

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



MARCH 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating March Break. Spring is finally here! Longer days and sunnier weeks are all

welcomed. We celebrated
World Water Day on the 22nd
and Earth Hour March

23rd. Students have been making announcements all

week to raise awareness around energy conservation.

Planning for next year is well under way. I would like to take this time to direct parents to the TDSB information on combined classrooms. Combined classrooms are a reality in our school system. They are a function of the classroom caps but also a choice to help create rich learning environments. All classrooms have a variety of learning levels and teachers prepare to plan for this range by organizing the learning around similar expectations.

We are in the process of grade team planning and this planning is on-going to the end of school. It is important to note that the planning takes place with grade teams and a mixture of French and English. Families are welcomed to communicate with their home room teachers any learning considerations regarding classroom placements for the following year.

We are excited to be hosting Right to Play time in the back field. Thank you to Ms. Frost and Ms. Zwolinski for starting this student focused initiative.

We look forward to the SAC sponsored evening on March 28th to learn more about a Ministry of Education math application called **Knowledge hook.**

Sincerely, Beverly O'Brien

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Hello Dino!

Dates to Remember:

March 20: Fire Drill (PM)

April 4: Fire Drill (time TBD)

April 11: Lockdown (time TBD)

April 20: Fire Drill (time TBD).

Earth Hour

On the 23rd, Duke joined other TDSB schools in observing Earth Hour.

Earth Hour presents a great opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage us to focus on energy conservation and climate change.

Earth Hour was inspired by a demonstration in Sydney, Australia on March 31, 2007, when more than 2.2 million Sydney residents and more than 2,100 businesses switched off lights and non-essential electrical appliances for one hour to make a powerful statement about the leading contributor to global warming: coal-fired electricity.

That single hour accounted for a 10.2 percent reduction in energy consumption across the city.

Between 2 and the end of the day classrooms and other areas of the school went as electricity-free as possible. Our students on the Eco-Team visited all classrooms to gauge participation.



World Water Day

Duke also observed World Water Day on the 22nd. It's was a day to think about the importance of water and what we can do to protect this precious resource. We were proud to share work from Ms. Mowat, Ms. Trentadue, Ms. Bartzis and Ms. Astor's classes as part of a multi-media display.

The theme for World Water Day 2018 is 'Nature for Water' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.

Damaged ecosystems affect the quantity and quality of water available for human consumption. Today, 2.1 billion people live without safe drinking water at home; affecting their health, education and livelihoods.

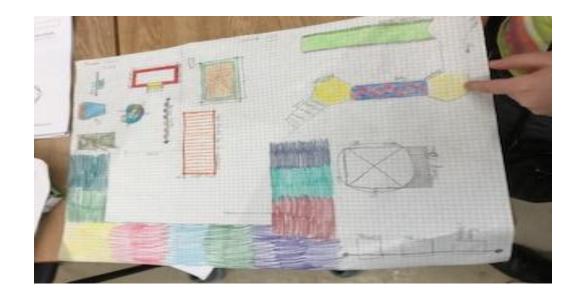
The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 commits the world to ensuring that everyone has access to safe water by 2030, and includes targets on protecting the natural environment and reducing pollution.



Ah Nature

Ah, nature, a beautiful thing
More satisfying to look at than a gold ring!
But nature is more than grass and maybe a bear
It includes trees that we need for air!
Sometimes the greed for money is too strong
Sometimes the time we spend chopping trees is too long
This may be a responsibility that you don't want to face
But one small action could make or break the human race.

-by Rayaan Shaikh Ms. Trentadue's class



Environmental education continues on other fronts. In Ms. Frost's Grade 5/6 class, students were challenged with designing a new park, as part of an integrated unit with math and geometry!

Kindergarten Concert



Thanks to everyone for making our Kindergarten concert such a great success! It was fantastic to see our students perform for parents and guardians. A special thank-you to the teachers and especially Ms. Pierce and Mr. Caruso, for making it all happen!



SAC

Greetings from you School Advisory Council Executive!

We are looking forward to next week's math workshop we are hosting for parents, Mathematics in Ontario: A Parents' Guide to Joining the Conversation, delivered by Knowledgehook (www.knowledgehook.com). The workshop will be held **Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Staff Room. Childcare will be provided.

If you ordered a pink anti-bullying t-shirt though us, we are expecting them to be delivered soon, and you will have them in time for the International Day of Pink, Wednesday, April 11.

We're also busy planning for next month's **Adult Social – Duke's Big Night Out!** It is happening on Saturday, April 28 at the Redwood event space at 1300 Gerrard St. E. Order forms will be coming home in your child's backpack in upcoming days. Book your babysitter now and plan to come out for the fun and meet other parents at Duke while supporting the school.

Please join us for coffee morning on **Friday**, **April 6**. Hope to see you there! 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.

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.



Athletics

Reminder Tournament dates:

Gr. 8 Co-Ed Badminton - Wed., March 28

Gr. 6 Co-Ed Badminton - Thurs., March 29

Gr. 5/6 Co-Ed Volleyball - Tues., April 3

Gr. 8 Co-Ed Volleyball - Wed., April 4

Gr. 7 Co-Ed Volleyball - Thurs., April 5

Gr. 5 Co-Ed Badminton - Thurs., April 5

Gr. 7 Co-Ed Badminton - Fri., April 6

Remaining sports teams for the year include Track and Field, Slo-Pitch, Cricket and Ultimate. Please visit the school website for more information.



Attention Parents and Guardians: the second installment for the Gr. 8 Overnight Grad Trip to Camp Wahanowin is due April 6 (\$125)

Vision and Hearing Tests: April 18

The Toronto Foundation for Student Success is offering a vision and hearing screening at the school. The vision screening includes tests for visual acuity, colour blindness, depth perception and strabismus (eye turning in/out). The vision and hearing screenings are conducted by trained International Medical Graduates (IMG) and certified Communicative Disorder Assistant. The vision and hearing screening services are optional and a nominal fee is charged to cover the services administrative costs:

For Kindergarten:

Costs for both vision and hearing is \$10.00

For Grades 1 and up:

Costs for Vision screening only is \$10.00

Costs for Hearing screening only is \$10.00

Cost for both vision and hearing is \$15.00

If a problem is detected at the screening, a note will be sent home to direct you to health care professionals for further evaluation, proper care and follow through. A letter and registration form will be sent home in the coming days.



Thanks to our teacher candidates for putting together their display to honour Chinese New Year!



Ward Forum

Outdoor Play and Learning

Tuesday March 27, 2018

6:30 to 8:30pm

Cosburn Middle School, 520 Cosburn Ave, East York (Coxwell and Mortimer)



Learn more about **OPAL** – the first program in Canada that aims to make play an integral part of the school day – and its partnership with the TDSB to roll out to 42 TDSB schools by 2020. With special guest Brenda Simon, Director of Play Programs, Earth Day Canada.



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Duke of Connaught Chess Club



Save your spot for Spring!



Children will...

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- · receive chess lessons with built-in character education
- · strengthen memory and concentration
- participate in confidence-building exercises and activities
- · gain a lifelong love of chess

Beginner to advanced players - all skill levels welcome! Open to students from SK to Grade 6.

Mondays at lunchtime, April 9 to June 18, 2018 \$130 (10-week program). No HST added



Join today at:

chessinstitute.ca

and let
the games begin!

Questions? Contact us at info@chessinstitute.ca or (647) 852-2428. If there are any concerns or difficulties regarding payment, please contact us in the strictest confidence to inquire about payment plans and subsidies.

Chess Institute of Canada is a registered charity whose mission is to improve the lives of children by using chess as a vehicle to cultivate the development of essential life skills. CIC uses the highly engaging Chess World curriculum; our programs are taught in schools and community centres throughout the GTA.





includes 1 hour room rental, 1 hour pool rental, 2 lifeguards and insurance Accommodates up to 50 people

Rental Times: Saturdays - 2:30 to 4:30pm* *Other days and times available

To book your party, call 416-392-7917 We can customize any party!

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Wed	8:30PM-9:30PM	Apr 4		
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New Family Fun and Fit Drop-In Family aquatic activities. Family relay races, aquafit, obstacle

HOW DO I REGISTER?

PHONE: 416-338-4386

ONLINE: efun.toronto.ca

IN PERSON: LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRE











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Around the School. . .



Ms. Papoff hosted an Exploration Classroom demonstrating arts integration for several visiting teachers.



Marilee Beck of Toronto Fire Services presented fire safety talks to our Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes.



Our French students presented at the annual speech competition.



Our scrabble team performed well at their recent competition.



Shaun Boothe entertained and enlightened with his "Live Your Legacy" Prologue performance.



Cohen is proud of his art!

Hello Dino!

Mrs. Doreleyers students had a special visitor for a few weeks in March. Here's what they had to say about their new classmate!

Room 16 has a special visitor, a leopard gecko from Mr. Gambacort. The leopard gecko's name is Dino. In captivity and in the wild they like to eat crickets, meal worms, roaches and other insects.

-by Karley

Dino the Leopard Gecko visited Room 16. Mr. Gambacort's Gecko drinks and bathes in its water. The Gecko has black spots.

-by Rachel



One cool fact about leopard geckos is that they shed their skin and then they eat it. The skin gives them protein and vitamins.

-by Olivia

The Gecko likes to climb rocky walls and soft faces, but he doesn't like to climb smooth surfaces.

-by Jayden

Dino comes out at night. He is cold-blooded. You can tell how healthy it is by its tail. Spotted geckos store food in its tail. Common geckos have the ability to detach their tails if it's attacked and this lets them get away.

-by Lauren



There is a leopard Gecko in room 16. Geckos like to climb bumpy rocks. -by Brendan

We get to feed Dino and he eats crickets every other day. Dino eats four crickets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

-by Josh



