

June 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 13, 6:45 p.m.

School Council Meeting - all welcome

Tuesday, June 14, 8:00 a.m.

Volunteer Tea

Thursday, June 16, 1:00 p.m.

Spelling Bee

Friday, June 17

Student/Teacher Lunches **Loonie Auction winners**

Mon. June 20-Wed. June 22

Grade 5 Outdoor Education trip

Thursday, June 23, 9:30 a.m.

Senior Kindergarten Graduation

Friday, June 24, 1:30 p.m.

Grade 5 Graduation

Monday, June 27, afternoon

Kindergarten Play Day

Tuesday, June 28, afternoon

- Grade 1-5 Play Day
- **Report Cards go home**

Wednesday, June 29, 9:15 a.m.

- Year End Assembly
- Last Day of School

Friday, July 8

School Office closes for the summer

Monday, August 29

School Office re-opens

Tuesday, August 30

New registrations for the 2016-17 school year to begin

Tuesday, September 6

• **First Day of School**

Churchill Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Bullied" was a school show success! On Thursday, May 19th, the whole school participated in our show. It went very well, and we are all very proud of each and and Principal for a Day for our every student. The main cast and crew were fantastic, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all of the staff members and families who helped out with costumes, props, practices, set-up, and more - the show couldn't have happened without all your support. A special thank you to Mrs. Salonius! We hope you enjoyed your trip to Podsville, Jupiter!

> The Yorkview/Churchill Fun Fair was also a great success! We had a very large turnout, and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event happen - from the planning that began very early in the school year to those who offered their time on May 29th. A huge amount of time and organization goes into the event, and all our students will benefit from the funds raised.

> The Eco Club is pleased to announce that the Pizza Garden Plant sale at the Yorkview/Churchill Fun Fair was a great success. Together, the Eco Clubs from both schools raised over \$430 for Eco School initiatives. A special thanks goes out to all of the hardworking Eco Club volunteers from both schools, as well as Mr. S. Biggs for sourcing the plants and Mr. M. Farms for supplying them. We have also placed our order for the Churchill water bottles to support eco initiatives and to raise some funds for Churchill's Eco Club.

> Thank you to our School Council for arranging our Family Math Night on June 2nd the "Jester" had children and parents thoroughly involved in mathematical puzzles!

> Congratulations to the students who showed us our skills during the Talent Show on June 9th – Churchill has some very talented students!

> We are looking forward to our Teacher Lunch and Principal for a Day event on June 17th. Remember to get all bid tickets in **tomorrow**!

Remember – all **library books** must be back to school by Monday, June 20th.

Term Two **Report Cards** will go home with students on Tuesday, June 28th, while the last day of school is Wednesday. June 29th. If your child will not be in attendance, please provide the office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to have the report card mailed. Please contact your child's teacher on the 29th if you have any questions about the report card. Class placements for students will be available on the first day of school, September 6th.

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<u>Parking</u>: 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.** <u>Intramurals:</u> Our spring intramural regular season has finished up and the playoffs have begun! Good luck to all House Teams as they look to see who will become the primary sit and pass champion as well as the junior European basketball champion! These games will go a long way in determining which Colour House will be crowned Churchill House League Cup champions!

Interschool Sports: Churchill's girls' and boys' soccer teams finished up their season in May and early June by competing in their regional tournaments. The boys' team had tough competition against Lillian and unfortunately lost the match. The team did rebound well to defeat Flemington and finish the tournament in second place with one win and a loss. The girls also faced difficult competition in their games against Flemington and Yorkview during their tournament. While keeping the score close, unfortunately they were defeated in both games. Congratulations to both teams for another fun and exciting year. Thanks to the amazing parents at Churchill for driving the students to and from the games and to Mr. Richmond and Mr. Lee for their time and effort in coaching the teams.

On May 12th, Churchill brought over 40 athletes to Esther Shiner stadium to participate in the TDESAA Regional Track and Field meet. The boys and girls represented Churchill well both on the track and in the field with their efforts, as well as in the stands cheering on their fellow Bears! Congratulations to Jacob K and Karsten G for qualifying for the TDESAA North Region Track and Field Finals at York University on June 7th, and to Jacob for continuing on with the Finals on June 14th!

It is never too early to remind students that our first interschool team of the year will start in September! Cross country running will begin in early September and is open to all grade 1 through grade 5 students.

<u>School Year Calendar</u>: The 2016-2017 school year at the TDSB begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 following the Labour Day long weekend. For more information about important dates and holidays for the upcoming school year, please visit http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Calendar/SchoolYearCalendar20162017.aspx.

<u>Universal Screening Process for Grade 3 Students</u>: Effective September 2016, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will be introducing a universal screening process for all grade 3 students across the TDSB. The purpose of this universal screening test is to:

- Provide information to classroom teachers about the strengths and learning needs of each student in order to better support teachers in programming for students;

- Help teachers to know when to bring a student forward to In School Team (IST) or School Support Team (SST) for programming suggestions;

- Improve equity of access for all students to differentiated programming including the potential identification of students with a gifted exceptionality.

More information will also be provided to parents in the Fall or visit http://www.tdsb.on.ca/specialeducation.

Sun Safe Behaviour: Getting students outside and active is good for their health but too much sun can have serious side effects, including burns, eye damage, premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. We encourage all students to practice "sun safety."

• Cover up: Even on days with a moderate UV index students should wear a hat and sunglasses, especially if they'll be outside for over 30 minutes.

• Stay cool: Students should stay in shady areas, particularly at midday when the sun is strongest.

• Use sunscreen: Choose sunscreens with SPF 15 or higher that include protection from both UVA and UVB rays.

<u>Bicycle Safety</u>: Now that the warmer weather has approached us children will be participating in many outdoor activities like bike riding. The Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing outdoors this summer. 1.An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.

2.Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.

3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.

4. Teach children how to: steer, brake and ride in a straight line, wear the right safety gear, and do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.

5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.

6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.

7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.

8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.

9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.