



We are very proud of our students for their hard work and thoughtfulness. We had a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly. Our classes created peace flags and wreaths, the grade 8's performed a song, and we heard from a peacekeeper who served in Bosnia. Our students shared their thoughts in writing:

"Remembrance Day, a day we should not forget. It's the day to bring back the memories of the soldiers who died for the freedom of Canadians." " We must be thankful and pay respect to those who sacrificed their lives for us, because there are still people fighting and dying every day in countries to have freedom and democracy".

**Congratulations to Gareth P for participating in the Just Read It program and winning the book Wild Geese by Caroline Pignat**

**Library Corner**

**Celebrations around the World** is our theme for December.

**Library and Technology:** The computer lab is offering our students meaningful opportunities to grow as learners and to develop essential academic and life skills. As part of a balanced classroom program, children have been creating comic strips, publishing newsletters, researching and filming their work.

**December is the month of Kindness and Caring**

**Questions to discuss with your child:**

**What does kindness/caring look like and sound like?**

- Saying "Good Morning"
- Reminding someone who is feeling down about how special he or she is
- Volunteering time to help others in need
- Asking, "How can I help?" or "How are you?"
- Cleaning up a space that is shared with others
- Taking care of someone who is sick, or wishing them a quick recovery with a visit or a card.

**Calendar**

<b>Dec. 1</b>	Grade 8 visit to Jarvis C.I.
<b>Dec. 5-8</b>	Grade 5/6 to Island School
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Grade 7-8 Activity Day
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Community Dinner</b> Please join us at 5:15 or 6pm. We welcome a nut free dessert to share.
<b>Dec. 22</b>	Holiday Sing Along
<b>Dec. 23</b>	Last day of school <b>Happy Holidays!</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	First day back at school

**Sports at Winchester**

The **Senior Boys' Volleyball Team** began their season with a 25-23, 25-14 victory over King Edward. They also participated in the 10th Annual Pleasant View Invitational Volleyball Tournament for all grade 7 and 8 boys across the TDSB. Past city championship teams were there from all divisions. The team played seven matches in one day, finishing 6th overall out of 16

teams. League play will continue into December with the playoffs beginning in mid-December. Once again, Mr. Liu says the team goal for this year is nothing short of a South Conference championship.

The **Grade 6 Boys' Volleyball Team** is off to a great start this season winning both of their league games so far. In their first away game at Davisville PS, they won both their games and at home they



defeated Bennington Heights winning 2 out of 3 games. Winchester will play 2 more league matches next week before the playoffs begin in December. Congratulations to Sabry (Captain), Shamar, Jordan, Aiden, Achchu, Kyle, and Marcus!

The **Junior Girls' Basketball Team** played in a tournament with Church St. PS, Morse St. PS, and Oriole Pk. They won all three games and will move on to the Conference semis. **Congratulations girls!** Thanks to Coach Stevens.

**The Senior Girls' Volleyball Team** has played well this season winning two of the four games.

## Winchester Artists

We are very proud to announce that we have students participating in the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Invitational Art Exhibition 11!** Opening night

is Wednesday, December 8 from 5-6pm at Central Technical School in the Library. **The show will be on from December 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Congratulations Kariel C., Laura T., and Zara S.!**



## Winchester Parenting Centre

We have had another great month of playing and learning in our parenting centre. Last month we focused on animals. As the beautiful weather was on our side, we were able to further explore and expand our understanding of farm animals through a nice visit to the farm. We also visited our community library. The children enjoyed a fun, interactive reading circle and obtained library cards

**Please join us** Mon-Thurs 9 am -2pm.



## Flex at Winchester

We are starting a school wide conflict management program. We will all be learning skills and strategies designed to help everyone be more cooperative and flexible with each other. Our first skill area is helping and sharing.

## Winchester Daycare

Winchester Daycare offers space for children 2 1/2 to 5 years of age. For more information please contact Jessica Quaile at 416-920-1034.

## Winchester Nurses

In November, nurses conducted an oral health workshop with the kindergarten and the grade 1 classes. This was a huge success as everyone learned the importance of brushing our teeth and keeping cavities away. Morning breathing exercises were started at the school and will continue to promote healthy mental well-being. We have been discussing healthy drink decisions and we would like to thank all the students for participating in recording their own daily habits. The grades 4, 5, and 6 Leadership Club is off to great start. This lively group of leaders has demonstrated enthusiastic attitudes towards promoting hand hygiene to kindergarteners. We are now working to increase physical activity at our school. Look out for the Leadership Club in the days to come!

## Winchester Garden

Please remember that students are not allowed in the garden unsupervised. The garden is closed to students between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm unless they are with their teacher. Sunday is looking for volunteers to help with the garden. Please contact Sunday Harrison at [sunday@kidsgrowing.ca](mailto:sunday@kidsgrowing.ca)



The 4 Winchester Garden Rules:

- 1. Walk on the paths/Marcher sur les sentiers.** Paths are areas covered in wood chips. This helps protect plants and animals in the garden.
- 2. Respect all the creatures in the garden. Respecter les insectes et les animaux .**
- 3. Ask before you pick. Demander à un adulte si tu veux cueillir une plante.**
- 4. Finish drinks and sweets before entering. Finir boissons et collations avant d'y entrer.**

## Grade 7&8 Guidance News

Moving on to high school is an exciting time for both parents and students.

The more information we have about the different high schools and what is offered enables us to make better choices. Winchester Grade 8 students have been given their *Choices for Nine* booklets. In it is a list of all high school information evenings, information about specialized schools and skill enhanced programs, an Optional Attendance Fact Sheet, and a *Choices for Nine* Scavenger Hunt.

Visiting the high schools that are of interest is an important step to making an informed decision. From November to January, high schools host information evenings or "Open Houses" for parents and students. Details of these important dates for the high schools in the south-west area are below.

To find out more information about the grade 8 – 9 Transition, and the high schools in the area, please contact our guidance counsellor, Josie Efthymiadis (416-393-1270 or [josie.efthymiadis@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:josie.efthymiadis@tdsb.on.ca) ).



SCHOOL	Date	Time (P.M.)
Central Technical School	December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	6:30
Parkdale C.I.		
International Baccalaureate	December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	7:00
All other programs	December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	7:00
North Toronto C.I.	January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	7:00
Heydon Park S.S (all girls)	January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	6:30
Northern Secondary School	January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	6:00
Humberside C.I.	January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	7:00
Western Tech-Commercial		
(specialized programs)	January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	6:30
Harbord C.I.	January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	7:00
Riverdale C.I.	January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	7:00

## Math Homework Help

Students in Grades 7 – 10 can get online homework help through the Independent Learning Centre. Online tutoring help is available Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 – 9:30 pm at <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> .

## Grade 4 Extended French and Middle Immersion Applications:

Applications are now being received on-line at [www.tdsb.on.ca/pars](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars) for Grade 4 Extended French and Grade 4 Middle French Immersion programs. Packages have been sent to all schools.

## School Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for **January 26 at 5pm** in the library, right before our **Family Movie Night at 5:30pm**. Pizza will be available for purchase.

