



Important Dates

Cultural Connections	May 4 - 8
Late Start	May 12
Churchill ACE's recognition	March 14
Athletic Banquet	May 14
VICTORIA DAY—no school	May 18
OAPT Grade 11 Physics Contest	May 20
Grade 9 EQAO	May 21
Late Start	May 26
Year End House Celebration	May 28
Moratorium	June 1
Grad Tea	June 4
Grade 9 EQAO	June 8
Late Start	June 9
Culminating Activities	June 10 - 15
EXAMS	June 17 - 23
Last Day of School	June 24

Principal's Message

This newsletter marks the final quarter of the school year, when Semester 2 mid-term report cards come out. As we review report cards, I am reminded of how marks and class attendance are connected. I encourage students to finish the year strong and seek the support of teachers, guidance and the administration to continue to find success in your classes.

I would like to take this opportunity to proudly reflect on the many great opportunities, to enhance the learning experience at Winston Churchill, we have had over the last few months. It has been extremely busy with field trips, guest Hip-Hop artists and several student leadership groups. A special mention goes to our Visual Art students who have had art work displayed at Community Centres in celebration of Black History Month. I would also like to pay tribute to the success of our sports teams for their very prosperous seasons. Many teams successfully made the playoffs.

On April 17th, WCCI staff and student body participated in the Toronto 20-minute Clean-up Day. The entire school got their hands dirty cleaning up the entire property from winter debris. Congratulations to all. Mrs Jolliffe's class earned a pizza lunch for collecting the most garbage. We look forward to May as we focus on Mental Health initiatives in the school and celebrate the many cultures at WCCI through Cultural Connections on May 6 and May 8th.

We are also proud to introduce three new bursaries for our graduating students. The International Churchill Society has partnered with WCCI to create \$500.00 bursaries for leadership. See reverse for more information.

Over the next two and a half months I encourage all students to focus on your studies, seek help from your teachers, guidance, support staff and administration. With effort, dedication and passion you will realize your dreams.

“Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential.”

Sir Winston Churchill

School Climate Survey: Parents

School climate is the learning environment and all the relationships found within a school and school community. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community - students, staff and parents - feel safe, included and accepted.


The parent survey provides you an opportunity to tell the TDSB how you feel about the school climate at this school. The information will be used by our school to promote an environment of respect, safety and belonging for all students.

Parent Survey Link:

eforms.tdsb.on.ca/lfserver/parentsurvey

**For up-to-date information about WCCI:
Winston Churchill Daily Announcements:**

www.winstonchurchillci.ca
churchill.updateallday.com




Healthy Minds for Healthy Kids
Promoting wellness and mental health in our
Children & Youth

Thursday, May 7th @ Winston Churchill Collegiate
 6:30pm—8:00pm

Join us for community information night to share resources and strategies to promote well-being in our children and youth.


There will be guest speakers, information booth for resources sharing, snacks & family friendly prizes (Toronto Zoo passes, Blue Jays, &

Guest speakers / Resource sharing from:
 Aisling, Toronto Public Health; Dream Team, Tropicana, Shoniker Clinic, TDSB psychologists, TDSB Guidance, TDSB Social Work, Gender-based Violence team, Youthlink



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International Churchill Society Bursaries

Humanities Bursary (\$500.00): Awarded to a post-secondary bound graduating student who has attained the highest average in a Grade 12 English and a Grade 12 Social Science Course.

Churchill Leadership Bursary (2 Bursaries for \$500.00 each): Awarded to a post-secondary bound graduating student who embodies the qualities and characteristics of Sir Winston Churchill: courage, perseverance, independence, resilience, writing/speaking and sense of history. Recipients must prepare a 500-word essay on the qualities of leadership and how their leaderships experiences have helped prepare them to be a better leader.

See Ms. Ashby in Guidance for more details.

Canadian Geography Challenge

Last semester, over 20 grade nine students participated in a geography trivia contest held every Wednesday during lunch time. This was part of an annual national competition run by Canadian Geographic and sponsored by Google. After 16 exciting rounds of geography trivia, Ahmed Geedi was declared as Churchill's school champion! His prizes included: a medal, certificate, one-year subscription to Canadian Geographic magazine and a \$50 gift card. The other students who qualified to compete in the final round of our school competition are: Rishi Kakade, Jarra Shifara, Simmy Delva and Hannah Ruiz.



As our school champion, Ahmed Geedi represented Churchill in the regional geography competition, vying for a spot on the national geography team to represent Team Canada.

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Lunch Program

Many grade 10 students were fortunate to be an integral role of a partnership with one of our neighbouring schools, Bendale BTI. Students from Bendale prepared full lunch menus for our students here at WCCI. The healthy meals prepared allowed for many of our students to try different types of food cultures that many had never tried before. WCCI created a “lunch serving group” of students who volunteered their time to run the server at lunch and learn the etiquette of serving, cleaning, and plating. Some comments from the students themselves include:


- “I developed skills such as communication and speaking to people I would not normally feel confident to speak to”.
- “I learned new and healthy meals I can make at home”.
- “My math skills got better because it was my job to count the money”
- “I learned how to make healthier food choices”

I could not be more proud of the lunch time group who stepped out of their comfort zone and took on a new and exciting challenge. Congratulations : Annie Tran, Hanan Zakaria, Hadil Hamam, Grace Canto, Mialyn Gonzales, Emily Neloska, Jun Lin, Shanoia Spencer, Kianna McFarlane, Tasnim Geddi, Neha, and Vyssnavi Vaseekaran

Mrs. Jolliffe

Mental Health and Well-Being Belongs to Us!

Parents as Partners – Taking Action Together



Save the Date!
First Annual
Mental Health and Well-Being
Parent Symposium


on
Saturday, May 9, 2015

Registration and Arrival 8:30 – 9:30 AM
 Program 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM
 (Lunch and Childminding will be provided)

Earl Haig Secondary School – 100 Princess Avenue
 (Free Parking)

This Symposium will:

- Increase parent engagement in supporting mental health and well-being of their children
- Raise awareness regarding mental health issues
- Provide an opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of what mental health and well-being supports are available within the TDSB and the community



Registration information will be available shortly

The Toronto District School Board Mental Health and Well-Being | tdsb.on.ca/parenthealth | **tdsb.on.ca**