



Winchester Jr. Sr. P.S.

October Newsletter

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Trustee: Sheila Ward
Superintendent: Beth Butcher
Principal: Robin Bennett
Vice Principal: Ann Perez

We have had a great start to our year! Students are running and walking everyday, working hard in their classes, and demonstrating respect in their interactions. Every class is focusing on questions of identity and the individual's place and impact in the world.



We welcomed the Nathaniel Dett Chorale to our school for a concert. Our grade 7 students had the opportunity to train with Brainerd Blyden-Taylor, the artistic director and conductor. They performed two songs with the choir at the assembly. They were amazing! Special thanks to Ms. Papathanasakis for assisting.

It was wonderful to see so many of our parents at our "Bring your Parent to School Day" and performance by **BALLET CREOLE**.

Congratulations Mr. Singh on achieving a Masters of Science in Education!

"Winchester's the place to be!"

Our School Mission:

Winchester, where our diverse community can and will learn in a caring and respectful environment.

Library Corner

Did you know?

Our **School Library Website** has digital resources for the whole family available from home and school. **Add the site to your favourites for easy access:**

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/Links.asp?schoolNo=5284>

A new resource that supports **Character Education** has just been revised to include an interactive component. Check out **Story Values Interactive**, an online multicultural story telling resource at:

www.svtdsb-home.com

Username – tdsb

Password – student

October is the month of **RESPONSIBILITY**

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What is responsibility, and what does it mean to be responsible?
- What are some of your specific responsibilities at school, at home, and in the community?
- How can acting irresponsibly affect others?

The library is open at 8:15 a.m. for grades 7 – 8.

CALENDAR:

Please look at the last page of the newsletter for a complete October calendar. We follow a Day 1 – 5 schedule.

Oct. 3	Dental Screening begins
Oct. 4	Cross Country
Oct. 5	School Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Horizons Tutoring begins
Oct. 6	TTC photos for Gr.7 & 8 students
Oct. 7	Friendly French Conversation begins, 2:00 p.m. (Parenting Centre)
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
Oct. 19	School trip to the Zoo
Oct. 25	Photo Day
Oct. 27	High School Information - Choices for Grade 9, 6:30

HEALTH AND NURSES AT WINCHESTER:

Hello From Your Nursing Students!!!!

Sonia, Kay, Carolyn, Lisa, Yvonne & Linnaya

We are a group of 6 Nursing Students from York University, Ryerson, and U of T. We are extremely excited about being at Winchester Public School! It is definitely

the place to be! We arrived at the school only 2 weeks ago, but can already tell what a great school this is and what amazing students it has. Thank you to all students, teachers, and staff for the warm welcome. We will be at the school from Tuesday to Friday for the next few months. We have many ideas to add to your school's great environment but we need your help! If you have any ideas you would like to share, please contact us at the school or by e-mail at sratelle@yorku.ca. Looking forward to working with you and getting to know you all!

Please ensure that you have informed us of any medical concerns regarding your child.

Remember, the **medical clinic at Sprucecourt PS** is open to students from our school and their siblings, aged 12 years and younger. There are family doctors and a paediatrician at the clinic. Parents must make appointments, and students who do not have an OHIP card can be seen at this clinic.

Nut Free

Please remember that we are a *nut free* school due to severe allergies among some of our students. Please do not send food to school that contains nuts or peanut products. We are also a healthy school. Try and avoid sending pop and candy.

Snack Program

Research shows that eating a snack between meals maintains a steady stream of glucose to the brain, which enhances memory.

Families, please help us out. If you haven't already done so, please pay for your child's healthy snack program.

Lunch Program

Our lunch program is off to a good start. Thank you to parents for your support. Our lunchroom is a very busy place. If you are able to take your child home for lunch, please do. If you would



like to see your child at lunch, please check in at the office first. **Only grade 7 & 8 students may leave the school grounds at lunch.**

Please label your child's knapsacks and belongings.

If you are making a different arrangement for picking up your child at the end of the day, please send a written note to your child's teacher.

If your child takes the bus to and from school, please send a note to the teacher if you are making alternate arrangements for end of day pick up. Please remind your child of our expectations regarding behaviour on the bus:

- hands and feet to ourselves;
- quiet, respectful language;
- remain seated at all times

Winchester Parenting Centre:

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families. We look forward to another great year of learning and growing together. Please join us in our Parenting Centre in Room 101, Monday to Thursday, from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

WINCHESTER DAYCARE:

We have currently started our back to school program filled with educational programming to encourage learning through play.

Parents if you require care from 7:30 to 6:00 Monday through Friday for a child from 2 ½ to 6 years of age, please contact Jessica Quaille at 416-920-1034.

The Winchester Daycare would like to thank all the children who participated in our Summer Camp program. Some of the wonderful activities were taking excursions, exploring our neighbourhood and even a bus trip to the horse-capades. It was a wonderful summer and we hope to have you back next year.

You are invited to our Winchester School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 5



6:00 p.m. in the Library

- Meet other parents
- Learn about our school and our plans
- Free childcare

Getting Ready for Grade 9:

Transitions information for Grade 8 students and their parents

Please join us on October 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym to learn more about the transition process from grade 8 to grade 9. You will hear about types of courses, credits for diplomas, specialty programs, and the promotion, transfer and retention process.

Swimming Lessons

for children and adults at Jarvis CI are starting.

10 week sessions are \$30

Thursday Children 6 – 12 years 5-6PM and 6 – 7 PM
Women and Girls 7 – 8PM and 8-9PM

Saturday Children 6-12 years 1-2PM
Family Swim 2 – 4PM \$2 per session

For more information call Community Matters
(416) 944 – 9697 or email

communitymatters@communitymatterstoronto.org

Our School Support Staff:

Guidance Counsellor: Ms Efthymiadis
School Social Worker: Godfrey Glasgow
Community Support Worker: Jodi Burton
School Psychologist: Toni Fried
Culture Link
Settlement Services: Constance Kendall

Being on time and attending school on a regular basis are critical components in student success. Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives on time, ready to learn each day.

Safe Arrival

Please call the school at 416-393-1270 before 8:30 a.m., if your child will be absent from school.

SCHOOL HOURS:

School entry	8:55 a.m.
JSK a.m. dismissal	11:30 a.m.
Gr. 7-8 lunch	11:30 – 12:30
Gr. 1-6 lunch	11:40 – 12:30
Afternoon entry	12:30 p.m.
JSK p.m. dismissal	3:05 p.m.
Gr. 7-8 dismissal	3:05 p.m.
Gr. 1-6 dismissal	3:15 p.m.

TDSB HOMEWORK POLICY:

The policy balances time required to complete homework with extra curricular activities scheduled outside of the school day and activities that support personal and family wellness.

Effective Homework

- has a direct link to the topic or skills that have been taught in class
- is intended to be a positive experience and not punitive