

# Hollywood Happenings

April 2018

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#### School Organizational Model

Our Staffing Committee, with School Council consultation, has worked to plan an organizational model for 2018-2019 academic year that best meets the needs of our students, and the parameters set by the Board. This proposed model will be recommended to the Superintendent. Please find below a tentative organizational model for the upcoming school year. This model will remain tentative right up until the end of the first month of the new school year as we are required to meet Ministry demands through reorganization (if necessary). You can see that we have grown by 2 classes for next year. We are confident that the school organizational model outlined below will meet our students' learning needs and provide them with the best possible learning environment.

### Organizational Model for 2018-2019

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GRADE TWO/THREE

**GRADE THREE** 

GRADE THREE

**GRADE THREE** 

GRADE THREE/FOUR

GRADE FOUR/FIVE

**GRADE FOUR/FIVE** 

**GRADE FIVE** 

SIX FRENCH IMMERSION

# Student Placements

Student placements are decided by our Placement Committee, which consists of the sending teachers, receiving teachers, specialist teachers and administration. The members of the committee follow the school's placement guidelines and have the best interests of the children in mind. The following are examples of our guidelines used by the Placement Committee when placing students into next year's class groupings. They include:

- Balance of Academic Strengths and Needs
- Gender Balance
- Social / Emotional Strengths and Needs
- Class size

Occasionally, there may be personal information that is unknown to the school staff that may affect a child's placement. This might include family changes, recent learning assessments or medical situations. If you wish, please share this information with your child's present teacher by May 1, 2017. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to prepare for next year in a positive and productive way.

#### Review of School Timetable

The timetable is requiring greater flexibility in terms of the use of the gym. This will mean that we will have to adjust the way we do our lunches so that the gym is available for gym classes for the full 300 minutes per day.

#### Book Fair is Here!, from Mr. Shaw

The Hollywood Book Fair will run from April 16 to April 19 in the Staff Room.

**Previewing Days:** Mon. 16 April & Tues. 17 April (During school hours). Students will have a chance to make "wish lists" to show their parents

**Buying Days**: Wed 18 April & Thurs 19 April (During school hours).

Note: The fair is also open **3:15- 3:45 on Thursday April 19** for parents and students to purchase books.

See you at the Fair!

#### Ripley's Aquarium(by Adonia Omran)

The Grade Four classes went to Ripley's Aquarium on March 27th. The students saw and learned about a lot of new fish. They could even touch a stingray! Did you know that shrimp eat dead skin? I didn't think so. The students also got the opportunity to feed the shrimp some of their dead skin. The students learned amazing facts about amazing fish and habitats. The students took pictures and wrote notes to help them remember the facts! The students were very amused. After lunch they got to learn about the food chain/webs and play a game of Fish Jenga! I was highly engaged at the trip and give it a four star rating.

# Greek Heritage Month

Ms. Mistry's students provided Greek facts and announcements throughout the Month of March to celebrate Greek Heritage Month. Students listened to the facts daily and we hope everyone enjoyed learning the new information.

## Facilities Improvements

Hollywood PS has been very fortunate to receive a number of requested facilities upgrades this month. As the warmer weather paid us a quick visit the trades and maintenance teams were able to come in to get a number of projects going for us. We now have air-conditioning in both the gym and library. We have fenced in the pathway by the parking loop between the kindergarten play area and the kindergarten washrooms to shore up the safety of our students. We also received a recycling bin/dumpster to replace our old toters. We have recently been measured for whiteboards for our classrooms so that nearly every class will have them.

On Wednesday the windstorm tore up our aluminum roof flashing. The emergency crew removed the loose pieces for safety and someone will be coming in the near future to complete the repairs. The biggest news is on the way. Please see the attached Capital Project information flyer.

### A NOTE FROM THE ECO DESK:

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April is the host month of Earth Day - APR22. We have a saying at Hollywood PS 'Make Earth Day Every Day'. So, we are celebrating with an ECO assembly and a ECO activity Day this month. Our ECO Ranger have recently began a cereal bag collection campaign - please send in all of your cleaned out cereal bags and we will recycle them to raise money for the school. Please see the attached flyer.

Also, the front daffodil garden has produced 'some' returning flowers but the weather has not been kind to the other 400 bulbs our garden holds. In light of this we will continue with or daffodil campaign with the assistance of The Canadian Cancer Society. Please stand by for more details as they filter in.

Environmentally Yours, The Go Green ECO Team

#### Dance Club

Ms. Rosenbaum has started the next round of dance club. We have a healthy sign up list, but if you haven't already signed up and wish to do so, please sign up ASAP. Students who join the dance club will have the opportunity to perform during our June Concert.

# Good Bye To Our Gamalan Instruments

After several months of practicing and playing, we have to say good bye to our visiting Gamalan instruments. Ms. Campos taught the students several songs and grade 1-5 students have had the opportunity to play nearly all of the instruments at least once. Special thanks to Ms. Campos for bringing this great addition to our school and to Mr. Notman and Bill G for helping to unpack and repack the instruments.



#### TDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) sets direction and identifies system goals to support our 246,000 students and 583 schools. It acts as a high level statement of intent for the Toronto District School Board relating to:

- expectation for high student achievement
- safety and well-being of students and employees
- reflecting the diversity of our students in the school and curriculum
- challenging and comprehensive curriculum
- teaching and learning strategies in schools
- allocation and management of budget and resources
- physical conditions of schools
- staff training

To learn more about the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, read the draft document and complete an online questionnaire, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP.

### X Movement

X movement will be here from April 16-18 to involve all our students in their Fusion Mindfulness program. X Fusion explores self-regulation through a fusion of yoga, high intensity fitness and mindfulness. Students are guided to identify someone who inspires them and aspire to become the best version of themselves – their "super self". Through guided mindfulness and reflection, students learn to identify their feelings and emotions and are challenged to choose their desired state through physical action to achieve that. By the end of the third session, students will have learned how to train their mind and body. As well, they'll be equipped with the steps to self-regulate: Feel, Choose, Fuse. On Wednesday April 17 parents are invited back to the school between 5pm and 7pm so that your children can show you what they have learned. Hope to see you there.

5:00 pm Kindergarten 5:40 pm Gr. 1-3 6:20pm- Gr. 3,4 and Gr. 4-6

### Parents as Partners Conference 2018

Registration is still open for the Parents as Partners Conference! The Parents as Partners Conference 2018 is on Saturday, April 28 and all parents are welcome! This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home. Please inform parents and families about this exciting and valuable opportunity. Registration closes on April 16! Transportation, childcare, food and translators are all provided. Register now at <a href="https://www.parentsaspartners.ca">www.parentsaspartners.ca</a>

# Khalsa Day Parade - April 29, 2018

Sikh Heritage Month is recognized at the TDSB during the month of April. The Sikh Heritage Committee is extending an invitation to all TDSB staff, and its community, to join us by participating in the Khalsa Day Parade scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 29th 2018! This parade celebrates the Sikh New Year and the establishment of the Sikh community in 1699. Interested individuals are asked to come to the CNE grounds by 1:00 pm and gather at the TDSB Sikh Heritage booth. Everyone is asked to join the walk as a TDSB group and is asked to wear casual clothing consisting of a blue T-Shirt (or a blue item) and covered head.

Khalsa Day Parade 29 April 2018 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Walk will begin at 1:00 pm starting from CNE grounds and head towards Toronto City Hall - Nathan Phillips Square where the parade will end. Should additional information be required, please contact Gurjeet Kahlon, Vice-Principal, <a href="mailto:gurjeet.kahlon@tdsb.on.ca">gurjeet.kahlon@tdsb.on.ca</a> or 647-746-4243

# Students Across Canada Wear Green To Honour Humboldt Victims

People are leaving hockey sticks out, planning to wear jerseys and wearing green. Please wear green on Thursday or sport your favourite hockey jersey.