



July 2016

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the final month of the school year comes to an end, we want to congratulate the many students that were recognized with Character Badges for Perseverance at our Monthly Assembly on June 27th. We are extremely proud of Crescent Town students for being wonderful role models throughout this school year.

We want to congratulate our Cricket Team who participated in a tournament recently at Warden Ave. P.S. and placed 3rd among all teams! Our team was represented by a hard working group of students from Grades 2-4 and we are very proud of their accomplishment in such short a time. Goooooo Cougars!!

I cannot express the gratitude we feel towards you the parents of Crescent Town for the very generous donations that have come in to support our Parent Council Fundraiser. Your contributions will go a long way in supporting the purchase of new technology resources for the next school year and will enable students to gain 21st century learning experiences.

On June 20th, Crescent Town partnered with Earth Day Canada in our first ever OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Play Day which involved loose parts play, water stations and various games and activities which students came up with. In the coming school year, we will be sharing more information on our partnership with Earth Day and enhanced opportunities for naturalized play outdoors.

As this school year comes to a close, we want to thank our parent community for the ongoing support to staff and students throughout the school year. Collectively we have a lot to be proud of from our school wide commitment to Aboriginal Education to the successful launching of our Makerspace/STEM Lab. If you have not yet viewed the school video for "We Are Crescent Town" we encourage you to watch this student created rap song which celebrates the many accomplishments from this past school year.

As our Grade 4 graduates leave Crescent Town, we thank them for all their hard work over the years and for leading and modeling for their younger peers. We wish you the best of luck in Grade 5 and hope that you will keep in touch with your Crescent Town family.

Finally, we'd like to conclude with the exciting news of some upcoming renovations to the school yard and Kindergarten play area. **While we look forward to the new and improved play space, we ask that students, parents and community members keep off the school grounds this summer for safety reasons and due to the large area of construction on site.** This work will commence in July with an anticipated completion of October 2016. A reminder that the **first day of school is Tuesday September 6th, 2016!** We wish all our students and families a most restful and enjoyable summer vacation!

It is truly an honor to serve the students, staff and community at Crescent Town.

Sincerely,

Harpreet Ghuman



Calendar of Events

Dates to Remember:

- 1 Canada Day (Public holiday)
- 7-9 Eid al Fitr* (Islam)
- 13-15 Obon** (Shinto)
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day (UN)
- 19 Asalha Puja Day** (Buddhism)

Have a great Summer!



Best Wishes for a safe summer. From Mr. Ghuman and Ms. Minos

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CANADIAN REGIONS BILLION DOLLAR GRANT

During the month of May the students in Mrs. Traikoff's grade four class have been learning about the Canadian regions and the environmental impact of different industries throughout our country. A billion dollar grant was offered by the Federal Government of Canada to any region that could create a "Google Slides" presentation that assessed the impact of an industry in their region, as well as, a plan to address the need for a more sustainable use of land and resources. Each group did an outstanding job representing their region and how they plan to manage the issues they face. We are proud to announce that the winner of the billion dollar grant is the Great Lakes Region!! This group received the most support from their classmates for their urban sprawl presentation. Great job Aparajita, Dawood and Faith. Don't spend the billion dollars all in one place



Aboriginal Artists



Jump Rope for Heart

On May 17th Ms. Lunan's class and many other students at Crescent Town did the Jump Rope for Heart challenge. The students were jumping and skipping! We are trying to eat healthy food instead of sugary treats! The fundraising goal was \$500. But the Crescent Town community and students raised 3 times that amount! Almost \$1500 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We are really pleased and hope that over the summer the students keep eating healthy food and staying active every day.

Parents as Volunteers and community members are encouraged to participate in volunteer activities in our schools that support programs and services and help students succeed.

Here are some ways you can help in your child's classroom or school:

- Reading with students who need extra help
- Arts and crafts activities
- School plays or concerts
- Arranging material in the library
- Helping with sports activities
- Supervising children on field trips

Parents and community members who wish to volunteer must, like all TDSB employees, complete a Police Reference Check (which will include a vulnerable sector screening) and be cleared before they can volunteer in any TDSB location or participate in activities with our students. Your local school principal can provide support with the Police Reference Check process.

Please come to the main office to pick up a police check application. It costs \$20 and can be processed over the summer to ensure that you are ready to volunteer in the fall.

If you have completed a police check, you just need to annual Declaration in the main office.

Thank you for your support.



Fit for Run 5K run. The cougars were there and running for an active life.