

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, May 12**
- Track & Field, Esther Shiner
- Friday, May 13**
- School Council Meeting, 10:30 a.m. – all welcome
  - Pizza Lunch
- Tuesday, May 17**
- Grade 5 Graduation photos
- Wednesday, May 18**
- School Show Rehearsal
- Thursday, May 19**
- School Show: Kindergarten at 1:00; Grades 1-5 at 1:45 & again at 6:00
- Monday, May 23**
- Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
- Friday, May 27**
- Pizza Lunch
  - JK Orientation for new registrations
- May 30-June 3**
- Book Fair
- Thursday, June 2**
- Family Math Night: The Mathematical Jester, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 3**
- Twin/Triplet Day
- Tuesday, June 7**
- North Track & Field Championship at York University
- Thursday, June 9**
- Talent Show, 1:00
- Friday, June 10**
- PA Day (no school for students)

## Churchill Public School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move into May, Churchill continues to enjoy a multitude of activities and events. The month started with Ontario's Children's Mental Health Week and the start of our Yoga program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Soccer begins, intramurals continue, and tennis comes to our phys ed classes. The Boys' Book Club will join other schools for a reading event. Our parent volunteers continue to make Pizza Lunches and milk distribution happen for all our students. See below for more. EQAO will start this month – stay tuned for details.

We are in the beginning stages of our planning for next year. Please be reminded that letters/emails of request for class placement are due to Ms. Slater, principal, by **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, and must include a rationale. Please refer to last month's newsletter for the tentative classroom organization. Email: [laura.slater@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:laura.slater@tdsb.on.ca)

The school show is just around the corner! Churchill PS will be presenting the show, "Bullied" on Thursday, May 19. We have an amazing main cast and crew as well as all of the incredible Churchill student singers! Make sure you get your ticket order in as soon as possible (order forms went home in the Friday Files two weeks ago). The **kindergarten show** will begin at **1:00 p.m.** and the **Grade 1-5 show** will be at **1:45 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m.** All Grade 1-5 students are expected to be at both the 1:45 and 6:00 performances. For the evening performance, please make sure you sign in your child with your child's teacher by 5:45 p.m. The show will be approximately one hour long. Please be sure to sign your child out when you pick him/her up from their teacher at the end of the evening. Thank you to all the staff, students, and families for their help and support. Enjoy the show! ~Mrs. Salenius

The Churchill Eco Club has been busy planning different initiatives to help make Churchill PS a more environmentally friendly place to learn, work, and play. As part of our effort to reduce our ecological footprint, the Eco Club will be selling Churchill branded metal reusable water bottles. All proceeds will go to help fund environmentally friendly initiatives at Churchill. Stay tuned for further details.

We are pleased to announce that the Cartooning Club will be starting up this month. All grade 3, 4, and 5 students interested in exploring their artistic expression are invited to join Mr. Grad and Mr. Katsiou every Monday during lunch recess in the library.

Churchill is on the move! Marathon Club has started for grade 2 to 5 students who signed up. We run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings around the Churchill community. We are building endurance and running further distances in preparation for TDSB's Healthy Schools 5K Fun Run taking place on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Downsview Park. Thank you to those parents who are joining us while we train – we are very proud of our runners! ~Mr. Katsiou, Mrs. Masotti, Ms. Najman

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Churchill ran its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Speech Arts Festival. This was a celebration of the skills of speech writing and public speaking. Students brainstormed topics to write about and to present to their classes. All students worked very hard to complete their speeches through the writing process and through practicing the effective delivery of a speech. Two students were chosen to represent each class at our school-wide festival.

The festival was a huge success, and we thank parents, students, and staff for being a part of the audience. A huge congratulations goes out to our two junior student finalists, Ava S. in grade 4 and Nicholas G. in grade 5, who advanced to our Family of Schools Semi-Finals event. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, they competed against other students in the junior division from local schools. Both semi-finalists made Churchill very proud!

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.

School Year Calendar : 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>.

Kick-Start your Child's Education Savings: The TDSB has partnered with SmartSAVER to launch a board-wide campaign to help families access free money for their children's future education. What FREE money? It's the Canada Learning Bond, available now through [www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER). This is a Government of Canada contribution to a child's Registered Education Savings Plan. It provides up to \$2,000 in savings for the post-secondary education of eligible children. Who can get it? You are eligible if your child was born in 2004 or later and you have ever been eligible for the National Child Benefit Supplement as part of the Canada Child Tax Benefit, known as the "family allowance". All eligible children receive at least \$500 and will receive \$100 more for each year they're eligible up to age 15 or a maximum of \$2,000. How do I get the Canada Learning Bond?  
- SmartSAVER can help you apply for the Canada Learning Bond and start an RESP with \$0 when you use the Start My RESP online tool at [www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER)  
- You'll need a Social Insurance Number for yourself and your child to complete the application  
- There is no cost and you don't need to contribute any money to get the Canada Learning Bond  
Don't wait! Get started at [www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER).

Elementary Summer School: Elementary summer programs are tailored to increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 5 - 29, we are opening schools across the city to help build literacy and numeracy skills in students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/summer](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer) for a complete list of participating schools. @TDSB\_ConEd

Music Camps: Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp through three unique programs.  
- Summer Sounds - students can play a band or string instrument, guitar, keyboard and sing in a choir.  
- DownTown Summer Strings - a great benefit to students who have at least one year experience playing the violin, viola, cello or double bass, and wraps up with a concert open to the public.  
- Toronto Summer Music Camps - offerings students in Grades 5-9 an opportunity to attend a residential music camp held at Mono Cliffs Outdoor Education Centre, near Orangeville.  
For more information please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/summer](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer) @TDSB\_ConEd

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

Summer High School Credit: High school students and adults can take credit courses in July at a variety of locations across the city. Reach ahead or make up a credit towards your high school diploma. Registration opens May 2. Classes fill up quickly so register early. All classes begin on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 and conclude on Friday, July 29, 2016. Visit [www.creditprograms.ca](http://www.creditprograms.ca) for more information. @TDSB\_ConEd