

Castlebar Junior School



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



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Coffee With the Community

It is wonderful to see so many of our parents talking on the school yard once the school bell has rung. As the weather cools we would love to extend the opportunity to chat, have a coffee in the warmth of our gym on the first Thursday every month from 8:45 – 9:10 AM.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other parents in the community and to connect with our Castlebar families. The first Coffee with the Community will be Thursday November 3.

Coffee With Community Dates

Thursday, November 3, 2022
Thursday, December 1, 2022
Thursday, January 12, 2023
Thursday, February 2, 2023
Thursday, March 2, 2023
Thursday, April 6, 2023
Thursday, May 4, 2023
Thursday, June 1, 2023



Picture Re-Take Day November 2

Hair out of place, not the glamour shot you were hoping for? Please note that your child can have their picture re-taken. If you would like a picture re-take please contact the office so we can add your child to the list.

French Immersion

Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline

- For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK). An offer of placement in the program (**not** a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. The timeline to apply to the **Early French Immersion** program for September 2023: Applications must be completed online between **October 31 and November 25, 2022**.

Visit the TDSB website for more information about [Early French Immersion](#), [Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions](#) or the [Application Process](#).

Halloween Celebrations

This year, weather permitting classes will celebrate Halloween with a party. You will be able to send treats. We will have a Halloween Parade outside weather permitting. The kindergarten students will lead our parade. Students will leave the building through the YMCA doors, walk to the sidewalk on Ambleside. They will walk west on Ambleside to Aberlady. They will then walk north on Aberlady, then walk east across our field to the parking lot doors and re-enter Castlebar. We ask that parents stand on the field to view the students. The parade will start at 12:35 pm. Please see the map.

We ask that students wear costumes that are safe for them to walk in and for them to be able to breath. Please leave all props and weapons at home.

Spirit Wear

Castlebar spirit wear is coming soon!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 26 – Pizza Day
Oct. 31 – Halloween Party and Parade
Nov. 2 – Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 3 – Coffee with the Community 8:45 – 9:10 AM
Nov. 9 – Pizza Day
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 14 -18 – Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 15 – Progress Reports Go Home
Nov. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews PM
Nov. 18 – Parent Teacher Interviews AM
Nov. 23 – Pizza Lunch
Dec. 1 – Coffee with the Community 8:45 – 9:10 AM
Dec. 7 – Pizza Lunch
Dec. 12 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Cookie pick up
Dec. 12-16 – Winter Café Concerts

What is happening at Castlebar

Room 11 Diwali

Diwali is the festival of lights, and it is celebrated all over the world by many people but, more specifically by Hindu's, Sikh's, and Jain's. There are many different names for this festival depending on what your cultural background is. Some of these names include Bandi Chhor Divas and Tihar. Diwali represents the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. Some symbols that represent Diwali are the Diya which is usually made from clay and then decorated and lit up all around the house, rangoli's which is colourful art created to bring good luck and prosperity, fireworks to celebrate this occasion and sweets to share with families.

The students in Room 11 have been learning all about Diwali! They made their own diya's using different colours and gems and they also learned about rangoli's and created some using loose parts.



Downey's Farm

On Tuesday October 18th, the following teachers (Siddiqui, Yu, Lopes, and Ellenberger) took their classes to Downey's Farm. Students gained firsthand experience by visiting Downey's Farm, They were able to participate in various outdoor activities including the discovery barns, the pirates cave, the boo barn, the animal feeders, the corn pit, trike track and much more. Everyone was excited and had a wonderful time! Students are looking forward to more learning opportunities. A special thank you to all our parent volunteers!



Cross Country West Semi-Finals

Castlebar sent 19 runners to the TDSB West Semi-Finals. These students did an excellent job of representing our school.

Five of our runners Alejandro Roman Duran (5), Lukas Nae (5), Patrick Thompson (5), Kira Greaves (4) and Liam Heggelum (4), are moving on to the TDSB city finals on October 26th! Congratulations!

Thank you to all of the parents who drove their children to the meet. Thanks to Ms. Hibbert for her continued support and early mornings coaching the students.

Thanks to all of the students, staff and parents for a great season!

