## PLEASANT VIEW JHS



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## A Message from Mrs. Nardea and Ms Morvillo

**SOES** Our grade 7 students returned happy and healthy, with a new respect for the outdoors in winter following their trip to Kearney (Scarborough Outdoor Education School) on March 23 to March 25, 2015. Thank you to our staff members who accompanied the students making the trip possible: Mrs. Austin, Mr. Del Bove, Mr. Eng, Ms Lewis and Mr. Millar.

**Extra Curricular** Prior to March Break we had an exiting and fun-filled Spirit Week. Students participated in various challenges including an Obstacle Course, Fashion Disaster, Creative Design, Just Got Out of Bed, and Throw Back Thursday. Groups of students competed to gather points towards their class total. There was no shortage of smiles at all the events! Thank you to Ms Stirling, Mr. Baksh and the Student Council.

Congratulations to the Grade 8 Co-Ed Beach Volleyball team who won the North Beach Volleyball tournament on March 30th. Congratulations also to the Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team as they finished their season as Conference Champions. Way to go Panthers! Next month promises to be busy as well. Extra curricular activity will focus on: Grade 8 Co-Ed Volleyball, Two Grade 8 Badminton Teams, Drama Club, March Madness (Basketball), and Girls' Fit Club and Kids Now Leadership and Mentoring.

Free Services from Toronto Public Health Free health services of all kinds that parents and guardians may not be aware of (especially for new Canadians whose first language is not English). For those eligible, there are free dental services for children and seniors, as well as free eye exams and hearing tests for children. Parents or guardians can call 211 TORONTO or visit <a href="www.211ontario.ca">www.211ontario.ca</a> For families with children with special needs, call CITYKIDS 416-920-6543 (for kids up to 12 years old).

BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

71 - Sara S.

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for demonstrating Honesty:

72 - Alyssa W.
82 - Satoshi K.
92 - Owen L.
73 - Zoe T.
83 - Sammia A.
93 - Andrew A.
74 - Kyle S.
84 - Jessica H.
94 - Jasmine S.

81 – Xavier C.

## **School Council News**

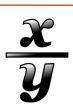
Please join us on **Thursday April 16**, **2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the PV cafeteria where Guest Speaker Jennifer Ettinger will discuss the Mental Health and Well-Being of our children and How to Deal with the Anxiety and Stress faced by students.





Parent E-Mail Distribution Group The school office is developing a parent e-mail distribution group so that we will be able to send the school's newsletter by e-mail. If you included your e-mail address in your child's Permission Forms Package you will be placed in the e-mail distribution group. Please call us at 416-395-3080 to update your child's information at any time. The March 2015 Newsletter will be emailed directly to the families of 93% of our student population! Please help us reach 100% in 2014-2015!

91 – Justin J.



**Math Olympics** The TEAMS Math Olympics is an annual competition for grade 7 and 8 students. The TEAMS competition area consists of schools in the TCDSB and the TDSB. The 2015 TEAMS Math Olympics took place on Saturday, March 28 and involved 130 of the best grade 7 and 8 math students from all around Toronto. Students wrote an individual test and competed in two paired events and a 4-person team event.

Our school was represented by Naziha, Ali, Hadi, Rebecca, and Tarek. Though PV did not get medals, our students demonstrated excellent math skills

and contagious enthusiasm! Congratulations to all of them! Submitted by Ms Sarina

The following problems are examples of the questions on the individual test. Have fun solving them:

1. Just as a million is a thousand thousands, a legion is a million millions. What do you get when a legion millions is divided by a million legions?





The International Day of Pink April 8th, 2015.

What will **YOU** be wearing?

What will you be wearing? The Day of Pink is the International Day against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia, Transphobia, and Transmisogyny across the world. We invite everyone to celebrate diversity by wearing a pink shirt and by organizing activities in their workplaces, schools and communities. PV will participate by organizing our own anti-bullying pledge.



Thank you for the support from parents, students and teachers during the second Scholastic Book Fair at Pleasant View. We were able to receive over \$600 worth of new books for our school library due to the fair. We would like to extend our thanks to the School Council for contributing over \$250 worth of books to the library as well. Our lucky Book Fair prize winners were Leanne, Annie T., Tina, Chris, Joshua, Virginia and Annie L. Including our September Book Fair, we were able to raise over \$1800 worth of books through purchases and product commissions for our library this school year. Great job PV! Submitted by Mr. Hayakawa

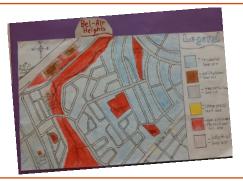
**Learn English with Us** The TDSB offers free English as a Second Language classes in communities across the city, to adults who are residents of Canada or are applying for residency. Build your literacy and English language skills. Learn about your community and the services available. Prepare for further education, citizenship and language proficiency tests. Improve your conversation skills. Discover our bilingual programs, where English is taught with the help of other languages. Visit <a href="https://www.ESLtoronto.ca">www.ESLtoronto.ca</a> or call 416-338-4300. @TDSB ConEd

Summer 2015 ESL Program for International Students Invite your friends and family, who live in other countries, to learn English and explore Canadian culture with the Toronto District School Board this summer! International students, aged 12-17, will enjoy intensive English classes - taught by our qualified teachers - at the world's most multicultural and multilingual school board. In addition to classroom learning, students will have unique opportunities to practise their English skills, explore Toronto and experience Canadian society and history through trips, tours and social activities. Students can also live with a homestay family, to experience Canadian life first-hand. Visit <a href="https://www.ESLstudytoronto.ca">www.ESLstudytoronto.ca</a> @TDSB\_ConEd

**Summer Music Camps** Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp. Through three unique programs – Summer Sounds, DownTown Strings and Toronto Summer Music Camps – the TDSB offers band, strings and orchestral experiences for students from grades 3-9. Registration opens March 5. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.tdsbsummercamps.ca">www.tdsbsummercamps.ca</a>

What Will You Learn This Spring? Take up a new hobby. Hone a skill. Meet new people in your community. Through Learn4Life, the TDSB offers more than 2,600 classes for adults every year. Pick up a language. Stay fit with Tai Chi, yoga, dance and fitness classes. Learn digital photography, sculpture, auto body repair or bridge. Sing! Play the keys, guitar or harmonica. Stitch, weave or knit. Solder jewelry or refinish a table. Repair your bike. Build a website. Learn about cinema, psychology, poetry or birds. Register today <a href="https://www.learn4life.ca">www.learn4life.ca</a> @TDSB\_ConEd Classes begin the week of April 7, 2015.

Parent Academy Conference Are you a parent or caregiver interested in exploring topics like maintaining a healthy lifestyle and managing stress, supports and services for newcomers to Canada, and navigating the TDSB school system? Join hundreds of parents from across the city on Saturday, April 18th or Saturday April 25th for the annual Model Schools for Inner Cities Parent Academy Conference. The Parent Academy conference is facilitated by parents for parents on self-identified topics that support skill development, access to economic opportunities and informing parents on the most effective ways to navigate the education system with their children. A number of community agencies and other partners are featured at the conference such as Toronto Public Health, Toronto Public Library and TDSB Newcomer, Youth and Kids. There is no cost to participate in the Parent Academy Conference. This year, the conference will be taking place on two separate days – Saturday, April 18 at Cedarbrae C.I. and Saturday, April 25 at Thistletown C.I. Light breakfast, lunch, child-minding, interpreters and transportation will be offered at both locations. For more information, including the full list of workshops and how to register, visit <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/modelschools">www.tdsb.on.ca/modelschools</a>







## **Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

April 2, 13, 17, 21, 22: Grade 8 Badminton

Apr. 2: Grade 9 Band Music Workshop

Apr. 3: Holiday (Good Friday)

Apr. 6: Holiday (Easter Monday)

Apr. 7, 16: Gr. 8 Co-Ed Volleyball

**Apr. 8:** International Day of Pink (anti-

**Apr. 10:** Gr.9 Food & Nutrition trip to North York Harvest Food Bank

**Apr. 14:** Roseneath Theatre, Outside (theatre production, whole school presentation)

Apr. 17: Twenty Minute Community Clean-up.

2:00 p.m.

Apr. 20: Short Period Day

Apr. 20: School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 30: Henderson Music Competition (Gr. 9)

Apr. 30: Camp Muskoka Parent and Student

Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Safe Arrival - 416-395-3080 We would like to remind parents to call the school office when your child is absent from school. After school hours you can leave a message. The school's answering service is available 24 hours per day, every day. Please speak slowly, telling us the date, spelling your child's name and telling us why and how long your child will be absent.