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Upcoming Events



March 1 – Pizza Day
March 2 – Primary Assembly 9 am
March 3 – Gr. 1 & 2 trip – OSC
March 4 – Gr. 3 trip – Fort York
March 5 – Gr. 5 trip – ROM
March 11 – Pizza Day
March 12 – Primary Dance-a-Thon
March 13– Gr. 6 trip – Mandarin
March 16 – 20 – March Break
March 25 – Pizza Day

Principal's Message

Wow! What an amazing Month of February topped off with an enthusiastic presentation by students from our primary and junior divisions. The students recited poems, danced to the beats from the Caribbean and demonstrated why Jackie Robinson was so important to all people of African Heritage. We also had a Primary/Junior movie night, CedarBrae Collegiate Steel Pan Performance, a world record rapper Duane "Defy the Odds" Gibson and Buddy Builders focusing on Building Relationships and standing up against Bullies. We look forward to another amazing month filled with Tiggerific activities. Keep up to date by checking our website (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ellesmere>) and Twitter feed (@TDSB_ESPS)

Safe Arrival

A reminder to our parents, please call the office by 8 am to leave a message on the "Safe Arrival" voice mail (416 396 6226). Please leave only your child's name, room #

and the reason for the absence or late. Thank you.

Lost and Found



Our lost and found continues to grow. We encourage parents to please label their child's coats, hats, boots etc. This may help articles of clothing be reunited with their owner.

Volleyball Victory

A huge congratulation goes out to the Grade 5/6 Girls' Volleyball Team! The girls were undefeated during their tournament on February 26th at Samuel Hearne Sr. P.S. The team played a nail biter in the final game against Corvette P.S. and came out victorious with a 26-24 final score. We are so proud of you, girls! The girls are officially the Grade 6 Girls - Division 3 Champions! Way to go: Nia, Logan, Kinah, Asia, Vasia, Prithika, Jessie, Rufina, Mariam, Shanice, Rishaani, and Denise.

A special shout out to Ms. Yhap, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Wilson for helping to drive and for all their support. Well done, girls!



Statton Skiers

The frigid February temperatures couldn't keep Ellesmere-Statton away from the beautiful slopes of Lakeridge Ski Resort. On Friday, February 20th, 36 grade 5-8 students, along with Mr. Soltesz and Miss Mikrogianakis, travelled to Lakeridge for a fun-filled day of skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing. A wonderful day was had by all! The sun was shining, the snow was glistening, and the hot chocolate was flowing! A big thank you goes out to Ms. Marans for organizing this trip. Definitely looking forward to next year!



African Heritage Month

We celebrated African Heritage Month here at Ellesmere-Statton for the month of February by learning facts about African Canadians through announcements and the Statton foyer display. At the end of the month, we had an awesome presentation with our very own Statton talent! Soca and African dancing, a Jackie Robinson monologue, songs, poetry and even story time made an enjoyable show for all. A special thank you goes out to all the performers and MCs who worked hard every day practicing for the show: Gabe, Arisa, Jovian, Sophia, Lulya, Naomi, Shanice, Aakanksha, Priyanka, Jothisha, Mrs. Rajaram's class, Miss Sykes' class and our very talented choreographer and dancer, Ms. Cameron! A BIG thank you to all the staff involved as well!



Rapper D.O. visits Ellesmere-Statton

D.O. is a Canadian rapper, motivational speaker and author. He is known for setting the Guinness World Record for the longest freestyle rap in 2003. Duane visited Ellesmere-Statton to share his message with our Junior/Intermediate students and staff.



Phylicia George Comes to Ellesmere

Phylicia George (born November 16, 1987 in [Markham, Ontario](#)) is a [Canadian track and field](#) athlete of [Grenadian](#) descent. She grew up in Markham Ontario. George competed at the [2011 World Championships](#) in [Korea](#) reaching the final in the 100m hurdles. She went on to make her Olympic Games debut in 2012 and competed in the 100m hurdles, finishing in sixth place. George qualified for [London, England](#) after finishing second in the 100m hurdles just one day after winning the 100m at [the Canadian National Championships in Calgary](#).



Celebrating Greek Heritage Month in March

