of the MYP program and enables students to become active members of the community, as well as preparing them for community service requirements in high school.

The grade six and grade seven community service programs began with kick-off assemblies at the end of September, and is officially starting at the beginning of October. Students are reminded that their community service hours and reflections must be complete by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Grade six requires six hours of community service with at least two meaningful activities in one of the three categories of community - local, school, and global. Grade seven students must complete seven hours in at least two of the categories, with a minimum of two meaningful activities in each.

Grade eight students are required to complete the MYP Community Project. The project reflects the IB ideology to put their ideas regarding community service into action in order to address a need in the local, school, or global community. The Community Project should take approximately fifteen hours to complete over the course of the school year.

The investigation phase of the project must be completed by the end of November and needs to be reviewed by the student or group's teacher advisor. Students who need suggestions for community service hours or community project ideas, can speak to their homeroom teacher/staff advisor or to Ms. Masci or Mr. Matte.

For more information, please check the Community Service Booklet or the Grade 8 Community Project Manual.



## Road Safety Campaign

It's back to school time and the TDSB is launching a three-week-long road safety campaign aimed to raise awareness and promote road safety around schools.

You will notice the City of Toronto "Whoa! Slow down" lawn signs displayed on school property. These signs are intended to remind drivers to slow down in school zones!

In recent years, TDSB staff has been working closely with the City of Toronto's Transportation Services, Toronto Public Health and other community partners to improve road safety for school aged children and youth in the City of Toronto. In 2017, the TDSB launched its Traffic Safety Program (TSP), which encourages the implementation of education and engineering measures to improve safety. The TSP program aligns with the City of Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan – a five year \$108 million plan to reduce the number of traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Toronto's roads.

To learn more about road safety, please visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Road-Safety>

## Islamic Heritage Month

The Government of Canada first established October as Islamic History Month (IHM) in 2007, recognizing, "the important contributions of Canadian Muslims to Canadian society, the cultural diversity of the Canadian Muslim community, and the importance of Canadians learning about each other to foster greater social cohesion." On 22 June 2016, TDSB Trustees voted to designate the month of October as Islamic Heritage Month (IHM). The following autumn, "Reflect. Celebrate. Learn." was chosen as the theme of our inaugural IHM 2017.

This year, the TDSB's theme for IHM 2018 is, "Our Journey Continues..." We encourage all members of the TDSB community to join us in continuing to learn about the heritage and history, culture and ongoing contributions of our Muslim fellow-Canadians. A variety of IHM 2018 events and learning activities are planned throughout the month of October for students and staff across TDSB. Learn more at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

## Somali Heritage Month

Somali Heritage Month is recognized at the TDSB in October. At the Regular Board meeting held on June 22, 2016, the TDSB Board of Trustees resolved that the month of October in each year, be declared as Somali Heritage Month. The TDSB affirms our commitment to celebrating Somali Heritage Month, and encourages students and staff to take this opportunity to learn about the history, heritage and diversity of the Somali community.

The theme, "Educate Elevate Excel." from last year was selected one again, and activities organized were prepared in order to continue building on the foundation that what was created last year.

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