



# DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



MAY 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bring on the sunshine and the bright days. We are busy at school with school work and school fun. Students are preparing for Duke's Nuit Blanche while track and field, ultimate Frisbee and slo-pitch are also engaging students. People often say that school must be winding down. I always say that actually it is one of the busiest times of the year. Teachers are busy planning for next year as well as wrapping up unit work and assessing students.

TDSB celebrated Children's Mental Health Awareness Week from May 7 -11th. We know that one in five students is impacted by mental health needs and that only one in six of those students get the help that they need. Children's Mental Health Week is about increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health needs, decreasing the stigma, and understanding the help that is available. We all have responsibility for the mental health and well-being of today's youth. The Mental Health Strategy that we are developing is about bringing together as many partners as we can to challenge the stigma around mental health needs and create a strong support system for students and their families.

The model of classes for 2018-2019 is included in this newsletter. Staffing the model has been on going and will continue until school starts. The 2018-2019 staff list will be printed in the June newsletter. The staff is always subject to change and classes also are subject to change in the Fall as numbers become reality. Students' classroom numbers will be printed on the June report card.

Please join us at the Creator Fair June 2nd. Thank you to SAC for working so hard to fundraise for the school and to provide fun events for the students.

Sincerely,

Beverly O'Brien

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## DUKE CLASS MODEL 2018/2019

ENGLISH	FRENCH IMMERSION	EXTENDED FRENCH
JK/SK	SK	4
JK/SK	SK	5/6
JK/SK	1	6/7
1	1	8
1/2	1/2	
2/3	2	<b>GIFTED</b>
3/4	2/3	4/5
4/5 (AM)	3/4	4/5
5/6	4	5/6
6 0.5 (AM)	5/6	6/7
7	5/6	7/8
7	5/6	
8	7	<b>ASD</b>
8	7	<b>PRIMARY</b>
	8	<b>JUNIOR</b>

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## SAC

Greetings from the School Advisory Council!

SAC is excited to invite you to our first-ever **Creator Fair** on Saturday, June 2, from 11am to 2pm. This is sure to be a fun-filled event -- a merger of the Fun Fair and the Maker Fair. Expect a bbq, games, bouncy castles, along with interactive activities where kids can explore various forms of arts and science.

As with all SAC events, this can only be a success with the help of amazing volunteers! If you have an hour or two to help out, please email [info@dukesac.ca](mailto:info@dukesac.ca) to find out how you can sign up!

Our Annual Adult Social was held on Saturday, April 28 at *The Redwood*, and was a huge success. A huge thanks to the parents who worked together to pull off this event. It's always a treat to spend time with members of this great community, and the Adult Social is always the perfect excuse to get out and have fun!

All parents are members of our SAC, and we hope to see you at our next SAC Meeting, on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30pm. Childcare is provided.

SAC's **Need to Read (NTR)** email 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).

Want to help out with SAC next year or volunteer in general? Don't forget that you will need to complete your police check. The process can take a while, so it's best to get the process started now!

More details on how to apply can be found at [www.dukesac.ca](http://www.dukesac.ca)

Come visit us at our **coffee morning** on Friday, June 1 near the front of the school.

Have a great week!

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## Parents Night Out at the Redwood



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## African Heritage Educator's Network (AHEN) Awards

We are so proud of the following students, who have been recognized by the African Heritage Educator's Network:

Coco Scott-Barrow in Mme Prokop's class was honoured for her outstanding work in Mathematics.

Sienna Scott-Barrow of Mme Legault's class and Rush Braham in Ms. Bartzis' class were both honoured with the Aspiration Award.

Nabayit Yihdego (not pictured) was the recipient of an award for Academics.

All of the award winners were invited to a dinner and awards ceremony at Earl Haig Secondary.

Congratulations to all!







### **Track and Field**

What an incredible day it was for Duke of Connaught at the Track and Field Meet on Monday, May 14. With 107 students running, jumping and throwing, we are ecstatic to announce that a plethora of our athletes will be moving on to the Conference Finals on June 7 at Birchmount. Thank you to all participants, coaches and parents who supported our team!

### **Slo-Pitch**

All of our slo-pitch teams have started their seasons. The Sr. Boys and Girls have tournaments at Earl Grey. Here's a shot of our boys:



The Junior Girls are playing right here at Duke, while the Junior boys are travelling to Wilkinson.

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## Ultimate Frisbee

The Grade 7/8 Ultimate Frisbee team worked really well together and had a great time developing as a team. Unfortunately, our Duke players did not move on. We had an amazing season. Great job Duke!!



## Camp Wahanowin Trip

We wish all of our students an amazing 4 days at Camp Wahanowin!

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## Eco Team News



### Waste Audit #2

We recently conducted our second waste audit of the year over 4 days. All classrooms in the primary, junior and intermediate divisions had their classes examined and the results analyzed by senior students, under the direction of Mr. Dharkhor. Among the findings: organic waste generated in the cafeteria was down significantly, compared to last year. This was one of our stated goals for the year. However, the amount of waste being generated by primary classes in grades 1 to 3 is still very high. These grades account for 54.3 percent of all waste produced in the school.





# Energy Walkabout

As part of our Platinum certification requirement, the Eco Club recently did an extensive energy audit of the school. Fifty-eight rooms were checked, representing around 60 percent of the building. The results are summarized in the table below. The biggest finding was the number of rooms that had either all or some of their vents obstructed. This reduces energy efficiency in the building. We will be conducting a follow up in the coming days.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lights Off when Room Empty</b>	<b>Vents Are Not Obstructed</b>	<b>Computers are in Sleep Mode or off</b>	<b>Other Electronics</b>
Duke 1st Floor	2 of 2 had lights off	5 of 5 had vents totally or partially obstructed	All computers off	All electronics off
Duke 2nd Floor	7 of 8 had lights off	6 of 10 had vents totally or partially obstructed	All computers off	All electronics off
Duke 3rd Floor	6 of 6 had lights off	6 of 10 had vents totally or partially obstructed	All computers off	All electronics off
Woodfield 1st floor	3 of 3 had lights off	4 of 5 had vents totally or partially obstructed	1 room had its computer on	All electronics off
Woodfield 2nd Floor	2 of 5 rooms had lights on	6 of 9 had vents totally or partially obstructed	3 of 8 rooms had computers on	All electronics off
Woodfield 3rd Floor	4 of 5 had lights off	1 of 6 had vents partially obstructed	All computers off	All electronics off

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## Earth Week Highlights

Duke of Connaught observed earth Week in a number of different engaging and empowering ways:

Schoolyard Clean-Up: classes were invited to take part in the annual joint effort by the TDSB and the City of Toronto through the Clean Toronto Together campaign. Classes took turns beautifying the yard and ventured forth into the community to volunteer their efforts as well:



Documentary: Sea of Life: A dozen classes met in the Woodfield Gym to watch the student produced documentaty Sea of Life. Julia Barnes was a 16 year old high school student in Burlington who decided to do something to protect the world's oceans – they produce almost all of the oxygen we breathe and is home to 80 percent of all living species on Earth. Filmed over three years in seven countries, Sea of Life dives into some of the most spectacular ecosystems on the planet, exposing both the destruction that's happening in our oceans and the efforts underway to stop it.





On April 27<sup>th</sup>, several classes participated in this global event to bring awareness to, and raise money for, access to safe, clean drinking water. Almost 2 billion people on the planet do not have access to stable sources of water. Through the Me to We Foundation, every \$25.00 raised will allow one person to have access to water for life. Another example of how Duke cares! Students walked to Ashbridges Bay where they performed water-themed poetry.





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## Island School/Kearney Outdoor Ed

Environmental education continued beyond the classroom. Our students headed beyond the walls of Duke to explore and learn at both the Island school and the Kearney Outdoor Education Centre. They spent several days immersed in rich activities aimed at broadening their understanding of the impacts humans have on the natural world and concrete steps we can take to become better stewards of the environment as we interact with and within it.



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## Literacy News: Festival of Trees

On Wednesday May 16, fourteen participants of the Forest of Reading program attended the Festival of Trees at Harbourfront. We enjoyed an author's workshop about how the sharing of stories can build empathy and how play can build trust and leadership. This was particularly meaningful, as one of our readers is also part of the **Right To Play Youth To Youth** program at our school. We attended junior librarian boot camp, received a free book, watched dancers, had author's sign our Forest of Reading autograph pamphlets and of course saw the winner of the Silver Birch Category announced. Our group was thrilled that *From Ant To Eagle* by Alex Lytle was announced as the winner. The other winners that were announced included *Top Dogs* by Elizabeth MacLeod and *Smiley* by Joanne George. The recording of the Red Maple awards ceremony will be shown in the library sometime soon. Thank you to all of our wonderful readers and our teacher-readers!





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## TDSB Creates

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the TDSB Arts department culminated the tdsbCreates Narratives of Now 2018 with an inspiring performance at North York performing Arts Centre by over 25 schools from across the city. This year Duke was proud to have Ladylike: a team of four grade 5/6 students share their poem. Lucy Mason, Graydon Sprague Rafuse, Dalia Schulman and Madeline Bryan shared their artist statement:

*We are Grade 5/6 girls and we are here to tell our story. We are tired of being quiet, we need to be heard. This is our narrative of now: to change the narrative of the future. We need change and we need it now. We need equity. We need equality. Now is the time to speak up -- before it is too late.*

These powerful young women were mentored by artist Mahlikah Aweri along with the rest of the amazing Spoken Word club. Mme Mak-Tubbs, Mme Legault, and Ms Papoff worked with the students to write and perform their piece. Ms Frost co-created an incredible dance piece with artist Lauren Cooke from Alias Dance. The two groups have been working since December to co-create and rehearse their pieces. Both groups attended a juried day of sharing on April 4 at the National Ballet School.



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## Music has filled the halls this Spring at Duke!

### Duke's Got Talent 2018

In April Duke presented its biennial Duke's Got Talent show! Students wowed the audience with magic, singing, dancing and performances on piano, violin, French horn, guitar and ukulele. Thank you to all the staff, students and Duke community for helping to put on a fantastic show!



### Music Monday

On Monday May 7th the Duke community participated in Music Monday. We had performances from the band and choirs as well as a solo performance of an original composition by Nardos Mesfin from Ms. Mak-Tubbs class. Students demonstrated what they have been learning in their music classes through the TDSB Global Music Program. Students from Mr. Caruso and Ms. Pierce's classes performed on the Cuban Brazilian and Indian percussion instruments.



# Yellow Day

Duke students and staff took part in Yellow day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Started by a Kindergarten teacher in Illinois, the day is meant to foster acts of kindness. The idea is to fill someone's darkness with light with yellow being the symbolic colour. A timely observance to coincide with Mental Health Week and a prelude to Kindness Week.





## Around the School:



The Everlasting flame, Ms. Astor's grade 8 entrepreneur group, created crafts for sale for Mother's Day, with proceeds going to supporting First Nations education in the far north.



Duke at the Regional Heritage Fair



Grade 5/6 Trip to Queens Park



Star Wars Day



Ms. Trentadue' class promoting pedestrian safety



Learning how things grow in Ms. Xu's Kindergarten class!



Checking out the First Nations garden with Ms. Vavala's class at the Toronto Zoo!



While winter might not want to let us out of its grasp, believe it or not, spring is upon us. There's been so much happening in our schools and Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs). It has been a great year so far, and we're happy to see the new and exciting things *popping up* in SNPs across the city. Here's a peak at some of the happenings, some tips, and what to look out for in the months to come.

## IKEA Visits SNPs

It's always a pleasure when we help make local connections between SNPs and the individuals and organizations in their communities. Sometimes this happens on a small scale, with individuals reaching out to find out how they can get involved in their local school's SNP. Sometimes it happens on a larger scale, with major companies and partners looking to see how they can give back at the local level.

This year, staff from the two Toronto IKEA stores (a partnership through Breakfast Club of Canada) visited two local schools, to donate breakfast bags that they had prepared. And, staff from the North York IKEA not only visited Muirhead PS but also decided to volunteer once a week, helping out with the morning meal program. The Etobicoke IKEA sent their team to deliver bags to The Holy Trinity CS in their new school.



After the warm and friendly welcome they received from the staff and students, they are now also going to start volunteering regularly at the school. Thanks again to all the IKEA staff who volunteer their time, and thanks to the schools for being such welcoming hosts.



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**Save the Date!**

**Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony**

**Wednesday, June 27**

**4-6 PM**

**Woodfield Gym**