



# Harris Mill School Council Newsletter

**May 2022**

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Spring is here!





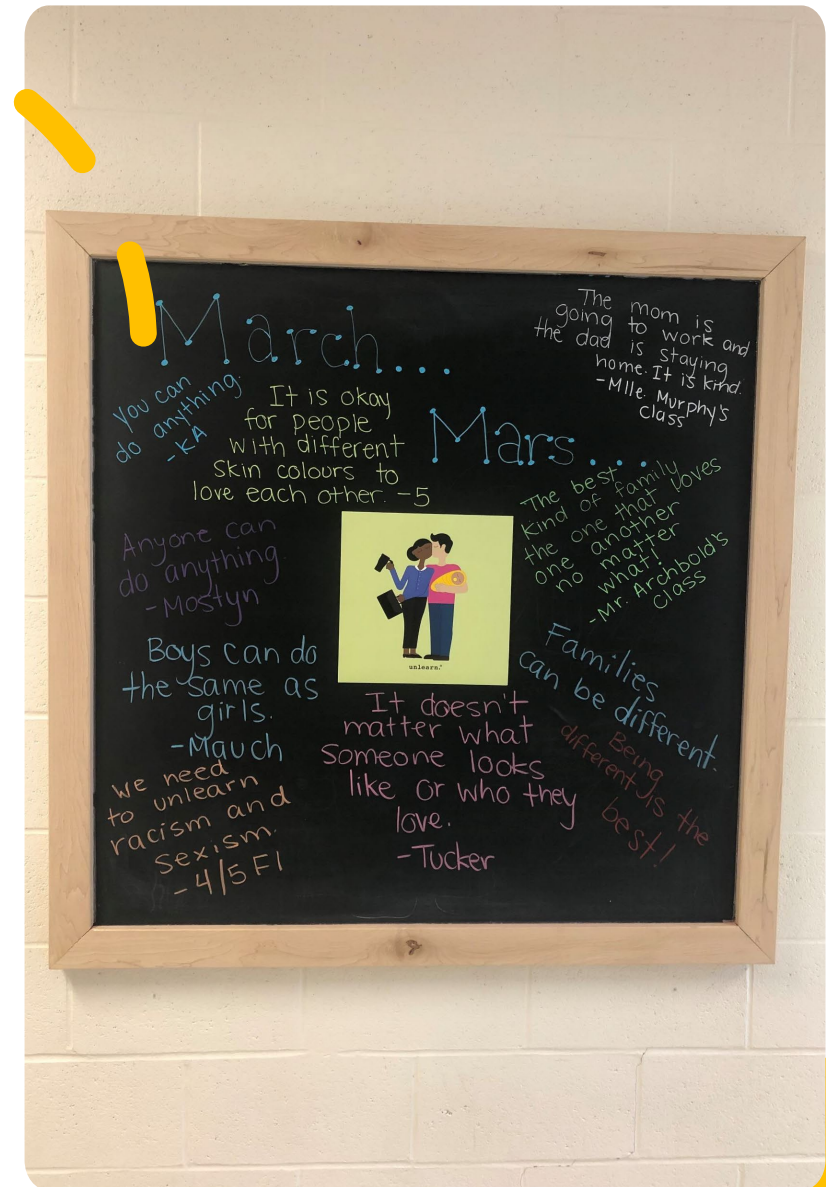
## Earth Day - April 22

Students celebrated by wearing blue and green.



## Unlearn Assembly – April 13

The book “Ouch! Moments: When Words are Used in Hurtful Ways” by Michael Genhart was read at the assembly and students discussed this poster.



Subject to new moon sighting, April 2 marked the beginning of Ramadan. Many students, families and staff in the UGDSB and worldwide are observing Ramadan, during this 9th month of the Islamic calendar. A multifaith prayer space is available in the school. Ramadan Mubarak to all of those observing.

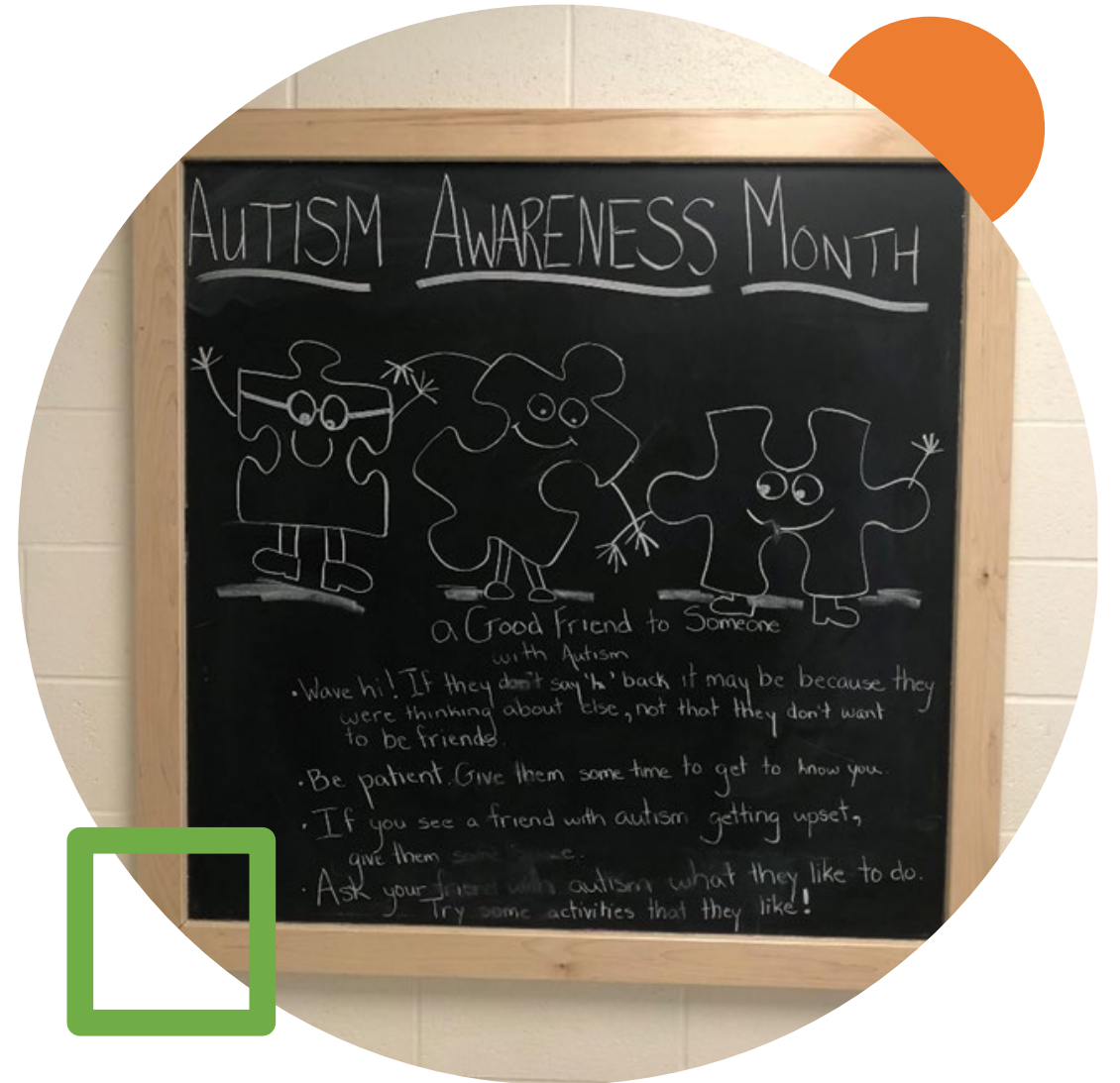
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**Ramadan - April 2**

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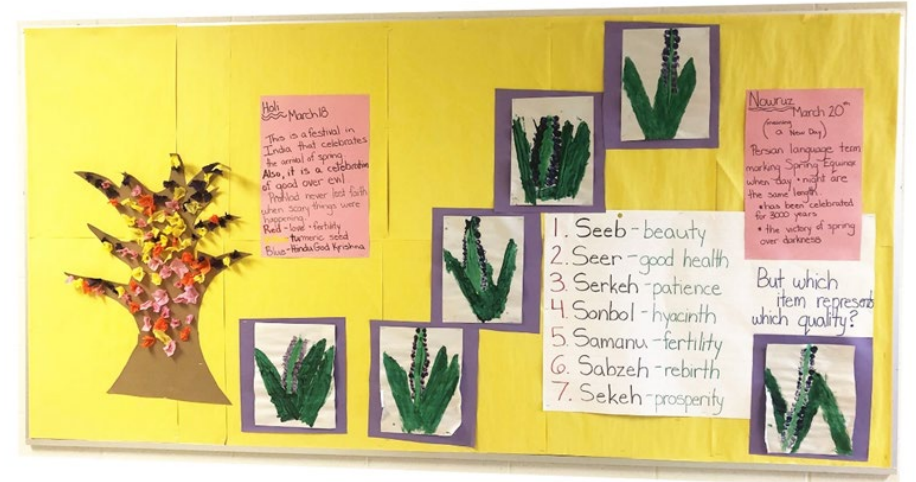
## Autism Awareness Month – April 2

Students wore blue and had conversations about how to be a good friend to someone with autism.




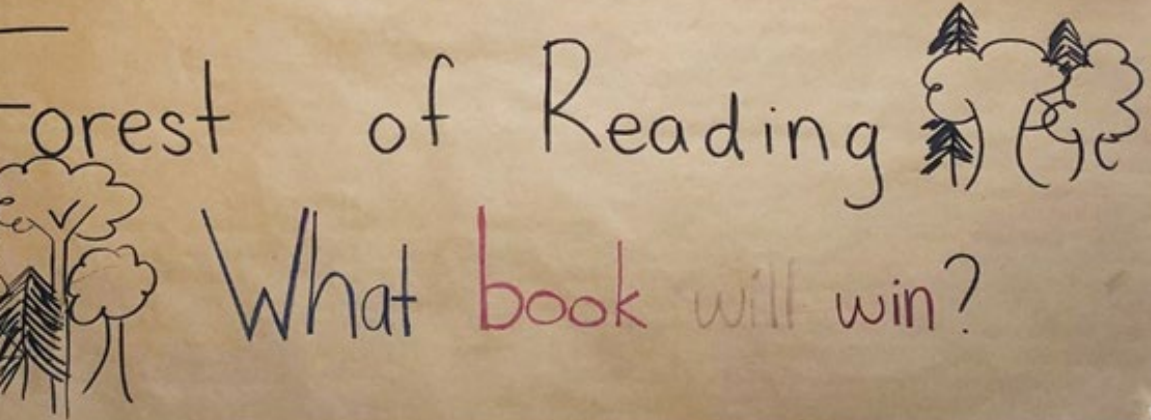
# Nowruz - March 18

Mme. Geldhart's Grade 2/3 class are discussing different celebrations in the world. These are some photos about Nowruz which is celebrated by many Persian speaking people. It is a 3000-year-old celebration of the victory of spring over darkness. This photo demonstrates a traditional table with the 7 symbols. An apple represents beauty. Garlic represents good health. Vinegar represents patience. A hyacinth is the specific flower requested for the table. Eggs are missing from the table, but they should represent fertility. Sprouts represent rebirth and the coins are for prosperity.





# Tournament of Books for “Forest of Reading”

Harris Mill  
Tournament of Books   
Forest of Reading   
What book will win?

The Forest of Reading® is Canada’s largest recreational reading program! This initiative offers ten reading programs to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. Here at Harris Mill we are excited to come together as a school community for the love of reading. In the Tournament of Books, classes vote on the books that they enjoy the most to go on to the next stage.

The winner: “Harley the Hero” by Peggy Collins





# **Pizza and pitas are back!**

Volunteers and Husky Helpers distribute pizza and milk on Wednesdays and pitas and milk on Fridays.

To volunteer to distribute lunches, contact Charlotte Kerby, Volunteer Coordinator at [charlottekerby@outlook.com](mailto:charlottekerby@outlook.com) or (647) 295-7212.

Volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Check.



# EQAO Testing - May

Coming soon for Grade 3 students. It is rolling out electronically for the first time. There is training for teachers. A letter was sent home to all Grade 3 students participating.

Try the [Primary Sample Test](#).



# Clubs and Sports

Thank you to the teachers for providing these opportunities.

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## **Clubs**

- Junior Dance
- Primary Dance Club
- Sewing Club
- Coloring Club
- Recycling Club

## **Intramurals**

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Handball
- Floor hockey







## **Extracurricular Activities**



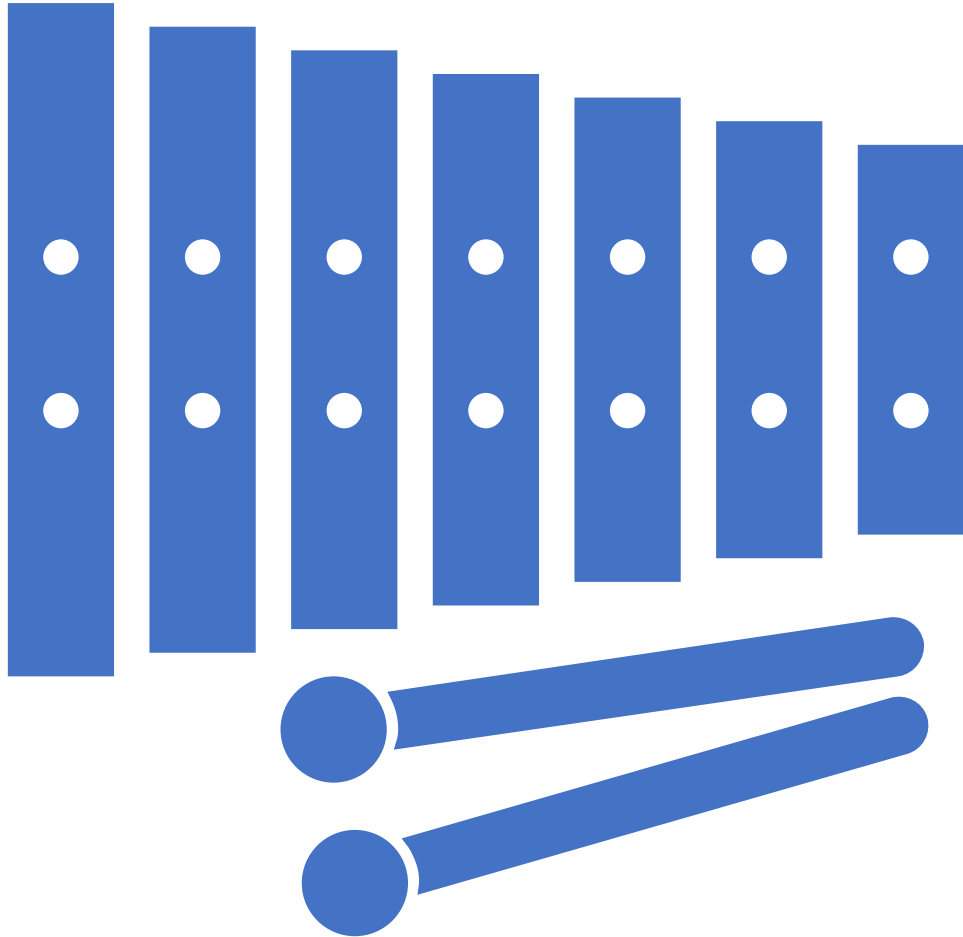
### **Husky Helpers assist with:**

Pita, pizza and milk distribution

Announcements

Kindergarten Helpers

Recess Games coordination



# Musical Instruments

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A class set of ukuleles, xylophones and lumey sticks has been purchased.



# Mental Health/ Education Week May 2-6

## Monday

Learning – Wrote on post-its about what they do to slow down and take care of mental health.

## Tuesday

Gratitude – The colouring club used sidewalk chalk to write notes of gratitude in front of the school.

## Wednesday

Wellness - Announcements included mindfulness.

## Thursday

Connection – Teachers visited other classes to read books.

## Friday

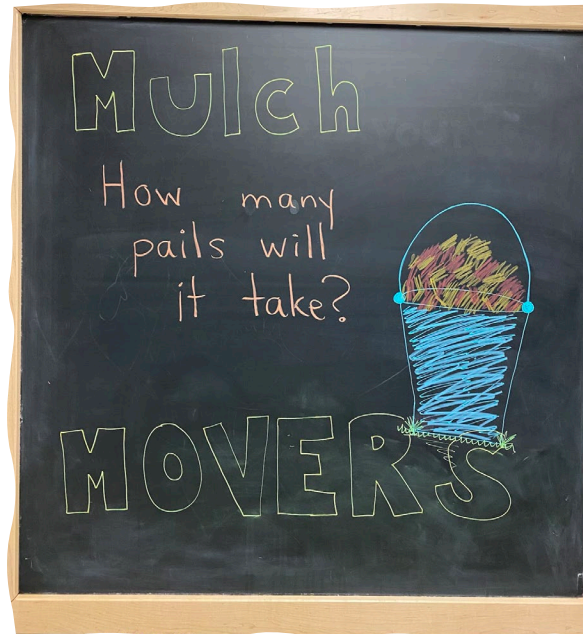
Moving Forward - Outdoor Zumba.





# Mulch Moving

Mrs. Mulhern and the kindies wanted to add mulch to the exposed tree roots in the kindie pen. This turned into a Mulch Challenge for the whole school. Primary students paired with juniors to weed and mulch. Students were asked to estimate how many 15-litre buckets it would take to move 4 yards of mulch.



Mulch Challenge		
Class	Estimate	Actual
Mrs Mulhern + Mrs .D.	100 buckets	



# The playground is open!

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After inspection, upkeep and the addition of new surfacing material, the playground was officially opened for the season.



# Husky Spirit Wear

Husky Spirit Wear is now available to order!

NEW this year, all items from hats to Ts to hoodies can be personalized with your student's last name to help them make it home again!

The info sheet and youth sizing charts are available on the school website at <https://www.ugdsb.ca/.../06/husky-spirit-wear-now-available/>

If in doubt, order up a size or two!  
Sizes available to fit the whole family!







# Daily self-reported COVID cases at our school

Due to the continued prevalence of COVID-19 during the sixth wave, we will be providing a regular report of positive COVID-19 cases that were self-reported\* to the school. \*Public health officials no longer inform schools of positive cases. We will aim to provide this additional layer of reporting for a short time period to respond to increasing case counts in our communities.

The information will be shared on the [school website](#), which will be updated daily (Monday-Friday, holidays excluded).

We recognize that because schools and the school board are no longer receiving reports from public health officials when there is a positive case, and because self-reporting to the school is voluntary, the number of cases reported on the school website will not be an accurate reflection of the amount of COVID in the community.

Should you wish to self-report a positive COVID case to the school for your child(ren), please do so by contacting the school's main office.

# COVID information

For the latest information on health and safety measures, protocols and the screening tool visit the [Harris Mill website](#) to access this menu.

Remember to screen daily for symptoms before leaving for school.

UGDSB PARENT PORTAL

COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL

2021-22 SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
UPDATE 

KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION 

 SCHOOLMESSENGER®  
TRAINING & RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH  
Parent Website

UGDSB Ventilation Report

 Twitter



# Mark your calendars

Keep checking the [school website](#) for updates.

May 2-6 – Mental Health/Education Week

May 3 – School Council Meeting (Everyone is welcome to these remote meetings. Request the link to join: [jen@jentulloch.com](mailto:jen@jentulloch.com))

May 4 – Wear Green for Mental Health

May 20 – Spirit Day: Huskie Pride Day – Wear Green and White

May 23 – Victoria Day

June 3 – PA Day

June 7 – School Council Meeting (Everyone is welcome to these remote meetings. Request the link to join: [jen@jentulloch.com](mailto:jen@jentulloch.com))

June 10 – Spirit Day: Rainbow Day – Wear your favourite colour



# Quick Links

- [UGDSB Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#)
- [School Council Minutes](#) (February 2022)
- [Past School Council Newsletter](#) (January 2022)
- [UG Connect app](#): Stay in touch with the Upper Grand District School Board by downloading our new mobile app!
- School Messenger App ([Apple](#), [Android](#)): Receive classroom news the way you choose
- Twitter: [École Harris Mill PS](#)

## [READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

Dates and activities are always subject to change. We're doing our best to help keep you informed, however be sure to check the school website and/or UG Connect for the most up to date information.

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Comment faire un avion en papier...

**La Mesure!**

Qu'est-ce qu'on utilise pour mesurer?

- Les règles
- Les cubes
- Les chaînes
- Les pas
- Les petits ours

Quelle nombre est plus GRAND ou PETIT?

1 ou 5    3 ou 7  
ou    ou    ou    ou  
9 ou 2    8 ou 4

Le concours

