

PAW PRINTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 24

- Pizza Lunch
- Colour House T-Shirt Day

Mon. Apr. 27-Wed. Apr. 29

- Grade 5 Outdoor Education Trip

Thursday, April 30

- Character Education Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
- Grade 5 visit to Willowdale MS, 1:00 p.m.
- Beach Day

Wednesday, May 6

- Prologue: Ballet Jorgan Velveteen Rabbit, 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 7

- Movie Night

Friday, May 8

- School Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – all welcome
- Pizza Lunch
- Talent Show Dress Rehearsal (students only)

Wednesday, May 13

- Talent Show, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15

- Welcome to Kindergarten, 1:30-3:00

Monday, May 18

- Victoria Day holiday – no school

Friday, May 22

- Pizza Lunch

Monday, May 25

- EQAO begins

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to the students of Churchill for their fine accomplishment of "A Little Bit of Showbiz"! Thank you to Ms. Jones for all her hard work with practices and organization, to Mrs. Khan and her team for the tireless work on costumes, for all the staff who supported the show in numerous ways, and to family members and friends who came out to watch the superb performances.

A big congratulations to Luke S., winner of our junior Speech Arts Festival last month, who moved on to represent Churchill at the Board level.

Churchill School Organization for 2015-2016

Through consultation with teachers and the School Council, the following staffing model was agreed to and subsequently approved by our school superintendent.

JK/SK (4.5 classes)	Grade 1 (two classes)	Grade 1/2
Grade 2	Grade 2/3	Grade 3 (three classes)
Grade 3/4	Grade 4	Grade 4/5
Grade 5	French (0.5)	ESL (1.5)
Library (0.5)	Special Education (1.5)	Music (1.0)
Physical Education (1.5)		

Teacher assignments and student placements will be established in the coming weeks, and will be shared on the last day of school in June. Many factors are considered when placing students in classes, including, but not limited to, learning skills, academic achievement, peer relationships, boy/girl ratio, and School Support Team recommendations. The objective is to arrange classes in a balanced manner to optimize the learning environment. If you wish to share a special circumstance about your child for consideration in class placement, please write to Ms. Slater, Principal, via letter or email by May 15, 2015 (make sure to include a rationale for your request). Letters received after May 15 will not be considered.

Outdoor Dress

It is recommended that children have splash pants and rubber boots on hand during our rainy and muddy spring conditions. A second set of clothes that remains at school is also recommended.

Milk Program

We are just about ready to introduce our milk program to kindergarten students, with the launch of an online ordering system. We will pilot the system this spring in preparation for a whole-school online system in the fall.

Solar Panels

Solar panels will be installed on the roof of the far east section of the school, beginning at some point in May. The project will last approximately six weeks.

Intramural Sports

In February and March, our primary students participated in scooter board basketball, which was held at morning recess, while our junior students participated in European basketball during afternoon recesses. Regular season games ended at the end of March, with students earning valuable house league points throughout the year.

Interschool Sports

February was busy with the boys' basketball teams and the girls' volleyball team participating in various tournaments.

The division two boys' team played hard and showed a great deal of improvement through their three games at their tournament at Donview Middle School. Results did not go their way but the team enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools and improve their skills. The division one team also displayed hard work and improvement in their tournament at John Wanless, winning one and losing one.

The girls' volleyball team travelled to Dallington Public School for their tournament. The girls displayed great school spirit and had some tremendous rallies in their games. The highlight in both games was the improvement in skill level for all the girls on the team with serving, bumping, and volleying.

Congratulations to all members of all the teams for their hard work and effort during the season. Thanks also go out to all our amazing parent volunteers who helped to get all our students to and from the tournaments!

April and May will see soccer (grades 4-5) and track and field (grades 2-5) start up. Students should listen to morning announcements for more details.

Car Safety

At NO TIME shall a child be allowed to walk between parked cars without a parent's hand. At NO TIME shall a child be let out of a car on their own while in a live lane of traffic.

All cars parked in areas other than parking spots are not to be left without a driver. **Emergency vehicles** must always have access to the lots and other cars must always be able to leave their spots. Buses must be able to stop in the appropriate places to safely pick up and drop off students. **DO NOT** park along the fence line in the east parking lot. **DO NOT** park in handicap parking spots.

Play Structure

The play structure in the school yard is now open. Safe play is expected at all times, even when under the supervision of caregivers during non-school hours.

Kindergarten Yards

The fenced play areas that lead into the kindergarten classrooms are closed before and after school. At no time may older students use these yards, and no one is to be in these areas without direct teacher supervision.

Supervision Before and After School

Teacher supervisors are in the school yard from 8:40 a.m. and until 3:45 p.m. However, kindergarten students must ALWAYS be supervised by caregivers. It is also expected that caregivers *directly* supervise their children beginning at 3:30 every day in all areas including the play structure, field, tarmac, and parking lot.

Attendance

Please remember to call the school if your child is absent. It is imperative that children arrive to school on time; our first bell rings at 8:55 and all students enter the building within the following few minutes, in order to be prepared for opening exercises at 9:00. Remember that the number of times a student is late or absent in a school year is indicated on their permanent report card.

Green Bin

We are pleased that our school has now started a Green Bin Program. Over the past few months our students and staff have been making use of green bins in classrooms, staffrooms, and the lunchroom. The Green Bin Program will now help us keep more of our waste from going into the landfill. We encourage all students and staff to make use of their green bins by putting fruit and veggie scraps and paper towels in the green bin. Thank you to the members of our EcoSchools Team for all of the hard work that they have put into reminding us to sort and place our waste in the right bin. Each of us is responsible for the waste we produce in the spaces at school where we work, learn, and play. Let's remember, we all win when we use the Green Bin!

Churchill PS Needs Occasional Lunchroom Supervisors

Churchill PS is in need of Supply Lunchroom Supervisors, who may be available for those occasions when a regular supervisor is unable to work. If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate in English sensitively with our students, parents, and others, please consider joining our team. Please contact Ms. Slater, Principal, with your interest: laura.slater@tdsb.on.ca