

Castlebar Junior School



Castlebears...
Embrace diversity,
Empower everyone,
Know love is love,
Fight injustice,
Care for the environment.



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Week Two

The students and staff are adjusting to getting up early and end of the summer weather. We are getting our school routines down to a science! We ask that you label all of your child's belongings and that you check the lost and found box regularly for any missing items.

International Languages – Elementary and African Programs

In an increasingly globalized world, it is important to set our students on the path to being active global citizens. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, the International Language program offers language learning with engaging activities like games and songs. No language background is necessary.

In the African Heritage program, JK to Grade 8 students will explore the history, culture, traditions and contributions that people of African descent have made to Canada and the world.

The classes are offered once a week either after school or on the weekends from September 2022 to June 2023 for 2.5 hours each class. The classes are held at TDSB school locations across the city. There is a \$20 cost to cover materials. Please visit the website for registration information. www.ileprograms.ca

Cross Country

Students in grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to join the Cross Country team. The Grade 1 & 2 students will run 1000m, the Grade 3s will run 1500m, and the Grade 4/5s will run 2000m. **Students must attend a minimum of 3 practices a week to participate in the Cross Country Meet on October 3rd or 4th.** There are a variety of times to train (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at lunch, or Monday and Wednesday after school or Tuesday and Thursday mornings) in order to meet the various schedules of all our students. We run rain or shine so please dress appropriately. Your child **must** be able to **run the whole distance continuously to participate in the Meet.**

Pizza Lunch

Castlebar Parent Council will be doing pizza lunch 2 times a month. Pizza Lunch will be on Wednesdays, starting September 28th. Pizza orders must be placed through School Cash Online at www.schoolcashonline.com **Please note that late orders will not be accepted. Due Monday, Sept. 19th.**

I want to say thank you to Kim Law and the Pizza Lunch Ladies. This fundraiser is managed by volunteers to raise money for our Castlebears to participate in a wide variety of activities and the purchase of items for the school (field trips, technology).

Meet the Teacher Night

Castlebar will be having an in-person Meet the Teacher Night on **September 21st from 6-7 pm.** This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to see our beautiful school. If you have a specific question about your child please contact the teacher by email or call the school to arrange a time.

School Photo Day

Photo day is September 22nd. Please note that the class photo will be taken in January due to precautions being taking by Edge Imaging. Kindergarten students will have their pictures taken in the morning. Each grade will then have their photos taken in ascending order up to grade 5.

Terry Fox

Castlebar's annual Terry Fox School Run will take place on Friday, September 23rd this year. Our bears always pull so much inspiration from Terry and this year we plan to "Try like Terry" to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. The students will attend a kick off assembly and then walk/run around our field in honour of Terry.

Donations can be made at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/CastlebarJuniorSchoolEtobicoke>.



What is happening at Castlebar

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 21 – Meet the Teacher Night 6-7pm at Castlebar Junior School
- Sept. 22 – Picture Day, (Picture Retake Day – November 2, 2022)
- Sept. 23 – Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 28 – Pizza Lunch
- Sept. 30 – **Orange Shirt Day**
- Oct. 3 or 4 – Cross Country Meet (date to be determined)
- Oct. 7 – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 18 – Siddiqui, Yu, Ellenberger, Lopes Field Trip to Downey's Farm

Kindergarten Fun!

Hello Castlebar families!! The students in Mrs. Rosario's Music and Movement class have been singing and moving nonstop! In such a short period of time, the students have already learned a few songs plus their accompanying actions! They have learned a Hello song, a goodbye song, a statue song, and not one but two banana songs! The students have also learned to keep the beat and change the tempo when singing our various songs (i.e., fast and slow). Next week, we will be learning a new hello and goodbye song using sign language! Have a great weekend Castlebears and do not forget to keep singing and moving!



Grade 5 Science

School just started but we're already having so much fun. The Grade 5's rolled into the new school year by building their own paper rollercoaster in Science class. This STEM project challenged students to build hills, loops, and curves for a marble run. It involved testing, adjusting, testing again, and making adjustments - as any Scientist or Engineer would do! Welcome back to school! Hope this year will be one thrilling rollercoaster ride!

