



# PERTH PULSE

## Principal's Report

It is hard to believe June is here. This school year has flown by so quickly. The entire school community is looking forward to the Perth Annual Fun Fair happening June 2nd from 3:00 to 7:00. Many parents have been working tirelessly for this event and we thank them for the countless hours. Thank you to Natalie B, Charlotte S, Jennifer N, Shona K and Tania H and the many other volunteers who make this event such a success every year.

We are very proud of the new stocktank gardens in front of the school. Three stocktanks will be for growing vegetables. We hope to harvest the vegetables in the fall and create a wonderful soup! Two of the stocktanks are for pollinator gardens. We are excited to see what comes out of this project this year and in years to come. Thanks to Mr. Barbeau, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Azzopardi, Ms. Hall and Mme Carpenter for assisting the students prepare the beds and planting seedlings. Also thanks to parent Tricia Lee for her support behind the scenes.

Summer Safety: We are thrilled that the warmer weather is here to stay. Students are advised NOT to wear flip flops to school at all. They are not safe or durable for activity in the playgrounds. Please also ensure your child has a hat for outdoor recess and apply sunscreen every morning.

Report Cards will be going home on the last day of school which is Wednesday, June 29th and a final newsletter will go home as a hard copy as well.

Yours in Partnership,

Andrea McPherson

Principal

## Introduction of Universal Screening Process for Grade 3 Students

Beginning September 2016, the TDSB will be introducing a universal screening process for all Grade 3 students across the board. The purpose of the universal screening test is to:

- Provide information to teachers about the strengths and needs of each student in order to better support teachers in programming for students.
- Help teachers to know when to bring a student forward to the In School Team (IST) or School Support Team (SST) for programming suggestions.
- Improve equity of access for all students to differentiated programming.
- Make the process for giftedness more comprehensive and equitable which would reflect best practices and align with processes of other GTA boards for identification of giftedness.

**June 2016**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1-3, 6-8—Grade 3 and 6 EQAO

June 2—Perth Fun Fair, 3:00 to 7:00

June 10—PA Day

June 13—6:30 Ward 9 Council, 6:30 pm

June 17—Volunteer Breakfast, 8:9:30 am

June 23—8:00—Parent Drop off social

June 28—10 am Grade 6 Graduation

June 29—Last Day School, Spirit Day- red and white for Canada, Pizza Day and Dance Party and Report Cards home!

September 6—First Day of School

## Junior Soccer Tournament—Tuesday, May 10

Our Juniors participated in a Soccer Tournament. Our teams won two games and lost two games. All team members showed their Panther Pride and gave their best effort. Thanks to Mr. Gow and Mr. Bynoe for coaching.



## May Student Recognition Award Winners

Congratulations to these students who were recognized for Integrity for the month of May. Thanks also to Room 110 for an inspiring and entertaining performance. June character trait is "Perseverance."





## All about Anoles by Room 106

This is how we came to name our pet anole Luc in room 106:

**First**, the students in 106 came up with three names we like to call our anole (a type of lizard). The names are Basil, Luc, and Bob Jr.

**Then**, we paired up and went to rooms 107, 201, 202, 204, and 205 to ask these classes to vote for their favourite name. The students were given a ballot with the three names room 106 chose on it. The students were asked to put a check mark next to the name that they like.

**Next**, we collected the ballots and counted up and tallied the votes for each name. We put the results in a table.

**Finally**, we displayed the results in different types of graphs - pictograph, bar graph and pie graph.

by: 106 students Abby, Alisha, Jahlena, Daniel, Kitty, Luc, Frida.



## Menaka Dance Performance—May 13th

Menaka Thakkar Dance Company delighted Perth for their interactive and dazzling performance of "The Wise Monkey and the Silly Crocodile." Students saw dancing inspired by Indian culture and costume. After the performance, the dancers were available for an audience Question and Answer period.



# Introducing Perth's New Code of Conduct

Staff, parents and students have been actively involved in developing our School's Code of Conduct. We are pleased to share with the community for the first time. This will appear in our student agendas and posters throughout the school starting in September.



- 1. I am here to learn.**
  - 2. I include others and make choices with positive intentions.**
  - 3. I take care of myself, others and the world around me.**
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- 1. Je suis à l'école pour apprendre.**
  - 2. J'inclus les autres et mes choix sont positifs.**
  - 3. Je prends soin de moi-même, des autres et de la terre.**



## Woodland Style Art | Name: Jessica Room 211

Inspired by Norval Morriseau, I created art in the contemporary First Nation Woodland Style. I made many purposeful decisions and included many elements of that art style.....

This piece of art that I created symbolizes birds. This includes the environment (home/habitat) they live in (Nature), The skills they have (flight), and their connection to each other.

The colours I chose for the background were green and blue which symbolizes the connection between the earth and sky. The rainbow was the effect of light and water. The rich brown and vast green trees were the representation of life.

I added birds to symbolize family. The care and love between the parents and their children. The sun is the light of hope and happiness. Bright and colourful wings; those represent flight and freedom. Tall mountains, white clouds, strong trees, bright sun, lovely rainbow... these are all that shows nature and the environment/habitat that the birds live in.

The lines that connect from the sun to the birds and from bird to bird, are lines of Communication/Connection that shows bonding. The lines of power that I added was because one of the most powerful things in life, is the love that our family give.

I filled the figure with unique shapes because it shows that everyone (in this case, every bird) is unique and special in *some way*. *I also filled the birds with organic lines because they are from the natural world. There was also a baby bird I added to the large bird family.*

My art is my creativity and artistic talents. The chance to explore many new things and most important, have fun!

What I really enjoyed about creating this art is The planning, drawing and colouring. I really liked to plan because I can explore my creativity. Drawing gives me a chance to test out my ideas and colouring was great because of the magnificent colours and mixture.

I wanted to express light and joy. I did this by adding many bright/happy colours and drew many bright trees. There was also bonding and connection throughout the piece of art I created.



# Watch our Garden Grow—Stockyard tanks—Pollinator and Vegetable Gardens

In true collaboration with our students, teachers and parents, Perth officially has their own gardens at the front of the school! Mr. Barbeau's class is planting a pollinator garden. Mrs. Young's, Mme Carpenter, Mme Gonzalez and Ms. Hall classes will plant seedlings for our vegetable garden in June. Thanks also to parent Tricia Lee. We also could not have done this without our amazing caretaker, Mr. Dutton. Check out the photos below from our work in progress.



## Salle 111 Collaborative Inquiry: 21 Elephants Crossing the Brooklyn Bridge

Students in Salle 111 are experimenting with building bridges. We learned that when the Brooklyn Bridge was built, Mr. Barnum decided to show the strength of the bridge by marching his 21 elephants across it. We did experiments to find the most stable support systems for our bridges. Then we made clay elephants and played with different ways of counting to 21. Then we went to the bridge on the railpath and marched across singing our "21 elephants" song. We're still working to see if we can build a bridge strong enough to hold a human!





# Parent Workshop—Healthy Eating Habits for Children

Thanks to Perth parent John McLawrence , who presented a workshop on Wednesday May 11 about Healthy Eating habits for parents and children alike. John stressed the importance of sleep, water and exercise. It was extremely informative. Samples of flax seed, chia seed, bulgar and oatmeal were available.

John had lots of great ways to incorporate these healthy food into your diet, including grinding chia and flax seed in a coffee bean blender to add to your breakfast. Thank you John for an informative session!



Last week my dad did nutrition at my school. He told parents and teachers how to eat healthy. My dad is a chef. He makes me good food. He makes a delicious shepherd's pie I am proud of my daddy.

**Висаһиера.**





## Perth Track and Field Team 2016

On Monday, May 16, over 40 students proudly represented Perth at the TDSB Track Meet at U of T. We are very proud of our Panthers! Results from the first track meet:

Ian—2nd, 100 metre, Grade 5 boys

Maria—2nd, standing long jump, Grade 4 girls (1.77 metre jump for Maria)

Jakob—7th, 400 metre, Grade 5 boys

Genelyn—7th, 100 metre, Grade 4 girls





## News From Room 109

These are the many ways in which the kids in Room 109 have been busy exploring science and nature:

Talking about ways to help the environment by conserving water and energy and reusing materials to create art. Like our Spring Blossom Trees made with buttons and our Flower Fridge Magnets made from plastic water bottles.



Noticing and talking about the signs of Spring.

**HELEN** - "The flowers are growing."

**CHARLIE** - "There are buds on the trees."

**GABRIEL** - "The robin birds are out getting worms for their babies."

**NILAYHAY** - "The ground is not so frozen. We can dig a hole."

We were fortunate enough to have had a chance to explore a Bumble Bee that ventured into our room and took this opportunity to learn the nature of bumble bees and their importance in the world before gently letting it go again.



Talking about life cycles of plants, birds and butterflies. We are very excited to be getting some butterfly eggs to watch go through stages of metamorphosis until they become butterflies.

## Student Report—Junior Soccer Tournament on May 10

By Nishat, Room 211

It was awesome! We had so much fun playing against other schools. Although it was a bit challenging, we did our best. Our first game we played against Montrose. We lost 0 to 1 and even though we lost, we had very good communication and teamwork. The second game we won by 4 goals. The third game was very close because the other team had 3 goals and our team had 4 goals. The last one was the hardest game because the team we were playing against was the best. Although we didn't win, we were still proud of our success!

## Track and Field Report by Harmanjot, Room 210

Track and Field was amazing, it was my first time going to track and field and it was very very fun. I was excited to go to track and field because it was really fun. I was doing relay. At first, I was nervous but when I started running, I was not nervous anymore. Track and Field for me was the best day of the school year. I hope next year I can go to track and field. When the races were over, we were to go back to our coaches and back to school. I LOVE TRACK AND FIELD!

### **Why Should We Celebrate Asian Heritage Month?**

**Co-written by Room 210**

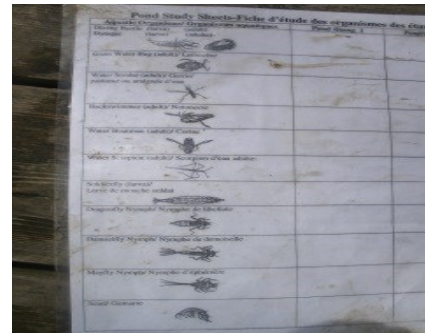
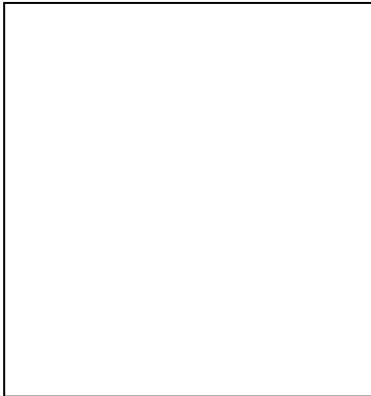
**Edited by Ava Cabral and Maria Charlesworth**

In our class we don't just celebrate we learn the history of the holidays. Asian heritage is very important, because everybody deserves to have a day, week or even month that celebrates their heritage. Asian heritage is just one heritage we celebrate, there are many more cultures we can celebrate. Together we can celebrate anything, anyone, but most importantly ourselves. Every heritage deserves to be celebrated and that is why we should ask ourselves why should we celebrate Asian Heritage Month? And we will tell you why. We have Asian students in our class, in our city and in our country dating back to the beginning of making Canada the beautiful county it is today. May is dedicated to celebrate the contributions of Asian people, and it is important to remember the long and the powerful history of Asian to the world. It's also an opportunity to reflect and celebrate Canadians of Asian Descent. One heritage is every heritage. In May 2002 the government of Canada signed an official declaration to dedicate May as Asian Heritage Month. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. talked about everyone having equal rights. It means that it doesn't matter if you're Indigenous, White, Black, Asian, or any heritage. Asian heritage is a part of Canada. We Celebrate this month to respect their religion, languages, lifestyles, food, clothing, dance, music, and overall culture. Asian countries are the number 1 source of immigration to Canada. Also when we celebrate these month, some celebrations might inspire us. Since May 2002 to now we will celebrate Asian Heritage Month as an official holiday in Canada.



# Room 110 Visit to Humber Arboretum, May 4

The Humber Arboretum trip was a wonderful experience for the children of Rooms 110 and 111. They discovered animals living in and around the pond. The children netted some tiny creatures along the water's edge and matched them to pictures on a chart. In the afternoon Room 110 took a nature walk along the Humber River ravine. They used their sense of sight to find colours in nature, sense of touch such as soft milkweed silk and rough bark; a sense of hearing (you must be very quiet or you scare the nature away) and sense of smell.



The 2016-2017 Perth Ave. P.S. Fun Fair FUNDRAISER is HERE!

Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

**Advance Fun Fair Online Silent Auction!**



Can't wait until Thursday to get your "outbid" action on? Now you don't have to!

Our silent auction is live online now and **features our more special and valuable donations.** (There will still be a TON to bid on or win in raffle at the Fair as well!)

**Bid, watch others try to outbid you, then post a knockout bid before midnight June 1! Then come pick up your prize at the Fair!**

The auction opened **Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** but doesn't end until midnight the night before the Fair – **Wednesday, June 1, 11:59 p.m.**

Follow this link to sign up: <https://www.32auctions.com/perthavejpsfunfair>

This is especially GREAT for your family and friends who want to support the school but don't live nearby or can't make it out on June 2.

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, NEAR AND FAR, ON YOUR PREFERRED SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM!



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**WE STILL NEED FUN FAIR VOLUNTEERS!**

A commitment of only 30 minutes.

Sign up online at <http://vols.pt/Rg39sj> or email Volunteer Coordinator [jniece@gedris.org](mailto:jniece@gedris.org).

**....AND BAKED GOODS!**

We're also looking for baked goods donations – cookies, cupcakes, muffins and more! Just bring to the Bake Sale table the day of the Fair or email [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com) for more details.





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# FUN FAIR

PERTH AVE. JR. PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday, June 2  
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

14 Ruskin Ave. schoolyard, beside Perth Square Park  
RAIN or SHINE

[Perthavepsfunfair.wordpress.com](http://Perthavepsfunfair.wordpress.com)

## ACTIVITIES

- Bouncy castles and slides
- Gladiator joust
- Big Splash Water fun
- Delicious food
- Games and prizes
- Interactive yoga demo
- Tennis demo
- Multiple arts & crafts tables
- Face painting and crazy hair
- Bake sale

Over \$8,000 in prizes to be won in our raffle and silent auction

## AND SO MUCH MORE

ADMISSION IS FREE but tickets will be for sale for the bouncy castles, games & activities, food and raffle etc.

\$10 unlimited bouncy castle and games wristband!  
(Will also be available for sale in advance!)

MEET FROZEN'S ELSA!  
3:15 - 4pm

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## Library News from the desk of Mrs. Dueck

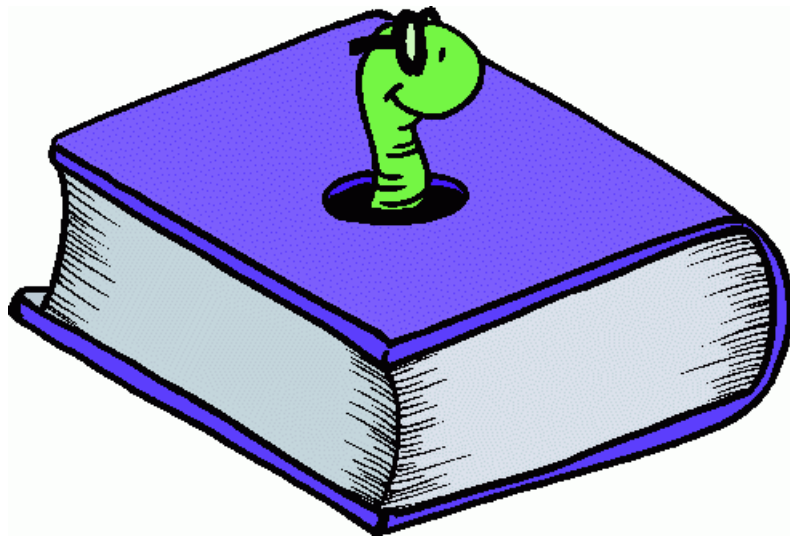
Our library classes have been all about **The Forest of Reading Blue Spruce** collection which the Ontario Library Association promotes each year. We are now finished reading and each student will draw or write about the blue spruce book they liked best. They will be displayed in the front hall to see which book was Perth`s favourite.

**On June 15th, author and illustrator Ruth Ohi** will be coming to present her work to the primary classes. A big thank you to Perth`s parent council for helping to pay for a large part of the expense for this. **On June 22nd, author and illustrator Janet**

**Wilson** will be coming to present her work to the junior classes to wrap up their study of indigenous peoples.

Overdue notices will be sent out starting in June...please help your child look for any missing and overdue books. There may be a replacement fee charged if the book that is lost is new. Please come to see me if you have questions or concerns about this.

Mrs. Dueck







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