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## Newsletter - April 29, 2016

### September 2016 Planning

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we are slowly starting to set up our classes for next year, please let us know if you are planning on registering your child at another school for September 2016 due to a move.

We will begin our student class placements in the near future which will determine which class your child will be in next year. The decision as to class placement of the students is the prerogative of the school. Teachers will be meeting with the school administration to discuss the needs of each student. It takes hours of deliberation and discussion to assign children to their classes. We work hard and use considerable professional judgement to ensure balanced classes in terms of:

- Numbers
- Gender
- Abilities
- Strengths, needs and social dynamics

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above. The final decision regarding class placements rests with the Principal. **Please note, we cannot entertain requests for specific teachers.** Circumstances change for various reasons and sometimes so do teacher assignments.

There is always a possibility that class assignments will change in September when we do a final enrolment count. All classes will remain as assigned until it is reasonable to make changes, if any are made. Classes that will maximize opportunities for each child to be successful. Once again, there is always the possibility that the school organization may change to ensure Ministry requirements are met. As always, you are welcome to speak to your child's teacher about your child's learning and to the Vice-Principal or Principal should you have specific concerns.

### **Lockdown and Fire Drills**

At the beginning of each school year, our students and staff prepare for the year ahead by establishing the foundations for a successful year. One of the ways we know we can help students be successful is to create a safe environment in which to learn. Though no one ever wants to see an emergency happen at a school, it's important for school staff to be equipped to deal with those situations, should these occur.

The safety of students and staff is a top priority at our school and to that end, as with all emergency drills, it is essential that we are prepared and understand the importance of procedures that will help ensure the safety of everyone in our school.

The TDSB has taken steps to ensure your child's safety while in school. Each school has developed emergency preparedness plans that include steps staff will take in the event of an emergency, how staff will get students away from possible dangers, and how students' families will be contacted.

One aspect of emergency preparedness is the lockdown and fire drill. All schools are required to conduct a minimum of two lockdown drills and six fire drills each

school year. Lockdown drills, like fire drills, are an essential component to ensuring student and staff safety. It is important that all staff and students are prepared and know how to respond in cases of emergencies. The drills last approximately 5 minutes and ensure plans are effective and can also systematically identify any safety concerns.

Communication is also very important in any emergency situation. The emergency contact information kept on file is important in helping this happen. It lists the people who can pick up a student from the school. If you have not yet provided this information to the office or have updates to the information on file, please make sure our office staff have that information as soon as possible.

### Track and Field 2016

The spring sports season is upon us and we're very appreciative of the efforts of many teachers to coach students in the several events offered. Please see below for events and practice times:

Event(s)	Grade(s)	Coaches	Practice Days and Times
60 m 4 X 100 m relay Running Long Jump Standing Long Jump	3 (some Gr. 4-8 relay)	Stacy Swire B.J. Reyes	Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 am
80 m (Gr. 4-6), 100 m (Gr. 7/8), 200 m, 4 X 100 m relay	4-8	Kim Ristic Karina Bridgwood	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Lunch
400 m 800 m 1500 m 4 X 400 m relay (Gr. 7/8 only)	4-8	Andrew Shipton Erin Harris	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Lunch
Standing long jump (Gr. 4-6) Running long jump (Gr. 4-8) Triple Jump (Gr. 4-8)	Gr. 4-8	Linh Kostro Charlotte Cornel	Tuesday, Thursday 3:30 pm
Shotput	Gr. 4-8	Sean Drew	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:45 am

## **Student Attendance and Punctuality**

Regular student attendance and punctuality are important in order for students to be successful at school. The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their children attend school regularly. A student's academic progress depends on regular class attendance.

TDSB elementary schools practice the Safe Arrival Program that requires schools to perform a school-home attendance check. Notify the school when your child will be absent. Students are expected to fully participate in learning opportunities and complete all homework assignments and tests when they are absent so make sure your child is getting homework assignments when they are absent.

You can help ensure that your child is in school and on time for classes by:

- being involved in your child's education
- knowing the school's schedule
- communicating regularly with classroom teachers (use your child's planner to send notes to the teacher)
- calling the school if your child is going to be absent
- writing a note if your child is late due to an appointment
- ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep so that they have the energy they need for the next day

## **Earl Beatty Bookfair**

Volunteers needed - the book fair is coming! This is a great opportunity for students to choose some books for summer reading as well as for the school to get free books for the library.

Parent volunteers are required during the following times (no experience required!):

Tuesday, May 24 - 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-4 pm

Wednesday, May 25 - 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-4 pm

Thursday, May 26 - 8:30-11:30 am, 12:30-4pm and 4-8 pm (this is the evening of the spring concert)

Friday, May 27 - 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:15 pm

Please email Miss Cornel ([charlotte.cornel@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:charlotte.cornel@tdsb.on.ca)) with the times and days you are available by Friday, May 6th. Thank you for supporting our library and school literacy.

### App of the Week

A new feature of our bi-weekly newsletter is the inclusion of a recommended **app** for parents and students to try at home. This week's app is **Adobe Voice**, which is a fantastic, **simple** program that allows you to make interesting presentations in a matter of minutes. The app is downloadable (and free) on any Android or iOS device. You can check out Mr. Budd's first attempt at using the program here (completed in a manner of minutes!). <https://voice.adobe.com/a/ZALqB/>

### Important Dates

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Music Monday

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Welcome to Kindergarten Night

May 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> - Immunization Clinic (Grade 7 - 8)

May 24 - 27<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Spring Concert

### Track and Field Dates

Wed. May 18<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 7/8 Conference Qualifier @ Birchmount Collegiate - all day

Thurs. May 19<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 3-6 Conference Qualifier @ Birchmount Collegiate - all day

**\* Please note that Gr. 3 students do not advance beyond the Conference Qualifier.**

Thurs. June 9<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 4-8 Conference Finals @ Birchmount Collegiate - all day

Tues. June 14<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 4-8 City Finals @ Birchmount Collegiate - all day

## Math Challenge

Congratulations to Benjamin Scott Salah, the winner of our most recent Math Challenge! This week's Math Challenge is ...

Ben was playing with six of his friends. They each had 13 "Magic" cards, but thought that was too many, so they decided that the total number of cards used by the group should be 84.

1. How many "Magic" cards did Ben and his friends now have individually?
2. How many cards did Ben and his friends end up not using in total?

Remember to demonstrate your great thinking with pictures, numbers and/or words.