



# DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



FEBRUARY 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Learning at the Duke is fun and engaging. Skating at Greenwood Park, the Riverdale choir, Family Literacy events, Grade 7 visits, Wahanowin info evenings, high school visits, Winter Walk Day, Maple Leafs Open Practice, the Everlasting Flame craft sale, sports tournaments and lots of clubs are just a few of the highlights from this month. We are busy planning performances through Prologue and we thank SAC for their support that helps bring the arts into the school.

As part of Lunar New Year, you will see a large student created astrological circle with all of the student's signatures under their year. It is mounted on the wall in

the Duke foyer. For African Heritage month, students have been sharing information during the announcements about the contributions of Black Canadians. Best wishes to all families who are celebrating during February.

Kindergarten registration has been a busy time at school. We enjoy welcoming new families into the school. Thank you to the office staff for all of their hard work.

I hope that the weekly updates are helpful and informative.

We look forward to the longer days and sunshine that are coming soon. Winter is great but spring is needed for sure!

Sincerely,  
Beverly O'Brien  
Principal  
Duke of Connaught

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## Family Literacy Day

Many thanks to all of the teachers, students and especially all of the parents and guardians who helped to Make Family Literacy Day such a great success! Primary classes opened their classrooms to allow their guests to see literacy integrated in a number of different ways using guided reading and reading groups, visual inferencing, humour, drama, word walks and oral presentations.



## SAC

Greetings from your School Advisory Council Executive,

Planning is underway for our annual Adult Social! The date has been moved to **Saturday, April 28** at The Redwood; stay tuned to the Need to Read for more details!

By now your child should have come home with an order form for our Pink Shirt Campaign. This is not a fundraising initiative, but rather a chance for children, staff and parents to show school pride with a spirit of inclusion. The shirts will be available in time so they can be worn on **Wednesday, April 11 – the International Day of Pink**. Order forms are available in the main office or from [dukesac.ca](http://dukesac.ca).

All parents are members of council and we hope to see more of you at our next **SAC meeting** on **Thursday, February 22th at 6:30pm**, in the cafeteria. As always, childcare will be provided.

SAC's **Need to Read (NTR)** newsletter contains updates, school info, and important dates. If you are not receiving the NTR, visit the SAC website to sign up: [www.dukesac.ca](http://www.dukesac.ca)

There are many ways for you to **get involved at the school**. We are currently recruiting volunteers to help with upcoming events. If you wish to get more involved, please email us at [info@dukesac.ca](mailto:info@dukesac.ca). **We are currently looking for volunteers for our Fun Fair/Maker Fair committee**. If you are interested in helping us run the big event, please let us know. It is only with volunteers that these community building and fundraising events happen. Let's continue to work together to keep Duke's school community strong! Have a great Family Day weekend. We hope to see you soon!



February 12, 2018

Dear Ward 16 Parents/Guardians:

As you may know, Ward 16 Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher has taken a leave of absence effective February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. During this time, Trustees Jennifer Story, Parthi Kandavel, Ken Lister or Gerri Gershon will be available to assist with any issues that arise.

If you have a concern about your child or your school, please begin by contacting the Principal, then the Superintendent of Education, if necessary. The Superintendents for Ward 16 are as follows:

Mary Jane McNamara, [maryjane.mcnamara@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:maryjane.mcnamara@tdsb.on.ca)

Lucy Giannotta, [lucy.giannotta@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:lucy.giannotta@tdsb.on.ca)

John Chasty, [john.chasty@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:john.chasty@tdsb.on.ca)

These steps are outlined in the [Parent Concern Protocol](#), (PR505), which you can access online. For more information, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) and click on Contact Us in the top right hand corner. Then select Steps to Address Questions/Concerns from the menu bar on the left.

You can also reach the Ward 16 office at [Ward16trustee@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Ward16trustee@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-395-8787 to be connected with someone who can assist you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robin Pilkey in black ink.

Robin Pilkey  
Chair of the Board

Handwritten signature of John Malloy in black ink.

John Malloy  
Director of Education



The Grade 8 Girls played their volleyball tournament at Queen Alexandra on Feb. 12. They faced some fantastic teams and played extremely well. These ladies made it the finals where they faced a very experienced Glen Ames team. We are very proud of their efforts! It was a terrific tournament!



The grade 7 girls took part in their tournament on the 15<sup>th</sup> at D.A. Morrison. They finished first overall and now move on to the quarter finals against Cosburn. Well done girls!



The grade 7/8 boys basketball team played 3 fantastic games at Glen Ames Sr. P.S. on February 9th, but unfortunately did not move on. They showed fantastic team work and great spirit, representing Duke. Good job boys!



The J.R Boys Basketball team played in a five team tournament on Feb 8 and finished the day 2 and 2. The coaches and parents noticed a big improvement in skill and confidence as the games were played. WAY TO GO BOYS! From your coaches Ms. Hodgins and Mrs. Gothreau



Our two hockey teams have made it to the playoffs! Our grade 5/6 team finished second in their pool and will face Forest Hill in the quarter finals next Tuesday. Thanks to our two parent coaches, Mr. O'keefe and Mr. Brady for guiding our team!

Our Grade 7/8 team is also moving on, after also finishing second in their pool as well. They will be playing Winona next Thursday. We wish both our teams good luck!



Our two hockey teams got treated to an open practice of the Leafs at the Mattamy Centre, the old Maple Leaf Gardens. It was the first time the team has returned there since moving to the ACC.



Movie Night was a big hit!



## Around the School. . .

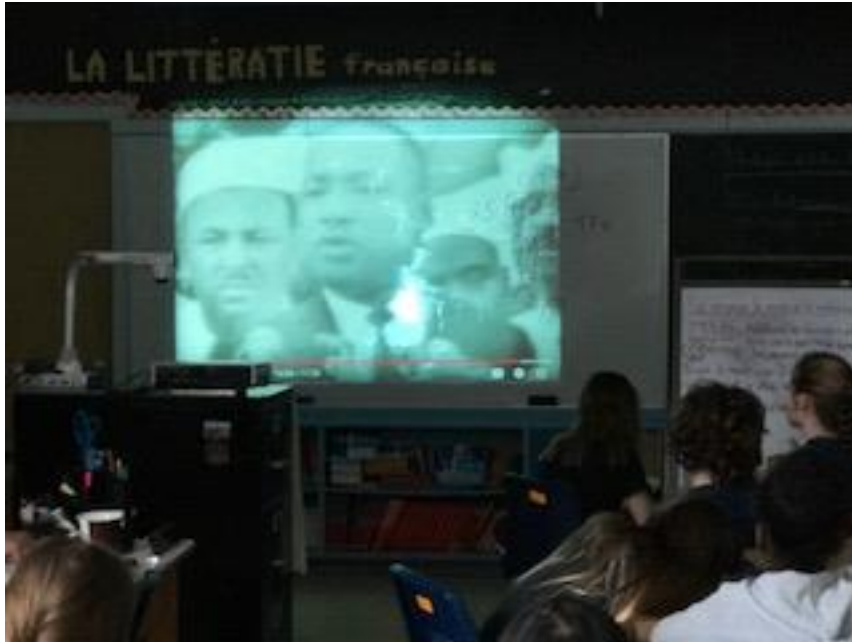


Mr Misner's Grade 5/6 are building looms which will be used to repurpose milk bags. They can be used to make mattresses!



The Spoken Word Club was honoured to work with C. Mahlikah Awe:ri Outten from Red Slam Collective!





We remembered the work of Dr. Martin Luther King in February. This is from Dupont's class.



Mme Hilaire's class got a visit from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority's Outreach program and are growing some aquatic plants that will be transplanted later this spring to help the watershed!

Some Great Graffiti from Ms. Bartzis' class!

