



DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



NOVEMBER 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Duke of Connaught continues to focus on academic success. As a school, we have embarked on our equity inquiries. These inquiries are leading discussions to look at the barriers to student learning. We are examining which voices are dominant in student learning which voices are being overlooked. As you move around the Duke, you can hear and see evidence of the focus on student lead inquiries.

The Remembrance Day ceremony was a reflective time as the students sang songs and presented a drama tableau encouraging us

to take time to remember the sacrifices of all brave soldiers and to reflect on the impact of war.

November 20th is the start of Anti-bullying week across the TDSB. Our student council leaders have been working closely with our guidance counselor and our council teacher leaders to develop an activity for every class to start a directed conversation about bullying and how to take action. We also had a whole school presentation.

Please join us for the Holiday breakfast on November 25th. This event is a successful fundraiser for the school

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but most importantly it is a time for us to come together as a community and celebrate the season. I look forward to seeing many families that fun day. I invite all families to please save the date for a holiday concert. We will be having a holiday Concert Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. The choir, strings band, guitar club, Duke UKES and several classes will be performing. More information will come from teachers about the concert.

In our continuing effort to inform, share and build community, we hope you are enjoying the new weekly updates that are now being sent each Friday. These are being distributed through School Connects, as well as posted on the School website

(<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/dukeconnaught>) and linked to our Twitter account <https://twitter.com/DukeofConnaught>. We are also working on installing a new swipe card system on the exterior doors of the building – more details to come. In the meantime, staff are monitoring and controlling access to the building between 7:00 – 8:00 AM.

Sincerely,
Beverly O'Brien
Principal

Dates to Remember:

Nov 17 PA Day

Nov 20-24 Anti-Bullying Week

Nov 25 Holiday Breakfast

Dec 1 Deadline for applications for FI SK

Dec 1 PA DAY

Dec 14 Winter Concert

Dec 18 and 20 Caroling

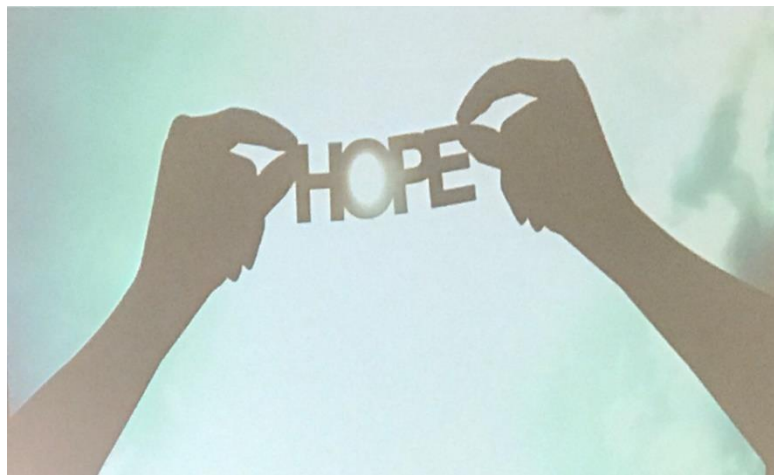
Dec 23-Jan 7 **HOLIDAY**

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Remembrance Day Assemblies

Students participated in two thoughtful assemblies as we remembered those who have served in various conflicts and peacekeeping missions. In addition to the traditional laying of wreaths, moment of silence and playing of the Last Post, the two assemblies featured presentations by Ms. Mowat's class, who performed "Tout Ce Que Je Veux" and Ms. Popoff's class who presented "The Great Law of Peace". The Spoken Word Club also offered their creation, "The Child on the TV" and Ms. Astor's class "Stories from the War" was also featured. Analiese Hall sang "In Flanders Fields", and Sarah Sounjie performed "What A Wonderful World". Ms. Pierce and Mr. Caruso led all students in singing "Nda Mkwendang", which was prepared in music classes. Thanks to our student MC's: Saphia, Sarah and Lucy in the Kindergarten and Primary assembly, as well as Jake, Audrey, Connor B and Graydon in the Senior presentation.



SAC

Greetings from your School Advisory Council (SAC) executive!

Every year, November seems to be our most jam-packed month, and this year is no exception!

We hope to see you at our next SAC meeting on Thursday November 24th at 6:30pm, in the Cafeteria. We will be joined by Officer Tony Santeramo, who will give an educational presentation on the "how/why/what, etc." of when a school is placed in Lock Down, Hold & Secure, etc. Childcare will be provided.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers who made our first Pizza Lunch of the year a big success! It couldn't have happened without the support of volunteer parents and caregivers. Our next Pizza Lunch will be on Dec 20.

Our dedicated parent and student volunteers also are to be congratulated for their hard work in helping to run the fun (and spooky!) Halloween Dance, featuring the spectacular Haunted Hallway. It is always amazing to see strong community support and everyone having a great time. This is the core of our Duke spirit.

Speaking of spirit, how about Spirit Wear? Don't forget that this is your annual opportunity to purchase Duke Spirit Wear. Deadline for orders is November 27th. Order forms can be found at dukesac.ca/clothing.

Our first Movie Night of the year is Despicable Me 3, this Thursday, November 16. Doors Open at 5pm with pizza and baked goods being served. The movie begins promptly at 5:30 pm. Donations of nut-free baked goods are welcomed.

Our Annual Holiday Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 25th, from 9am to 11:30am. Order your breakfast tickets by November 22 to reserve your spot! As always, no tickets are needed to enjoy the festivities taking place in the Woodfield Gym, which will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland, complete with a Children's Marketplace! This is a great community event that is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.

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. 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!

Duke Playground Re-Design Update

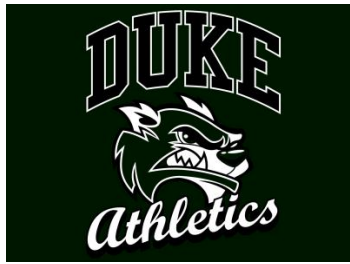
The steering committee comprised of parents, as well as school staff, and our community partners (S.H. Armstrong, Woodgreen and Applegrove) has begun preliminary work on creating a master plan for a revitalization of the playground. The group has shared its feedback from students as well as stakeholders and two meetings have taken place with the Board's design consultant, Facility Services, as well as the landscape architects, who are assisting in drawing up the master plan. Parents on the steering committee will be providing an update at the next SAC Meeting on the 23rd.



Eco School Update

Mme Hilaire and Ms. Mak-Tubbs as well as Mr. Gambacort attended the annual Kick-off at Selwyn PS. Plans for this year include a series of waste audits to better track and reduce organic waste, an energy walkabout to review energy consumption, as well as a new recycling initiative to redirect used batteries and markers, lightbulbs and milk bags from landfill. We also received our Platinum plaque for 2017, which is now hanging proudly outside the Main office!





Upcoming Team Tournament Dates:

- Gr. 7/8 Girls Basketball Tournament - Tuesday, November 21 @ Lord Dufferin P.S.**
- Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Tournament - Wednesday, November 22 @ D A Morrison M.S**
- Gr. 5/6 Boys Volleyball Tournament - Tuesday, November 28 @ DUKE**
- Gr. 7 Boys Volleyball Tournament - Wednesday, November 29 @ Earl Grey Senior P.S.**
- Gr. 5/6 Girls Basketball Tournament - T.B.A.**

Looking ahead to December/January!

- Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball - Ms. Mak-Tubbs**
- Gr. 7/8 Girls Volleyball - Ms. Oliveira**
- Gr. 5/6 Boys Basketball- Ms. Hodgins**
- Gr. 5/6 Girls Volleyball - Mr. Abbey**
- Gr. 7/8 Co-Ed Ice Hockey - Ms. Oliveira/Mr. Aishford**
- Gr. 5/6 Co-Ed Ice Hockey - Mr. McIntyre**

Duke of Connaught Spirit Wear



Please visit
duke418.topuniforms.net
for all options and to place your orders



SKI TRIP TO SNOW VALLEY SKI RESORT

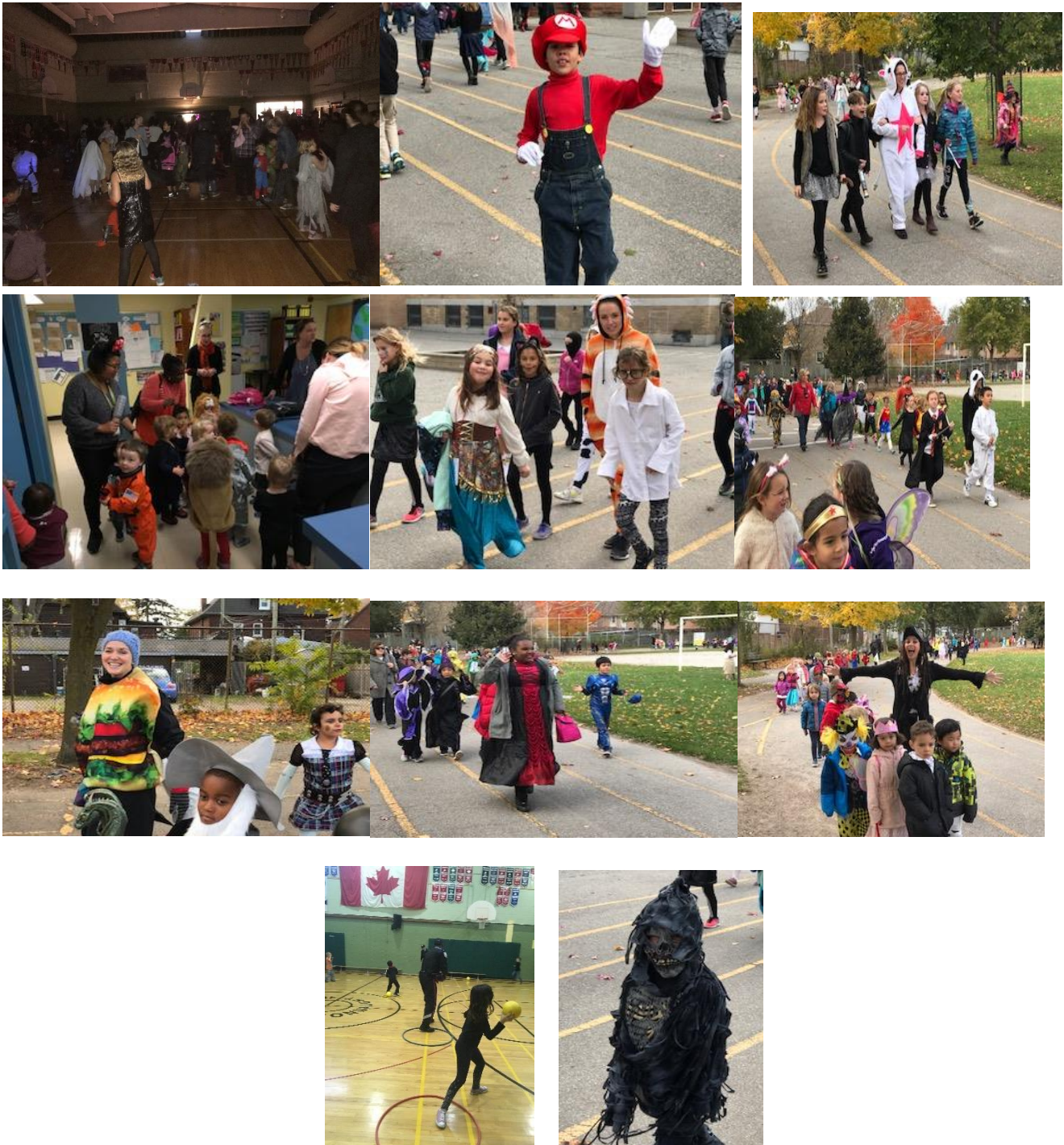
The Gr. 5-8 students have the opportunity to participate in the **Annual Downhill Ski Day** at **Snow Valley Ski Resort** near Barrie. No experience required. There will be two trips this year!!! The **Grade 5/6 excursion will take place on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018** and the **Gr. 7/8 excursion will take place on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018**. This will be an all-day trip, meeting at 7am and returning to the school at approximately 5pm. Permission forms will be distributed on Thursday, November 30. If interested, students will need to return all **permission forms** and **\$50.00** cash or cheque, made out to Duke of Connaught Public School, to **Ms. Oliveira by Friday, December 16th**. The cost includes transportation, ski equipment rental, ski lessons and a lift ticket. If the student does not attend the trip, he/she will still need to come to school on that day.

Chinese Delegation

Duke of Connaught was pleased to welcome a group of visiting principals from near Shanghai. They spent the afternoon learning about inquiry-based learning and growth mindset, as it relates to changing perceptions on how students learn and they visited classrooms to see our students learning. Thanks to the teachers for welcoming us into their rooms!



Halloween



There were ghosts and goblins a-plenty around the school – in the Office, on the track and even some visiting officers from Toronto Police Services helped out with a game of Zombie Tag in Ms. Hodgins' Phys-Ed classes! Senior students held a dance and thanks to the SAC for sponsoring the annual Dance and haunted hallway!

Not a Costume

Duke was in the news for its “Not a Costume” Campaign, an effort to educate about how costumes can perpetuate negative stereotypes, including ones that depict Indigenous peoples.



The Book Fair is underway! Please visit
www.ella.innow.ca

ONLINE! Duke of Connaught
BOOK FAIR

Shop at www.ellaminnow.ca
November 14-21
and support our school library

GET SET-UP
Go to www.ellaminnow.ca and click the "Log In" button (top right corner) to "Create An Account"
Check your email for your activation link – click on the link and you're ready to go!

FIND ITEMS
Use the search bar to find titles, click on books covers to get more information
Use the green "Add to Cart" button

FINISHING UP
When you're done shopping, go to Checkout
Choose your delivery preference:
• If you choose the Ship option, your books will be delivered to the school by early December
• If you choose the Pick-up option, we'll contact you when your books arrive

*****SUPER IMPORTANT!*****
The email include your child's name & class, as well as "Duke" in the instructions box
All items must be paid for when the order is placed

Sponsored by Ella Minnow Children's Bookstore
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A reminder that our French and English Read-up clubs run every Thursday after school in the Library!



Around the School . . .



A huge turnout for grade 8 Choices for 9



The Graphic Arts and gaming Club meets Thursday in the Library



International Languages: learning Mandarin through song!



Thanks to Julie Lepine from Mining Matters for her workshops!



Our girls at Young Women on the Move!

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HOW TO VALIDATE SO YOUR CHILD WILL TALK:

**BUILDING TRUSTING
RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR
CHILD TO HELP REDUCE THEIR
ANXIETY, MANAGE STRESS AND
DEVELOP MORE MEANINGFUL
COMMUNICATION**

**TUESDAY NOV. 21, 2017
6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Raising children can be challenging at the best of times, especially when they are confronted with intense emotions. As parents, we can find ourselves drawn into arguments, feel like we are walking on eggshells, or feel helpless in knowing how we can connect with our children. Research has shown that when parents learn how to use validation in their communication with their children, it can help reduce children's anxiety, levels of stress and improve parent child relationships. In this workshop you will be introduced to what is validation, how to and when to validate, and effective problem solving.

**Presented by Liz Lovrics
Child & Family Therapist**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND CHILD CARE SUPERVISION
MAY BE AVAILABLE.**

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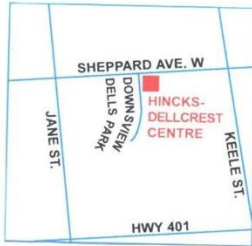
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**FAMILIES FIRST
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HELPING TWEENS WITH SMART & SAFE DIGITAL MEDIA PARTICIPATION

Thursday Nov. 23rd, 2017
6:00 - 7:30 pm



In the age of technology, it's difficult to know how we can help our young people with smart and safe digital media participation. Learn more about online issues that commonly affect them, as well as effective parenting strategies to help you work together with your young to create a safe digital environment. This workshop is primarily focused on pre-teens or "tweens" and offers parents some advice prior to or around the time they are thinking of giving their child a smart phone.

Presented by Bethany Good, MSW, RSW

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND AVAILABILITY OF CHILDREN'S GROUPS & CHILD SUPERVISION WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE TIME OF YOUR REGISTRATION. Call 416 - 924 - 1164 or 1 - 855 - 944 - HOPE (4673) ext. 2167
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

Good-Bye Ms. Boyce!

This month we said goodbye to our educational assistant Ms. Boyce. She has retired after 28 years with the Board. Many staff, students, friends and family came to an event organized by Ms. Astor to wish her well on the next part of her journey! However, we will be seeing her again – she will still be assisting as a volunteer on field trips!



Picasso Portraits in the Senior Division!

