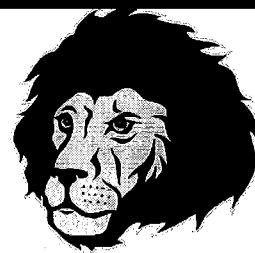


# The Chartland Connection

**"Little Hands do Big Things"**

**October 2019**



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Dear Families,

It has been a smooth start to the school year! Thank you to all the families that came out for Curriculum Night. It was great to meet you and see all of you engaged in the classes learning more about your child's classroom.

Moving forward our next newsletter will be sent via email. Please ensure that we have your email address so that you can receive the latest news from Chartland.

If your child is picked up by an outside daycare service, please submit the contact information to the office so that we can follow up with the pick up if your child is in the office after 3:10 p.m.

We welcome parent volunteers to assist with different activities in our classes. If you are interested in volunteering in the school, please contact the office for more information.

Also, we invite you to take an active role in your child's education by attending our School Council meetings. The School Council is made up of parents, community members, teachers and administration. Your involvement in the Council gives you the opportunity to be part of planning and working to ensure your students have an enjoyable schooling experience. Our first meeting will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

We look forward to working with, and learning from, all of you as we continue down the path toward student success!

M. Sharma  
Principal

**Safety Foot Patrollers** – On September 26th our Safety Patrollers were trained by Officer Claudia. They will monitor our school cross walk by assisting students cross the road in a safe and responsible manner. Please support our Safety Patrollers! Thank you to Ms. Camilleri & Ms. Tselios for organizing our Safety Patrollers!



**Cross Country** – It's that time of the year when our students are practicing and preparing for the annual cross country meet! After-school Mr. Kwan, Ms. Damian, Mr. Montuno and Ms. Lovell are encouraging and supporting our young runners as they prepare and develop their endurance! This year's cross country meet will be held on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Thompson Park.

**Hallowe'en Safety Tips** - Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties.

Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for



parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

#### **TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY RULES:**

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not crisscross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours' yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.



#### **October is Islamic Heritage Month -**

The Government of Canada first established October as Islamic History Month (IHM) in 2007, recognizing, "the important contributions of Canadian Muslims

Canadian society, the cultural diversity of the Canadian Muslim community, and the importance of Canadians learning about each other to foster greater social cohesion." On 22 June 2016, TDSB Trustees voted to designate the month of October as Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) with the theme "Reflect. Celebrate. Learn."

As our IHM journey continues, we encourage all members of the TD SB community to join us in continuing to learn about the heritage and history, culture and ongoing contributions of our Muslim fellow-Canadians.

**October is Somali Heritage Month** – Every year, the TDSB recognizes Somali Heritage Month in October. The TDSB affirms our commitment to celebrating Somali Heritage Month, and encourages students and staff to take this opportunity to learn about the history, heritage and diversity of the Somali community.

This year's theme is "Educate. Elevate. Excel." This theme signifies the month's planning committee's ongoing mission for the Somali community to continue to educate students and the community at large, to elevate their student academic achievement and, to continue to excel.

**Women's History Month** – This is an occasion for all our schools and workplaces to improve our knowledge of women's achievements and their contribution to the building of our democratic society. It is also an occasion to learn about women's experiences and struggles around the world to achieve social justice on issues of poverty, discrimination, abuse and tyranny. This not only gives us the resolve to work together for a world of peace and prosperity for all, but also to commit ourselves to the values of respect and equality in our relationships with each other, in our own schools and communities.

As we learn more about the history and achievements of women in our society and in our world, we commit ourselves to making such knowledge and understanding an ongoing feature of our teaching and learning environment for all students. We will also give recognition to the heroic women of our communities who do extraordinary things every day to nurture and guide our children, who support our schools, and who work hard to preserve our neighbourhoods and our valued institutions.

# All About Responsibility

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about responsibility - what it means and how we can be responsible students and citizens. 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 responsibility 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!

Our Responsibility Assembly is at the end of October - join us!

## Read About It!

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

- I Just Forgot by Mercer Mayer
- Strega Nona by T. dePaola
- The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey
- The Pigsty by Mark Teague

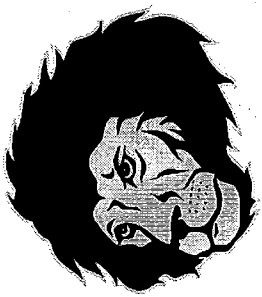
## Practice It!

Help your child practice responsibility by giving him/her special jobs! Let your child pick a special chore each week that they can be responsible for. Let them carry the groceries, wipe the counters or feed the pet!

## Talk About It!







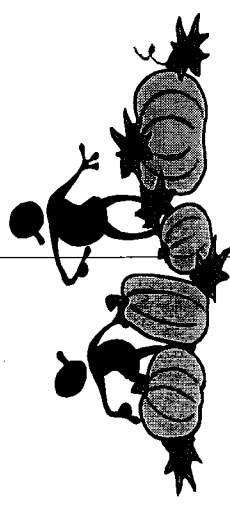
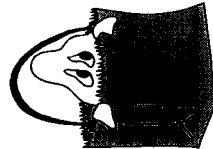
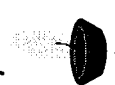
Here are some discussion points to help you talk about responsibility with your child:

- What do you think responsibility means & why is it important?
- Tell me about a time when it was hard to be responsible.
- What is a way you would like to have more responsibility at home?
- What are your responsibilities in the classroom?  
What about in our community?



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Character Trait of the Month:  
Responsibility

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 6 Maha Ashtami	Grade 3 Universal Screening Process 7 Day 5	1 Day 1 8 Cross Country Day 1	2 Day 2 School Council mtg @ 6pm 9 Day 2 Walk to School day Yom Kippur (Judaism)	3 Day 3 10 Day 3 World Mental Health Day 17 Day 1 International Day of Eradication of Poverty (UN) Karva Chauth (Hinduism)	 4 Day 4 11 Day 4 International Day of the Girl (UN) P.A. Day Federal Election Advance Polls 18 Day 2 	5 Day 5 World Teacher Day 12 Day 5 Federal Election Advance Polls 19 Day 5
13 Federal Election Advance Polls	14 Thanksgiving Federal Election Advance Polls Sukkot (Judaism)	15 Day 4 	23 Day 5 Sight and Sound Clinic	24 Day 1 24 Day 1 Halloween	25 Day 2 Picture Day 	26 Day 2 
20 21 Shemini Atzeret (Judaism)	22 Day 4 Gyana Panchami (Jainism)	29 Day 4 	30 Day 5 31 Day 5 Halloween	31 Day 1 	27 Kathina Ceremony/ Pavarana Day (Buddhism) Bandi Chhor Divas (Hinduism)	28 Day 3 Happy Diwali 

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 Indigenous Education month  
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