

# The Chartland Connection

“Little Hands do Big Things”

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Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that you had a rejuvenating winter holiday and had some time to relax and enjoy some family time. Staff and students have returned with energy and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to the exciting months ahead.

Our holiday concert – Chartland’s Holiday Extravaganza was a great success and enjoyed by all. Many hours of work and preparation go into an event such as this - a huge thank you to the staff and the participating students. A special thank you to our MC’s Ryan and Kaitlyn!



Thank you for your donations! With the support of our families and community we reached our goal of collecting over 500 items for the Agincourt Community Food Drive – Thank you to Mrs. Hylton and the grade 4/5 class for organizing our annual food drive.



It seems that winter is here and the New Year has brought cool temperatures! Children need fresh air and exercise for their well-being. However, students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold.

When temperatures drop significantly we ensure that our students are safe. If the temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates –20 to –28C, recesses may be

shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess may be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors. If a child’s medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if parents have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child’s school day, please contact our school office. You can help by making sure that your child is dressed for the weather and has some extra clothing in case they get wet! Thank you for your on-going support!

## January is Tamil Heritage Month

During the month of January we’re excited to be starting off the New Year by celebrating Tamil Heritage Month. This year the chosen theme selected by the volunteer planning committee is; **Vision 2020: Yengal Kathaigal - Our Stories / Vision 2020: - Our Stories.** Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members’ heritage identified as Tamil. All have stories of their journey of how they or their families arrived in Canada, and how they continue to embrace this country as their home. Learn more <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/news>.

## January 25<sup>th</sup> - The Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year or Spring Festival is a very important day for many people all over the world. It marks the beginning of a new year for people of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Mongolian ancestry and their Diaspora. Each lunar year is represented by one of 12 animals. 2020 is a Year of the Rat! We wish all our families celebrating a Happy New Year! 新年快乐 (xīn nián kuài lè)

## 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 four-years-old by December 31, 2016. Please contact our school office at 416-396-6140 to begin the process online or register in person. We will begin registration the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)

# All About **Teamwork**

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about teamwork - what it means, why it's important and how we can learn to work together. 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 teamwork through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and we hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

The Teamwork Assembly will be at the end of January - join us!

## **Read About It!**

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

- Stone Soup by John J. Muth
- Up the Creek by Nicholas Oldland
- The Junk Yark Wonders by Patricia Polacco
- Red Knit Cap Girl by Naoko Stoop

## **Practice It!**

Board games can inspire teamwork.

Whether your child is teamed up with friends, siblings, parents, or grandparents, it can be a fun time for young and old to play together.

Make sure no one gets too competitive though!

## **Talk About It!**











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

- What do you think teamwork means & why is it important?
- Talk to your child about being on a team. Did you enjoy the experience?
- Do you enjoy working as a team or by yourself? Why do you think your teacher thinks it's a good idea to work as a team sometimes?
- What are 3 things that you think make it hard to work as a team and 3 things that make it easier?



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Character Trait of the Month: Teamwork

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January is ... Tamil Heritage Month		1 	2	3	4	
5 	6 Welcome Back! Feast of the Nativity Boys Basketball@7:45  Day 1	7 Environment Club 11:50—12:20 Girls Volleyball@3:15 French Club @ 3:15 Orthodox Christmas Day 2	8 Girls Volleyball@7:45 Boys Basketball @3:15  Day 3	9 Boys Basketball @3:15  Day 4	10 Lunch lady School Council Popcorn sale @ 2:30 Girls Volleyball @ 3:15 Day 5	11 
12 	13 Boys Basketball@7:45  Day 1	14 Environment Club 11:50—12:20 Girls Volleyball@3:15 French Club @3:15 New Year (Gregorian Calendar) Punjabi Lohri Day 2	15 Girls Volleyball@7:45 Boys Basketball @3:15 Maghi Makar Sankranti Thai Pongal Day 3	16 8:45am Me to We 3-6 presentation Boys Basketball@3:15  Day 4	17 PA Day - No Classes for Students Today	18
19 Baptism of Jesus World Religion Day	20 Boys Basketball@7:45 Buddhist New Year Martin Luther King Jr. Day  Day 5	21 Environment Club 11:50—12:20 Girls Volleyball @3:15 French Club @3:15  Day 1	22 Girls Volleyball@7:45 Boys Basketball @3:15  Day 2	23 Boys Basketball@3:15 Officer Claudia @8:45 Grades 1-6 School Council mtg@6pm Day 3	24 Lunch lady Girls Volleyball @ 3:15 Chinese New Year(Spring Festival)  Day 4	25 Chinese New Year 
26	27 Boys Basketball@7:45 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust  Day 5	28 Environment Club 11:50—12:20 Girls Volleyball @3:15 French Club @3:15  Day 1	29 Girls Volleyball@7:45 Boys Basketball@3:15  Day 2	30 Boys Basketball@3:15 Jashn-e-Sadeh  Day 3	31 Lunch lady Girls Volleyball @ 3:15 Character Ed and Lunar New Year Assembly 10:05am  Day 4	