



BIRCH CLIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL

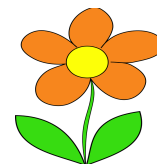
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From the Principal's Desk

As we move into April, we look forward to creating many opportunities for students to express their learning in new and creative ways and to hopefully see spring soon!

At the community meeting on January 29th, there were a number of concerned citizens - many parents of B.C. students. One thing that became very clear is that by calling Councillor Crawford's office, or 311, or even the traffic department of 41 division, the needs of Birch Cliff will be better recognized and more supports can be put in place. I will also be working with the School Council to implement some ideas to encourage walking and greater safety near the school.

We will host a Walk to School day each week on Wednesday (starting April 3rd) to reinforce the positives of walking to school. We hope all students and parents that can will walk, ride, or roll to school! We will keep a tally and if we reach our goal, all students will enjoy a reward!

I want to thank all of the parents who have been involved in the various meetings and groups that have worked so hard to make the community around BC even safer. There will be a number of improvements happening in the area including some new stop signs that will hopefully slow traffic down in the area and keep our kids even safer!

~ T. Vine



Dates to Remember

- ~ Apr. 2: Jr. Chess Tournament
- ~ Apr. 5: Twin Day
- ~ Apr. 5: Pizza Lunch
- ~ Apr. 10: International Day of Pink
- ~ Apr. 19 & 22: No School
- ~ Apr. 22: Earth Day



Visit the TDSB public website at www.tdsb.on.ca to view the school year calendar or the [Birch Cliff calendar](#) for specific events.

[2018-2019 TDSB Dates of Significance can be found here.](#)

From the Office

If there are any changes in your home or business phone numbers, please inform us as soon as possible!

Lates and Absences

The *Safe Arrival* line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child will be late or absent from school, call the *Safe Arrival* number to let us know!



Safe Arrival:

416-396-6060

Parent Visitors

Please check in at the main office! Unannounced visitors often create concern for our students who might think a stranger has entered the building. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe school environment.

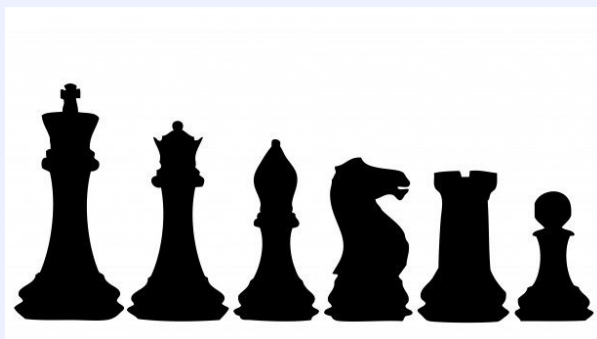


Chess Team

The Jr. Chess Team will be competing at the Annual TDSB Chess Tournament on April 2nd. Every year, the Birch Cliff Chess Team does a great job representing Birch Cliff against some very stiff competition.

Best of luck to Paula, Harry, Brandon, Khalil, and Jacob!

~ Mr. Brown



TDSB Budget Online Survey


This is a friendly reminder that the [TDSB 2019-20 Budget Survey](#) is available for TDSB staff, parents/caregivers, students, and community members. We encourage you to complete the survey and share your views. Your feedback is valued and will help trustees develop this year's Operating Budget in alignment with our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). The deadline is Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019.




~ TDSB



Math In Our Lives

**TDSB LC3 Math Symposium**
JOIN US:
Math In Our Lives

Saturday, April 6, 2019
Time: 10:00-11:30 & 12:30-2:00
Woburn Collegiate Institute
(2222 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough)



If you have children in the

Early Years
(Infant to Grade 1)

Primary / Junior
(Grade 2-4)

Junior / Intermediate
(Grade 5-8)

come learn together.

We welcome all parents, families and children , community groups, and educators for a day of hands on mathematics fun.

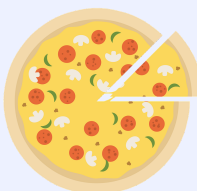
The greater the support that families provide for their children's learning and educational progress, the more likely that their children will do well in school and continue on with their education.

School Advisory Council

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Purdys Fundraiser. The funds raised will be put towards each classroom to participate in the *Scientists in School* program. The chocolate orders will be available for pick up on April 12th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the school gym. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please email Kerry.Cotton@sympatico.ca.



Our “SPRING” MunchaLunch session is now up and running to order pizza and popcorn until the end of the year.



With the nice weather coming, the School Council will be partnering with the teachers to promote “**Walk to School Wednesdays**”. This is to ease up some of the congestion on the streets to make it safer for our kids, reduce our carbon footprint, and promote “healthy living”. Your support and efforts to get involved in our “Walk to School Wednesdays” are greatly appreciated.



Lastly, we are in the midst of getting the Fun Fair organized. We are still in need of sponsors, silent auction items, and volunteers. If you can assist in any of these, please contact Kerry.Cotton@sympatico.ca.



Thank you.

~ SAC

Monthly Character Trait for April

CO-OPERATION

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Caregiver:

Every month, the TDSB staff and students focus their attention on a specific character trait. Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus for April is: **CO-OPERATION**.

What does co-operation mean to you?

Your child can show co-operation by:

- playing and working peacefully with others in the family.
- listening to adults and being respectful of their requests.
- working with others to complete a task and/or achieve a goal.
- helping to find a compromise when there are family disagreements.

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What is co-operation and what does it mean to be co-operative in a family?
- What are some things you do at home or at school that require co-operation?

Projects to do together:

- Make a list of things that your family does that require co-operation.
- Watch for situations on television that demonstrate co-operative behaviour and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted co-operatively with each other.
- Work together on chores at a time when all members of the family can work together to finish them.
- Complete a fun project that involves all family members (e.g., putting together a jigsaw puzzle, making a homemade pizza).

Encouraging co-operation in your child:

- Praise your child when he or she is co-operative.
- Help your child become aware of his or her own co-operative or unco-operative behaviour.
- Share your own experiences of co-operative/unco-operative behaviour and how it affected a goal.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

**BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS**