

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter April 2017



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Message from the Principal Dear Parents/Guardians:
There has been a whirlwind of activity this spring. Certainly nothing new for Churchill Heights! A lot of special events, competitions and accomplishments have been going on.

On Thursday, April 13th we had our Speech Arts Competition at the school level. These were our competitors:

Junior Division: Speech Arts Competition
Judges: Ms. Burch, Ms. McDonald, Ms. Tsirigotis

Mrs. Lucas' Class:

Format A:

Tulsi A. : What are Dreams?
Faatimah A. : American Travel Ban

Format C:

Timothy M. and Hamza A. : Scenes from "Concussion" 2015
Krish P. - Format C: "How Bugs got his name" from the novel "Bud not Buddy"

Mrs. Dorman's Class:

Format A:

Julian Z. : Why Do Humans Play Games
Athena R : Equality and Equity

Mrs. Graham's Class:

Format A:

Mahi: Taj Mahal
Sai: Sir John A McDonald.

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Co- & Extra-curricular Activities

Mondays

Junior Choir - Lunch
Music Practice - Lunch
Yearbook - Lunch
House League Volleyball - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Senior Band - 8:00 a.m.
Music Practice - Lunch
SLC - Lunch
Co-ed 5 & 6 Volleyball - 3:30 p.m.
House League - a.m. & p.m. recess
5 & 6 Ultimate Frisbee - 3:30 p.m.
Boys Soccer - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Folk Dancing Primary/Junior - Lunch
Senior Band - Lunch
Co-ed 5 & 6 Volleyball - 3:30 p.m.
House League - a.m. & p.m. recess

Thursdays

Chess Club - Lunch
Origami Club - Lunch
Co-ed 5 & 6 Volleyball - 3:30 p.m.
5 & 6 Ultimate Frisbee - 3:30 p.m.
Boys Soccer - 3:30 p.m.

Fridays

Virtual Reality Club - 11:30
Music Practice - Lunch
House League Volleyball - 3:30 p.m.

See enclosed calendar for other events.

Mrs. Petsinis' Class:

Format A:

Mardeni K. : The Titanic
Freya S. : Are Screens the Best Choice for our Free Time?

Mr. Qualtrough's Class:

Format A:

Avi S. : English is Crazy
Lokesh G. : Hockey Around the World

Format C:

Bernadette S. and Kathryn H. - Too Much Stuff (Robert Munsch)

Mr. Rajballie's Class:

Format A:

Alexander C. : Does School Make Kids Less Intelligent?
Tina L. : CRISPR

Format C:

Jonathan S. and Akshat V. - Brampton Boys - Spelling Bee Gone Wrong

Mr. Ho's Class:

Format A:

Seevitha T. - The Impact of Consumerism
Netra P. - All About Slime

Intermediate Division: Speech Arts
Judges: Ms. Wentz, Ms. Burch, Ms. Selvananthan

Mrs. Ali's Class:

Format A:

Preya P. : Respect
Robert C. : Persuasion

Mrs. Ifejika's class

Format A:

Evelyn W. - Social Media Obsession
Erin P. - Why the Dress Code is Sexist?

Format C:

Tayyba K. and Deborah T. - The Battle of Wits
Erin P. and Kiruthiga M. - To This Day

Mr. Cashman's Class

Format A:

Ayush S. - Procrasti-Nation
Sabriya H. - Stereotypes

Format C:

Sohail P. and Rahabar S. - Now I See by Tanis Harms
Alan Z. and Vickram V. - The Trump Calls the World's Leaders - Saturday Night Live

And the winners are:

In the junior division, in format A, the winner is **Julian Z. - "Why do Humans Play Games?"** In format C, the winners are **Jonathan and Akshat - Brampton Boys - Spelling Bee Gone Wrong.**

In the intermediate division, in format A, the winner is **Evelyn W. - "Social Media Obsession"**. In format C, the winners are **Tayyba K. and Deborah T. - "The battle of Wits"**.

A lot of work goes into the speech arts part of the language program - selecting an appropriate topic, researching it, writing a script or speech, memorizing the material and practising the delivery in front of an audience of peers and the entire school. Congratulations to our winners and to those who made it to the school level competition. Congratulations also to all our students who participated in writing and delivering a speech to their classmates.

Earth Day was April 22. Our school had their own Earth Day on Friday April 21. In the morning, Ms. A. Ali planned two assemblies for our students, including student presentations and video clips. In the afternoon, Ms. Siva in conjunction with Mr. Windfield and his students from the STEP (environmental) club from Woburn Collegiate, delivered some activities and workshops in orienteering, paper-making, arts

and crafts and planting.

Please mark on your calendars the date of our Music/Arts Spring Concert at Woburn Collegiate on Wednesday, May 10th. Refreshments will be provided, compliments of the School Council. Please see the advertisement included in this newsletter.

Don't forget our Track and Field Day is at Birchmount Collegiate on Friday, May 19th.

Most importantly, parents remember that on May 24, 25 and 26, we have EQAO testing for Grades 3 and 6. If your child is in grade 3 or 6, please ensure that he/she attends school those days and that doctors' appointments are not scheduled for that time frame. It is important that the children get plenty of sleep the night before and have a good breakfast in the morning, lots of snacks and a good hearty lunch – sound advice, really, for any school day.

There is a holiday on Monday, May 22nd – Victoria Day. No school for staff or students on that day.

Thanks to all our parents that supported our chocolate fundraiser and especially to the School Council for their many hours of counting money and restocking the boxes of chocolates. The grand total will be announced as soon as the campaign is wrapped up. Our next School Council meeting will be on Thursday, May 11th, not May 4th as the first Thursday is usually the date of the meeting. The meeting has been re-scheduled to the next week to allow all our parents to attend the Folk-dancing Jamboree on Thursday, May 4th, which occurs at the same time.

Many wonderful events and activities are happening in May and June. Do come out and support the school with your attendance at these events. Remember that you are welcome to come to any event here at the school and not just as a volunteer. We want you to see what is going on in the school and support your child's activity by celebrating their participation.

Thank you for all your support in the school's activities. Don't hesitate to call us if you have questions, concerns or suggestions: 416-396-6160. Hope to see you soon...

T. Dillinger

Employment Opportunity

The Toronto District School Board is seeking qualified Lunchroom Supervisors to work with students during the lunch hour. The rate of pay is \$11.40/hour (First 30 shifts); \$19.05/hour (After 30 shifts completed). For more details and to apply online, please visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Employment/SupportStaff.aspx>.

Spring Concert

Please join us at our annual Spring Concert.

When: Wednesday, May 10th, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Woburn Collegiate Institute
2222 Ellesmere Road

Performers, please arrive at 6:15 p.m.
Refreshments will be provided by School Council.

Math Contest Winner

Churchill Heights students took part in the Canadian Math Kangaroo contest sponsored by the University of Toronto. A Grade 1 student scored in the 98.58 percentile in the **GTA** for grade 1 students out of 141 students; 98.92 percentile in **Ontario** for grade 1 students out of 185 children; the student scored 98.14 percentile in **Canada** for Grade 1 students out of a total of 323 children. Our student got a National Gold Medal and won Second place in the GTA! That student is none other than **Manav S. in Ms. Williams' class**. Congratulations, Manav! That's a tremendous accomplishment! Your mathematical abilities are superb and you are commended for seeking other opportunities outside the school to further expand your skills.

Character Trait Winners

Congratulations to the following students who put into practice the qualities of CO-OPERATION in the month of April:

Room 1A: Evangeline, Kabithap

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Room 2: Narain, Krisha

Room 4: Abilesh, Sujani

Room 5: Melissa, Kevin

Room 6: Affan, Venusa

Room 7: Huda, Matthew

Room 8: Sahil, Kumanan

Room 11: Graham, Alexander

Room 21: Sreehari, Shanuja, Naveel,
Maisha

Room 22: Tharniha, Shrishay

Room 23: Prina, Krishna

Room 24: Anthony, Inayat

Room 25: Eathan, Aryan

Room 26: Ordean, Rumaisa

Room 27: Jonathan, Aaron

Room 28: Abisakan, Nadia

Room 29: Alan, Thisal

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

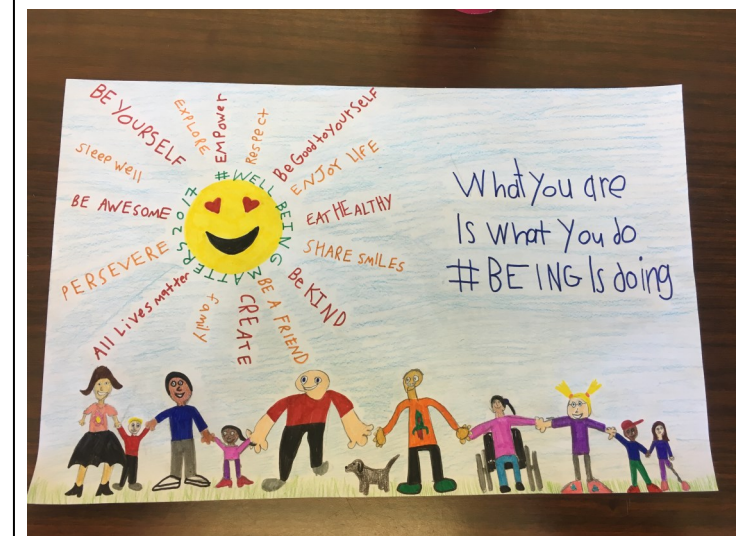
- Margaret Mead

Poster Contest Winners

May 1st to May 5th, the TDSB celebrates Children's Mental Health Week. The theme of Well-Being is the focus. Our primary gifted class took part in a poster contest which encouraged students to visually express themselves by exploring "Well-Being Matters in Our Schools".

The winners were chosen from the following grade categories: JK-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12. The winning designs are to be posted throughout the TDSB! Guess what, parents! **We won!!!! Again!** Our primary gifted class won last year's poster contest. You can see the poster hanging on our "wall of fame" in the foyer of the school.

We found out that our poster was selected again as a winner! Mrs. Burch, our CYW worker, Ms. Siva and the primary boys will be participating in the TDSB "Mental Health Well-Being Matters Walk" next Friday, May 5th the Board Office at 5050 Yonge St. Following the walk, there will be a presentation to the contest winners – our boys! Congratulations to Mrs. Burch, the primary gifted boys and Ms. Siva. A terrific display of your talents – once again!



Visiting Performing Arts

On Tuesday, April 25th we were entertained by the Fana Soro West African drummers.



Kindergarten

Ms. Mui and Ms. DeGuzman's Class Floating Boat Inquiry



School Cash Online

Good news - more Churchill Heights families have registered for School Cash Online. Our adoption rate has increased to 24.57%. We strongly recommend that you register for SCO even if your child does not currently have anything to purchase. Once you're registered, it's just a few easy clicks to pay for trips, yearbooks, etc. Thank you for your co-operation.



Equity Ward Forum

Wednesday May 3, 2017

140 Borough Drive
6:30 - 8:30 pm



Register Now!

Join us!

Equity is the foundation of achievement and well-being.

Our TDSB community is invited to participate in a working session to develop strategies and to improve equity in your school. These highly interactive sessions are an opportunity to share what's working well, consider solutions for challenges and develop an action plan that will benefit everyone.



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