## The Chartland Connection

"Little Hands do Big Things" February 2020

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Dear Families.

We have some exciting news; our sprit wear is finally here!!! There are a variety of items of clothing that include hoodies, zip-up sweatshirts, jogging pants/shorts, t-shirts and long sleeve shirts. Please visit <a href="https://www.schoolwear.ca/CJS/">https://www.schoolwear.ca/CJS/</a> and enter our school code CJS. If you would like to see sample sizes please drop by the office. Our online store is open until February 15<sup>th</sup>, so please place your orders as soon as possible so that we can show our Chartland pride!!!

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, we had a great presentation from the Wushu Project who performed a Lion Dance and shared their dance techniques with our students. It was very exciting to see one of our former Chartland graduates at the head of the lion and was a proud moment for many of our staff. Also, a special thank you to our School Council for donating red envelopes with a treat for our students and staff!



As you know, we are always looking for emergency lunchroom supervisors and volunteers to support our programs. If you are interested in either volunteering in the school or being a lunchroom supervisor, please contact the office for more information.

Thank you for your continued support! M. Sharma

#### Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!



Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September! To attend

Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn fouryears-old by December 31. Please contact our school office at 416-396-6140 to begin the process online or register in person. We will begin registration on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

#### The Parents as Partners Conference 2020

This year the Parents as Partners Conference is on Saturday, March 28 and all parents are welcome! It is a free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and wellbeing at school and at home. Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference. Registration opens mid-February at <a href="https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/">https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/</a>.

#### **February is Chinese Heritage Month**

"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark." 
~ Chinese proverb

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February and the theme of TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is Year of the Rat: Intelligent, Wise, Charming, Social, & Ambitious. Chinese-Canadians recognize Lunar New year on Saturday, January 25. Lunar New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later.

#### **February is African Heritage Month**

It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Peoples of African Descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2019-2020 is "UBUNTU: I am because we are" which is derived from the Nguni Bantu term in Southern Africa. UBUNTU is a South African term used by the Zulu community that represents an ethic of African traditional life. The philosophy of UBUNTU realizes that everything is interconnected; "everything that I do has an effect on you and your well-being and everything that you do has an effect on me and my well-being."



## All About Fairness

#### Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we will be very busy learning about fairness - what it means and how we strive for more equality and equity. Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of fairness through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We will enjoy exploring this topic at school, and we hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Our Fairness Assembly is at the end of February - join us!

## **Read About It!**

Here are some books to help you learn more about fairness:

- Separate is Never Equal
   By Duncan Tonatiuh
- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that
   Type By Doreen Cronin
- •Chrysanthemum By Kevin Henkes

### **Practice It!**

Everyone pretends they have some sort of injury - maybe a little scrape on your arm or a broken leg. You be the doctor that heals everyone - by giving each a bandage. It's fair to give everyone the same treatment, but does the bandage help those with broken legs?

## Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about fairness with your child:

- •How are fair and equal different?
- What do you think fairness means & why is it important?
- Give an example of what you could do to show fairness when someone is injured, like in the doctor game above.
- Discuss some scenarios: Your friend brings her ball to school but won't let you play with it. OR Your older sister gets to stay up later than you.



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Character Trait of the Month: Fairness

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