

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday-Thursday, May 8-11

- Book Fair

Tuesday, May 9

- Prologue, 1:00
- JK Orientation, 4:00-5:00

Thursday, May 11

- School Show (pm)
- School Council Meeting – 7pm

Friday, May 12

- School Show

Monday-Friday, May 15-19

- Talent Show Auditions at lunch

Tuesday, May 16

- Track and Field grades 2-5 at Esther Shiner

Wednesday, May 17

- Grade 5 Group Grad Photo

Monday, May 29

- EQAO begins

Monday, May 22

- Victoria Day (no school)

Friday, May 26

- T-shirt Day

Sunday, May 28

- Fun Fair (@ Yorkview PS)

Tuesday, May 30

- Boys Soccer @ Baycrest

Friday, June 2

- Pizza lunch

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are looking forward to our School Show, "The Many Hats of Tristan and Finnie"! Staff and students have been working hard preparing for May 11 and May 12. Parents/Guardians of students in the following classes are invited for May 11: Ms. Piazzese, Ms. Palser, Mr. Ponter, Ms. Kim, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Sciulli, Ms. Litvack, Ms. Kearns, Mr. Richmond. Parents/Guardians of students in the following classes are invited for May 12: Ms. LeBlond, Ms. Floh-Hilts, Ms. Klarman, Mr. Sheehan, Ms. Levy, Ms. Najman, Ms. Scalzo, Ms. Chan, Ms. Goldberg. If you have children in classes included on both days, please choose one show to attend. The kindergarten show begins at 1:00 and the grade 1-5 show begins at 2:00. Please make sure that your child is prepared for our rehearsal on May 10 as well as for both show afternoons with a hat and their Churchill T-shirt. Note that the show will not be professionally recorded this year; parents are welcome to take photos and/or video with their own devices but posting of images of other students on social media is not permitted.

We have a very large number of items in our Lost and Found bin. When here for the show, please take a look through these items for any that might belong to your child(ren).

### Equity Ward Forum

Message from Director John Malloy: Equity is at the very core of our work and the foundation of achievement and well-being. We have focused a lot on equity this year, and we want to take a bigger step forward by developing school-specific plans on how to move forward.

The Enhancing Equity Task Force is hosting ward-specific sessions for school communities. These forums will be an opportunity to bring a team from every school together to learn together about Equity, the work of the Task Force and to be trained to go back and facilitate a conversation with staff, students and parents about Equity. They will each gather input to establish a baseline on where the school is at, identify what programs and services are in place and develop strategies to improve equity for everyone.

Join the conversation. Share your voice. Please register here:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/HowtoGetInvolved/EnhancingEquityTaskForce/EquityWardForums.aspx>

For Churchill PS, the Ward 12 Equity Ward Forum will take place on Thursday, May 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at George Vanier SS, 300 Don Mills Road (see attached). Refreshments, childcare, and translators will be provided.

Please let Principal Laura Slater know if you have questions, are interested, and/or have registered: [laura.slater@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:laura.slater@tdsb.on.ca)

Fun Fair: Make sure your calendars are marked for the Churchill/Yorkview Fun Fair happening on Sunday, May 28! Parent volunteers have been very busy planning for an action-packed day. Join us at Yorkview PS for inflatables, face-painting, games, silent auction, food, and more! Proceeds will be used to enhance various programs at both schools.

#### Intramural Sports

Our Spring intramural season is in full swing! Our primary students are really enjoying playing pass and catch volleyball while our junior students are loving the fast paced action that takes place when participating in tennis ball can knockdown! Games will continue in the month of May until champions are crowned.

#### Interscholar Sports

Spring means the start of Track and Field and Soccer! Churchill will be fielding both boys' and girls' soccer teams this year. Look for the action to begin on the field in early May. The month of May will also see some of Churchill's grade 4 and 5 students represent the school at the TDESSA North Regional Track and Field Meet, which takes place during the middle of May. Keep an eye out in the next edition of Paw Prints for updates on both Soccer and Track and Field!

Entry Doors: Please note that the school entry doors from the east parking lot are for child care families only, during the hours of the child care only. If your child is late to school or if you are visiting or picking up your child during school hours, please make sure to come through the doors from the main school yard or the front doors on Churchill Ave. Please also note that these sets of doors are not to be used as a short-cut between the school yard and Churchill Ave. We need to ensure the safety and security of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 Senlac Ave.**

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.

Healthy Hikes – May 2nd – October 31<sup>st</sup>: Healthy Hikes is an annual health and wellness initiative of Conservation Ontario. Each year, families in Ontario are encouraged to boost their health by stepping into nature at any one of Ontario's Conservation Areas from May to October. Visit the events calendar at <http://healthyhikes.ca/events-calendar> to join a guided nature walk in one of our local Conservation Areas.

Kickstart your Child's Education Savings: The TDSB has partnered with SmartSAVER on 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. 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)