



# CASSANDRA P.S. NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

The year is almost over! There are just a few more weeks of school left, and yet there is so much to do!

In the next few weeks, we will be beginning the process of placements for the next school year. We will assess what the best possible educational environment will be for every student using the following criteria: *a heterogeneous mixture of students; behavioural difficulties; academic achievement; gender balance; keeping siblings apart, as required; friendships; social/emotional factors; early or late birth dates; other unique considerations.*

As you can see from the list above, there are many

pedagogical factors to be considered in order to create balanced classes for the following year.

Occasionally, there may be personal information that is unknown to the school staff that may affect the child's placement. This might include family changes, recent learning assessments or medical situations. This type of information should be the only additional information provided by parents for placement purposes. Unfortunately, requests for specific teachers will not be considered. Information of this nature should be submitted, in writing, to my attention by Thursday June 8th, 2017.

If you are moving out of

the Cassandra area or transferring your child(ren) to another school at the end of this school year (June 2017) please advise the school.

L. Edwards

### News:

It is with a heavy heart that I type this, but Mrs. Christian has announced her retirement, effective the end of June 2017. Mrs. Christian has been with the TDSB for 25 years. She has been in the office at Cassandra for 18 years and her own children attended school here. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Christian all the best as she prepares to spend time with her 4, soon to be 5, grandchildren.

## May 2017

- ☺ May 1-3—Dental Screening
- ☺ May 2—Cricket workshop
- ☺ May 3—Gr 5EF trip to the Apple Store
- ☺ May 4—Cricket workshop; Pizza lunch; School Council Meeting
- ☺ May 11—Pizza lunch
- ☺ May 15—In-school spring concert rehearsal
- ☺ May 16—Folk dance Jamboree; Track & Field meet @ Esther Shiner
- ☺ May 17—Dress Rehearsal @ Milne Valley (PM)
- ☺ May 18—Pizza lunch; Spring Concert @ Milne Valley (evg)
- ☺ May 20—Victoria day (no school)
- ☺ May 24—Walking Wednesday; K-1 Track & Field day; Popeye's lunch
- ☺ May 25—Jumpstart Games (gr 3-5); Eco-Audit; JK Open House @ 3:30pm
- ☺ May 26—Jump Rope for Heart
- ☺ May 30—Cricket workshop; Gr 3 EQAO begins
- ☺ May 31—Cricket Tournament (team); EQAO continues
- ☺ June 1—last day of EQAO

**Summer School:** We are very excited to be offering Summer School at Cassandra again this year for students in Grades 1-8. The program will run from July 5 to July 28 during the hours of 8:40am to 11:40am. There is no cost for the program, you simply need to complete the registration form included in this newsletter. The program will run in English (Grades 1 to 8) as well as French (Grades 1 to 5). It is designed for students who either need a bit of a boost to help with their comprehension, particularly in Language and Mathematics; or for students who could use some review before heading into the next grade. If you have any questions, feel free to email [linda.edwards@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:linda.edwards@tdsb.on.ca)

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**Character Trait:** May's Character Trait is Integrity. Integrity can be hard to define for children, particularly the younger ones. We talk to our students about being honest and trustworthy. This can be a challenging choice for students when a conflict has occurred but we encourage students to admit their mistakes and use them as an opportunity for learning. We want students to make the right choice in any situation and to follow through with appropriate actions. At home, discuss the importance of being honest, even if something has happened. Discuss the importance of standing up for others and following through with appropriate actions. When watching television or movies, look for examples of characters demonstrating integrity and talk about the situations that occurred or how your child can use that in his or her own life. Share examples of a time when a family member has acted with integrity. These specific examples can be helpful for children to make the right decision when faced with a conflict.

## Cassandra Public School

John Malloy, Director  
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Curtis Ennis,  
Superintendent  
Linda Edwards,  
Principal  
Judy Christian,  
Office Administrator

# Eco Corner

In our ongoing effort to promote healthy activity and protection of the environment, we are having another Walking (or Rolling) Wednesday where we encourage students to walk or roll to school (or even to the school bus).



## Recent Sport Events



Cassandra just recently had some sport events such as co-ed volleyball, indoor soccer and badminton. We had amazing coaches in volleyball they were Mr. Fou, Mr. Tranter and Ms. McNamara. The co-ed volleyball teams did very well. The D1 team had their tournament on April 7 for the placement tournament to see who you compete with next. The D1 team went against three other teams and won two of them. The D1 team went to the semifinals on April 12 and won the semi finals. Then on the same day, they lost the finals but still proudly came back with a blue banner. The D2 team did extremely well when they went on their tournament. They went up against four teams and won two of the four games. D2 placed third and had to place first to move on, but I think that they did fantastic without being first place.

Mme. Mallett and Ms. Park were the coaches of a successful badminton team. They went on April 12 to play against other schools. All month of March and a little bit of April classes were playing badminton in gym and on the team. They worked hard most lunches playing badminton. We had a successful tryout with over 30 people trying out. We had a lot of interest with playing it during gym. The D1 volleyball team left the same day as the badminton team to play against different schools so there was a lot of students away. The badminton team was another successful team.

Mr. Archibald and Ms. Nita did the indoor soccer team. They left on April 4th to play some indoor soccer games with other schools. They played in total five games. Out of the placement games they won two out of three. Then, they played another game in the semi finals and won. They went to the finals and lost. But, it was a good game. There was a lot of boys trying out but only a few girls. I think Cassandra had a lot of successful teams this past month. This month was busy of sports and there will be more sports teams to come. By: Kylie B.



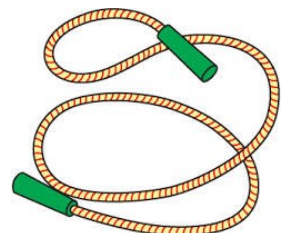
### Cricket!!

We have been very fortunate to once again partner with Cricket Canada in order to provide workshops for our junior students. To celebrate their learning, we will be having an all day tournament at Milne Valley. The students are very excited!



### Jump Rope for Heart

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart event is taking place this Friday (June 3rd) in the afternoon. Cassandra families have been big supporters of this very important cause over the years and we hope that this year is no different. Please return your pledge



### Spring Fling

Our School Council is busy planning the Spring Fling, coming up on Sat. June 10th (11am to 2pm). We still need volunteers to help out on the day, or even before. Please email Sim Frayne [cassandraspringfling@gmail.com](mailto:cassandraspringfling@gmail.com) if you are available.

## From our students....

Our Trip to the Science Centre , By Isabella Cigan, Gr 2 Student in Ms. McNamara's Class

The Science Centre was great! I had so much fun! First we went to "The Way Things Work". Second we went to Kids Zone and it had a pretend shopping place. Me and Emma were shopping for ice-cream and hot cocoa, it was fun. Third we went to the Space area and I wanted to go on the Rocket, but it did not work. Then it turned on, but it still did not work. So then, I tried it again, but it still did not work. Then I wanted to get out but the door did not move, so Ms. McNamara picked me up then I got out! Then we went to a movie. It was called "Dream Big". It was a 45 minute movie. Those were my favourite parts of the Science Centre.



Friends Care

By Lia, Grade 1

Friends care about their  
friends and family.

We care about everybody.

We should share.

And we should be kind.

Friends care about everybody.

## Earth Week poems...



**An Earth Day Acrostic  
Poem by Beatrice in Mr.  
Duff's Gr 2 class**

**F**or  
**L**ife  
**O**h to live  
**W**isely for  
**E**verybody  
**R**ight now for nature  
**S**o save the trees!

**An Earth Day Rhyming Poem by the students in Mrs. Kossecki's class  
(Ibrahim, Mustafa, Goktug, Brady, Tyrell, Mekhi, Julia, Niko & Kosta)**

We like to celebrate Earth **Day**  
Can everyone say "**YEAH**"!  
Let's keep our earth **green**  
By keeping our world **clean**.  
Remember to throw out your **trash**  
So the recycling machines can come and smash  
your **trash**!

**A Haiku Poem written by Andie in Mrs. Scott't Grade 1 class**

**Lobster Haiku**

They are really fast.  
They are hungry all the time.  
Their skin is dark brown.



**An Earth Day Poem written by  
Khaviyaa in Mr. Fou's Gr 5 class**

**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle**

Words that we all know  
We might be only children,  
But we will try, you'll see!

We recycle what we use.  
Separate things and you should too.  
Glass, paper, plastic and tins  
Go in your recycling bins.

We must start now, we can't wait.  
Quick, or it will be too late.  
And we can save this planet.  
It starts with you and me!

**An Earth Day acrostic poem by  
Noor in Mr. Duff's class**

Clean up!  
Life is yours!  
Earth is life  
Air to breathe  
No more pollution  
  
Use the recycle bin  
Pick up garbage

**An Earth Day poem written by  
Eden, Lilah and Zippy in Ms.  
McNamara's class.**

*Planting trees and flowers.  
Makes me happy through all hours.  
I like to watch the birds take flight  
from day till night.  
This week is earth week as we all  
know,  
We want to make our planet shine  
and glow.  
Forests green and oceans clean,  
Water showers during Earth Hour.*

**Here is an Acrostic poem written by  
Emma, Mariam and Hailey in Ms.  
McNamara's class.**

**E**nvironment

**A**ir

**R**ecycling

**T**rees

**H**ealing

Thank you to all of our students who  
submitted poems for our Earth Week  
contest. We had another great Earth  
Week, collecting clothes, writing poems,  
mulching trees and celebrating the work  
we do all year long.



SAVE THE DATE

**SAT JUNE 10  
11 AM TO 2PM**



*Cassandra P.S.*

**SPRING FLING**

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**BAKE SALE GAMES**

**SILENT AUCTION BBQ**

**FACE PAINTING ...AND MORE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT <https://sites.google.com/view/cassandraspringfling/>

TO VOLUNTEER EMAIL: [cassandraspringfling@gmail.com](mailto:cassandraspringfling@gmail.com)

**SPRING FLING BBQ PRE-ORDER FORM - ORDER EARLY AND SAVE!**

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher / Room \_\_\_\_\_

The meal offer consists of a hamburger, hot dog, or veggie burger, drink and potato chips. We strongly encourage you to pre-order your food as there will only be a limited amount of food available for purchase on the day of the Spring Fling. Meal Tickets will be distributed the last week of May.

Option	Qty	Cost	Subtotal
Hamburger Meal		@ \$5 each	
Veggie burger Meal		@ \$5 each	
Hot Dog Meal		@ \$4 each	
Total			