

ECOLE PUBLIQUE BRIMWOOD BOULEVARD JUNIOR P.S.

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Character Education Focus for November...

PERSEVERANCE - "Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit" - Vince Lombardi Jr.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for consistently demonstrating character trait, *Responsibility* during the month of October.

Ms. Ravindrarajan's Class – Mavis K., Becky L.

Ms. Cleland's (Kalia) Class - Ayaan M., Kathleen J.

M. Ndeke's Class – Clara W., Felix X.

Ms. Chan's Class – Abinan U., Dhakshayini C.

Ms. Ohri's Class – Ajith A.

Mme Akineza's Class – Anika U., Ellie D.

Ms. Moyles' Class – David L.

Mme Wert's Class – Lisa C., Jonathan H.

Mme Yim's Class – Younique P., Jahaniel J.

Mme Law's – Stephanie H., Rihanna T.

Ms. Tassopoulos' Class – Yasma K.

Ms. O'Neill's Class – Devin D., Connie S.

Mme Huber-Yap's Class – Agatha E., Neil G.



**ONLINE APPLICATION for
2018-2019
FRENCH IMMERSION
Senior Kindergarten**

**Monday, October 30
to November 30**

**Online application ONLY
tdsb.on.ca/pars**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, November 30th

Watch for more information from
School Council.

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Thursday evening, November 16

Friday morning, November 17

Accompanying your child's Progress Report on November 14 will be a confirmation of your teacher-student-parent interview date and time. Each conference time is 15 minutes, and we respectfully ask that you be on time and be mindful that the teachers need to see many other parents on these dates. To maximize your time, below are some questions you can ask during your conference:

- What does my child do well?
- What skills does he or she still need to develop?
- How does my child get along with other students?
- How can I help my child at home?
- What will the teacher do to help my child do his/her very best at school?

Remember that you can call the school and request to speak to your child's teacher on an ongoing basis throughout the school year.

BRIMWOOD EMBRACES OUR DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE

The month of October was Islamic Heritage Month in the TDSB. According to one student, "We all have different personalities and many diverse cultures and beliefs. It is important to celebrate each other's cultures because Canada is a multicultural land."

DID YOU KNOW? Ms. Qureshi led our school in learning more about **ISLAMIC HERITAGE**

Did you know... that Muslim inventors and scientists are responsible for some very important discoveries such as the first hospital, the first university, algebra, optics, and coffee.

Did you know... Timbuktu is a real place? It is a city in West Africa in the country of Mali, and is home to one of the world's oldest universities. This centre of Islamic learning educated over 25,000 students.

Did you know... Nazeem Kadri is a Canadian professional ice hockey player? Currently, he plays centre for the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey league. He is the third Muslim to play in the NHL.

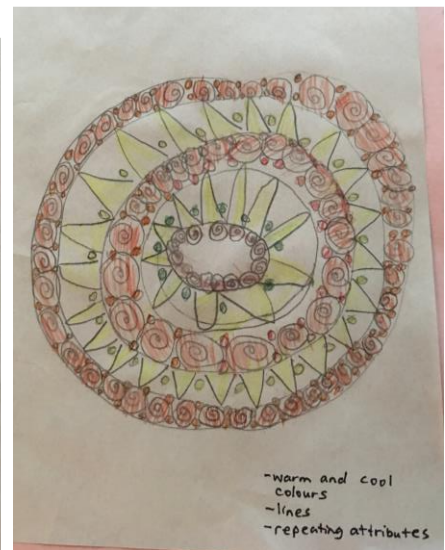
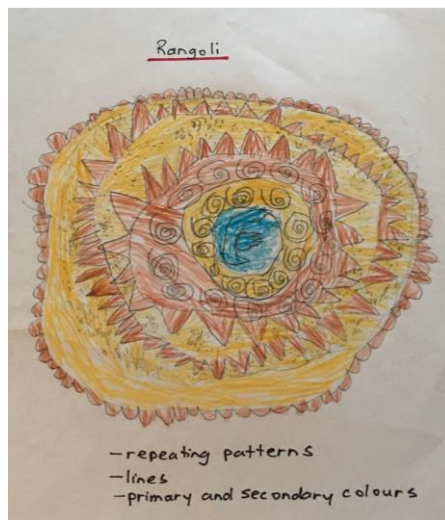
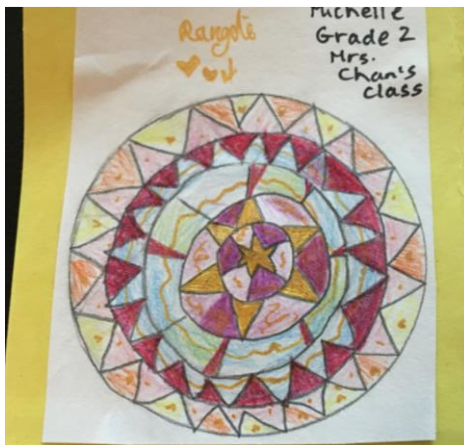
DIWALI

In October, students, staff, and families of Hindu heritage, celebrated Diwali and shared their experiences of the Hindu holiday, **DIWALI**. Ms. Chan's Grade 2/3 students learn about Diwali through the integrated curriculum of Art, Social Studies and Math.

Evan (Gr. 2)

Cynasia (Gr. 3)

Michelle (Gr. 2)



Rangoli – In order to prepare for Diwali, *rangoli* patterns are made on floors or in courtyards. Hindus draw bright coloured *rangoli* patterns on the floor by the front of their home to let Lashmi, a goddess, enter their homes. Lashmi is the goddess of wealth and knowledge. (by Rethuran, Gr. 2)

APPLICATION FOR 2018-2019 SENIOR KINDERGARTEN FRENCH IMMERSION IS NOW OPEN!

(October 30 – November 30, 2017)

FRENCH IMMERSION Senior Kindergarten Application (ON LINE APPLICATION ONLY)

French Immersion programs are designed for students who do not speak French at home. Early Immersion begins in **Senior Kindergarten**, and provides the maximum French language experience available in TDSB.

All instruction and activities are conducted in French until the end of Grade 3 although some specialist subjects such as Physical and Health Education, Music, etc. may be taught in English. English begins in Grade 4 for about one hour per day and increases in Gr 5 and 6.

After Grade 8, students continue the French Immersion program at designated high schools. Students who successfully complete the high school program will receive a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in French Immersion.

Transportation applications are available only for students living 1.6 km or more from Brimwood Blvd. P.S.

For further information, please refer to the TDSB website at

www.tdsb.on.ca

TO APPLY FOR FRENCH IMMERSION SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

1. Go to www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

2. Select Early French Immersion and complete the application process

You must have your child's OEN # to register, which is indicated on the label at the bottom of the white sheet.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY
November 30, 2017**

FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of public information evenings will be held across the TDSB to provide parents the opportunity to learn further information about the French Immersion program and the application process, and to ask questions of TDSB staff. **Attend at one of the following sites from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Nov. 6 – Etobicoke CI (86 Montgomery Road)

Nov. 7 – Marc Garneau CI (135 Overlea Blvd.)

Nov. 8 – Northview Heights SS (550 Finch Ave. West)

Nov. 13 – West Humber CI (1675 Martin Grove Road)

Nov. 15 – Birchmount CI (3663 Danforth Ave.)

Nov. 16 – Forest Hill CI (730 Eglinton Ave. West)

Nov. 20 – Central Technical School (735 Bathurst St.)

Nov. 21 – Albert Campbell CI (1550 Sandhurst Circle)

Nov. 23 – Winston Churchill CI (2239 Lawrence Ave. East)

Nov. 27 – West Hill CI (350 Morningside Ave.)

KINDERGARTEN TIPS

Show your child that YOU read, write, and use math in your everyday life.

Share experiences and talk about them with your child - go to places like the park, library, neighbourhood, ravine; do things like create a birthday card, thank you note, fly a kite or go on a bus ride; or play a board game together.

Read to and with your child - stop at different parts of the story to talk about what was read so far, in order to emphasize that we must understand what we are reading.



Dental & Oral Health Services
 Toronto Public Health
 160 Borough Drive, Toronto, ON, M1P 4N3
 Tel: 416-338-7442

FREE DENTAL SCREENING AT BRIMWOOD

Toronto Public Health provides dental programs to children from JK to Grade 8. To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by a dental hygienist using sterilized instruments. The dental hygienist will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs. *Please be advised that this does not replace the dental examination done by a dentist.*

**The dental screening dates for Brimwood will be on
 November 29, 30 and December 5, 6**

After the screening, only parents whose children are identified as requiring dental services will be notified. A note to that effect will be sent home with your child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from Toronto Public Health dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

If you do not wish your child/ren to be screened, please send a note to the school.

For additional information, please contact the Toronto Public Health Dept. or visit them at http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children_youth.htm

11th Annual Parent Involvement
 Makes a Difference Conference

Nurturing Family Engagement



Saturday, November 25, 2017
 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Earl Haig Secondary School
 100 Princess Avenue, North York, Ontario

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stuart Shanker

Dr. Stuart Shanker, a distinguished research professor of philosophy and psychology at York University, who has come up with a five-step process for self-regulation (helping your child deal with anger, anxiety, stress, etc.).

THIS IS A FREE CONFERENCE FOR PARENTS/ADULTS
Free bussing and free childcare available.

Register at www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference

Parents of FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS WHO RIDE THE BUS

If for any reason your child will not be riding the school bus at the end of the school day, please phone the school and let us know. Thank you.

TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY THIS FLU SEASON FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Get your family vaccinated.

- Children 2-17 can get either an injection or nasal spray vaccine;
- The vaccine is free for everyone.
- It is available at doctor's offices, pharmacies (for children 5 years and older), or book an appointment at the Toronto Public Health Clinic www.tphbookings.ca

Practice good health habits.

- Encourage kids to wash their hands often
- Cover their cough or sneeze
- Stay home when sick

If you have questions, please visit the website indicated above or call the Immunization Line at (416) 392-1250.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PHONE NUMBERS

Please make sure that you let the school office know if your phone number(s) and contact information have changed. It is extremely important that we are able to get in touch with you in the event of an emergency.



ILLNESS

Please do not send your child to school when he/she has a sore throat, fever, severe cold and is coughing excessively.

Please note that children who are well enough to attend school must participate in the normal school day, including recess and outdoor activities, and cannot be left at the office unsupervised.

If your child becomes ill during the school day, you will be contacted to come and take him/her home. Thanks.



PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL

When your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to call the school (416) 396-6085 and let us know by leaving a message or speaking to Mrs. Bradey or Mrs. Singh-Charran. Thanks.

EXTRA CLOTHING

We encourage parents to send extra pants, socks and tops for students to keep in their backpacks in the event they are needed e.g., wet feet, student has a washroom "accident", fall into a puddle, nose bleed, etc.

Thank you.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

With the constant change in weather and temperature, children become more prone to catching colds. Please ensure that your child wears outdoor clothing suitable for each day's weather. Thanks.

LABEL PERSONAL ITEMS

We encourage you to use a permanent marker and put your child's name on his/her backpack, coat, lunch bags and other personal belongings. This will help in returning lost items to their owners. Thank you.

Please take a look in the **LOST AND FOUND BOX** located in the front foyer for items that might belong to your child.

Once per month, we lay the clothes out for students to look and check for their belongings. After a week, unclaimed items are donated to charity.



Wednesday, November 15th
In the morning

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

**November 17 – Parent interviews in the morning; school will be closed in the afternoon.
 December 1 – This is a P.A. Day. School is closed.**

NOVEMBER 2017

November is **Aboriginal Education Month** at the TDSB.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Day 4 Oct. 31 French Immersion online application begins	Day 5 1	Day 1 2	Day 2 3 Gr. 5 and 6 soccer team tournament at Chartland PS (Dublin, Fewson)	4
5	Day 3 6	Day 4 7	Day 5 8	Day 1 9	Day 2 10 Gr. 6 to Kearney Outdoor Trip	11 Gr. 6 at Kearney Outdoor Trip
12 Gr. 6 at Kearney Outdoor Trip	Day 3 13 Gr. 6 returning from Kearney Outdoor Trip	Day 4 14 Trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village (Ohri, Chan, Yim) Progress Reports home	Day 5 15 PHOTO RETAKES (morning only)	Day 1 16 Pizza Lunch p.m.Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews	17 P.A. DAY (no classes) a.m.Parent-Student Interviews p.m.School Closed	18
19	Day 2 20	Day 3 21	Day 4 22	Day 5 23	Day 1 24 Hillside Outdoor Trip (O'Neill)	25
26	Day 2 27	Day 3 28 6:30 School Council meeting	Day 4 29 Kindergarten to Gr. 6 Dental Screening	Day 5 30 French Immersion Application closes at midnight FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	December 1 P.A. Day (no school)	