

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter April 2023



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Message from Admin

Dear Parents/Guardians,

April is upon us and like the saying goes, with April showers come May flowers. In our case, we are really looking forward to getting through the cold and rainy days at the beginning of the month leading into a lot of fun activities on our wonderful back field.

Speaking of fields, Track & Field season has shifted a bit earlier this year. Please keep an eye out for reminders that Friday April 14th will be our school-based event due to the TDSB event taking place in early May.

This month brings many celebrations including Ramadan, Easter and Passover. To those who are observing or celebrating we wish you a positive and wonderful celebration. One of our core values at Churchill Heights PS is how much we value and celebrate the diversity in our school and the greater community. We believe strongly that in learning about and from each other, we only enrich our learning and ourselves. We are proud to state that we are an accepting and nurturing school and a safe place for all.

April also brings Earth Day, this year being celebrated at school on April 20th. Our student-led Eco-Team (under the watchful guidance of Mrs. McPhail and Ms. Ali) have a bunch of wonderful learning activities and announcements planned, culminating in a short assembly and our annual Water Walk that afternoon. As this falls towards the end of Ramadan, students who are fasting will have modified expectations during the walk itself, but will be encouraged to participate. This is a wonderful way to learn about and experience the challenges many people, including children, experience in their attempt to get something so

many of us take for granted.

Finally, we want to share that as the good weather does come (and yes, it will come) we strongly encourage everyone to walk, run or bike to school. Not only is this a safer option, it is more eco-friendly as well. And heck, who doesn't love a nice walk in good weather?

As always, we wish everyone in the CHPS community a wonderful month ahead.

Sincerely,

Talcia Richards, Principal

David Leavitt, Vice-Principal

Toronto Public Library

Click [here](#) to find out about some exciting events for the whole family at Cedarbrae Library during the month of April.



Absence Reporting



To help streamline the student absence reporting process, a change has been made to the Safe Arrival option when the school phone number is dialed.

Effective immediately, when the Safe Arrival option is selected, the call will be transferred directly to the School Messenger phone system. (Parents/Guardians can still call the 1-833-250-2290 directly and receive the same options.)

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

1-833-250-2290

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province.

Sikh Heritage Month

This year the Sikh Heritage Month theme is Kes. Kes is one of the five Kahaars, indicators that Sikh individuals must acknowledge as part of their faith. The five Kakaars are five sacred articles of faith prescribed by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians. This year the theme to mark Latin-America History

Latin-American History Month

Month is (Decolonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Honouring & Uplifting the Real Histories and Multiplicities of Our Identities. During the month of April, several activities are planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick-off Latin-America History Month with a virtual launch.

BFCN Scholarship Program

Black students of Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday April 14, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST. The workshop is offered free of charge and the goal is to share our collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education and funding options. Note that the BFCN Scholarship Program Coordinator will also be present to answer any questions. Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate, and a Zoom link with further details will be sent on the day of the event, to all those who register. Here is the link to the Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bfcn-scholarship-application-workshop-for-black-toronto-district-sb-student-tickets-570231757537>

Any questions please email info@bfcn.ca

Settlement Workers

SWIS, also known as SEPT, offers settlement services to newly arrived families and secondary school students in schools' satellite and reception centres. Settlement Workers deliver individual/family services or group programs that help participants to understand and to successfully transition into the education system and to accelerate the settlement process. SEPT also delivers two programs in the summer for newly arrived students and families, some of whom are enrolled in TDSB summer school courses. These programs include: Newcomer Orientation Week (NOW) program for secondary students and Welcome Information for Newcomer (WIN) program for middle schools students and families. Click [here](#) for more information about services.

Elementary Summer School







The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 28, 2023. This year, one remote program will also be available. For more information, including a list of schools and online registration forms, visit our [summer school program page](#).

Keep Our World Clean

Please remember to dispose of garbage and recycling in the appropriate waste receptacles. Don't throw used masks on the ground. Bring your lunch in a reusable container and don't forget to pack a reusable water bottle.



April 2023

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| 2 | 3 World Autism Awareness Day (wear blue to show support) | 4 Little Jammerz (lunch time)  | 5 Opening Doors Stress Management (Ms. Harding) | 6 Tartan Day Mr. J Cedarbrae Library Outreach | 7 Good Friday (no school) | 8 |
| 9 Easter Sunday | 10 Easter Monday (no school) | 11 Little Jammerz (lunch time)  | 12 Artist's Visit School Council Meeting 6-8 pm | 13 | 14 Track & Field Opening Doors Stress Management (Ms. Smith) | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Student Census Launch | 18 Math Mayhem Little Jammerz (lunch time)  | 19 Gr 8s at Aga Khan Museum | 20 "More Than Our Skin" Parents' Conference 9-10 Opening Doors Stress Management (Mrs. Dorman) | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Gr 7 Immunization Clinic 1-3  | 25 Little Jammerz (lunch time)  | 26 | 27 Opening Doors Stress Management (Ms. Williams) | 28 Recognition Assemblies Pizza Lunch  | 29 |
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Upcoming Events

May 2 Little Jammerz (lunch time)

May 3 Coronation of King Charles III

May 9 Little Jammerz (lunch time)

May 10 School Council Meeting

May 14 Mother's Day

May 18 Grade 8s go to Little Canada

May 22 Victoria Day—no school

May 25 Welcome to Kindergarten (5:30-6:30 pm)

May 26 Pizza Lunch

May 29, 30, 31 EQAO

June 1 Grade 8 Trip Downtown / Blue Jays Game

June 2 P.A. Day—no school

June 18 Father's Day

June 23 Recognition Assembly
Pizza Lunch

June 30 Last Day of School

July 10 Office closed for the summer

Churchill Heights PS 2022 - 2023

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| H | Statutory Holiday |
| B | Bd. Designated Break |
| PA | PA Day |

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| Perseverance | | | | | | |

Professional Activity Days:

Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Friday, October 7, 2022
Friday, November 18, 2022
Friday, December 2, 2022
Friday, January 13, 2023
Friday, February 17, 2023
Friday, June 2, 2023

First Day of School:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Last day of school for Elementary students:

Friday, June 30, 2023

Dates to Remember:

Labour Day: September 5, 2022

Thanksgiving: October 10, 2022

Winter Break: December 23, 2022 -
January 6, 2023 (last day of school
December 26, 2022; school resumes
January 9, 2023)

Provincial Family Day: February 20,
2023

Mid-Winter Break: March 13 - 17,
2023

Good Friday: April 7, 2023

Easter Monday: April 10, 2023

Victoria Day: May 22, 2023