

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 13

- International Day of Pink
- Pizza Lunch

Friday, April 15

- PA Day – no school for students

Wednesday, April 20

- Grade 1 and 2 classes to Roy Thompson Hall

Thursday, April 21

- Speech Arts – Finalists Meet

Friday, April 22

- Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
- School-Wide Clean-Up
- Pajama Day

Monday, April 25

- Grade 5 students to Willowdale for a tour!

Wednesday, April 27

- Prologue – Ballet Creole, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 29

- Pizza Lunch
- House League T-Shirt Day

May 4-11

- Dental Screening

Thursday, May 12

- Track & Field Meet, Esther Shiner

Friday, May 13

- School Council Meeting, 10:30 a.m. – all welcome
- Pizza Lunch

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As always, we have been a busy school, with many activities taking place. We had a very successful Science Fair, with several students moving on to the university's fair. With finally enough snow, we enjoyed a fun winter carnival. And Munsch Madness was a hit. Thank you to our School Council for funding our arts performances, and for the yummy hot chocolate station during the carnival. As always, we are also grateful for our pizza lunch volunteers.

This month, we have already heard wonderful speeches during our Speech Arts Festival, and we danced the afternoon away on Friday. All Dance-A-Thon pledges are appreciated, and can still be sent in to the school.

**International Day of Pink:** On **April 13**, Churchill will be participating in this important day, when communities across the world unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness about discrimination and bullying. Around the world discrimination continues to be the leading source of conflict. Discrimination includes ableism, ageism, classism, heterosexism, homophobia, racism, sexism, transphobia, among other forms. Stereotypes (ideas) may lead to prejudice (attitudes/feelings), which may lead to discrimination (actions) and affect how we work, study, and treat one another; they create barriers, bullying, harassment, hate, and violence. The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of shared belief in celebrating diversity – it's also a commitment to being open-minded, understanding of differences, and to learning to respect each other. **We encourage everyone at Churchill to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to raise awareness and to prevent bullying in our school and community.** For more information about this day visit [www.dayofpink.org](http://www.dayofpink.org).

**Additional P.A. Day:** An additional P.A. Day has been added to the calendars of all schools in the TDSB. All TDSB schools will have a newly designated P.A. Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. This additional P.A. Day has been mandated by the Ministry of Education as a result of provincial labour negotiations. All TDSB schools will be closed to students on Friday, April 15. On this day, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Minister of Education. Churchill Chums Child Care will be operating a full day of care for children currently registered in their program.

**Parking:** 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. Please remember that parking is available on the streets around Churchill PS. **At NO TIME shall a child be let out of a car while on a main street.**

School Show: Churchill's School Show is scheduled for May 19. Kindergarten students will be performing in the afternoon; Grade 1-5 students will perform in the afternoon and again in the evening. Please plan on Grade 1-5 students attending both performances, even if family members are not attending the evening performance. Information about tickets will be out soon.

#### Churchill School Organization for 2016-2017

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 classes)	Grade 1 (3 classes)	Grade 1/2
Grade 2	Grade 2/3 (2 classes)	Grade 3
Grade 3/4	Grade 4 (2 classes)	Grade 5 (2 classes)
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. Tentative teacher assignments will be shared on the last day of school in June, while student placements will be given on the first day of school in September, as was done this school year. 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 decisions, please write to Ms. Slater, Principal, via letter or email by May 9, 2016. Make sure to include a rationale for your request. Letters received after May 9 will not be considered.

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 lots.

Intramurals: The month of March saw our winter intramural sports crown champions. The primary scooterboard final was a back and forth contest between the green and black houses. In the end the green house was crowned champions by a score of 6 to 5. The junior indoor soccer final came down to a penalty shootout between the red house and the green house. In the end the red house was crowned champions winning the shootout by a score of 3 to 1.

Students are encouraged to come out and participate in our Spring intramural season, which will start in April. Our primary students will be playing pass and catch while our junior students can participate in handball basketball.

Interschool Athletics: March saw the end of the season for both the boys' basketball team and the girls' volleyball team. The girls' volleyball team had a great season, advancing to the TDESAA North Region quarter finals where they lost to a strong team from Owen Public School. The boys' basketball team had an undefeated season! They won all their games at their regional tournament and continued all the way through the final! Congratulations to the boys who were crowned TDESAA North Region Conference Champions!

Congratulations to all members of both teams for their hard work and effort during the season. Students can look forward to girls' and boys' soccer in April and to track and field in May.

~Mr. Lee

Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs: Encourage your child's natural curiosity and enroll them in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, our language learning programs engage students in cultural activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing. Registration is open now. Visit [www.ILEprograms.ca](http://www.ILEprograms.ca) for more information. @TDSB\_ConEd