

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter December 2023



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Message from Admin

Hello, Churchill Heights Families,

The countdown is on!
December is always a short but
busy month as we get ready for
the winter break.

This is an important time for us to stop, and take time to remember to be grateful for all of the people in our lives - our families, our friends, our neighbours. Don't forget to take a minute amidst the hustle and bustle to enjoy each other.

We would also like to thank our wonderful staff team for their hard work throughout the year, and especially for their support throughout this busy time. Our teachers and support staff who are so caring of the children and passionate in their desire to help all students achieve. Our admin staff - the office staff, who greet all visitors, answer the phone AND complete all the unseen admin tasks that keep the school functioning. Our dedicated School Council who support many CHPS initiatives. Michael and John, who look after the school and the grounds, clean, generally keep the school running. The work load at the end of the year is quite daunting and they continue smiling throughout. I'm sure you would like to join with us in wishing them a happy and restful holiday break.

Lastly, we want to take a moment to thank all parents, guardians and staff for your support and dedication in giving our students the best educational experience. We hope each family has a happy and healthy holiday break.

Sincerely,

Talcia & David

All Are Welcome at CHPS

Mrs. Majumder, one of our Early Childhood Educators, worked patiently with the kindergarten students to create our handprint rainbow. It represents our caring and inclusive school community.



She also created the mural seen below with our older students. "The Future is in Your Hands".



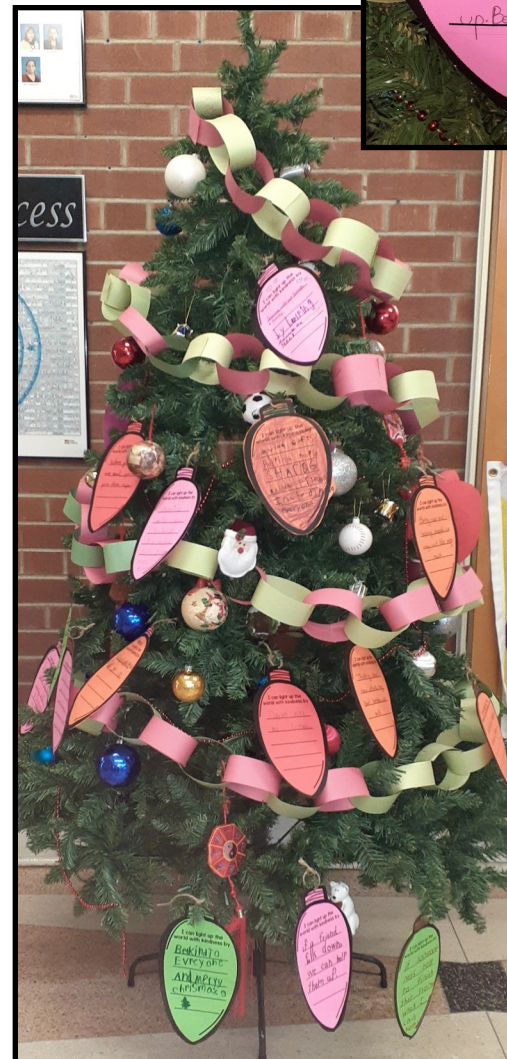
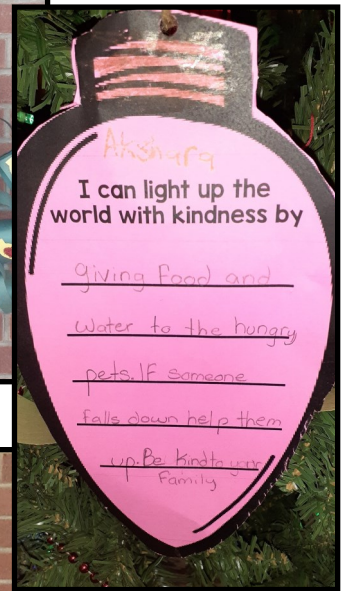
STEM Activities

Ms. Agamy's class is using STEM activities to create different wind devices. Through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), students develop key skills including: problem-solving skills, innovation, and critical thinking.



Getting into the Spirit

Ms. Mui and Mrs. Majumder's JK/SK class decorated their tree with sparkly lights.



Ms. Quain's Grade 1 class worked with their Reading Buddies in Ms. Ifejika's class to offer many ideas about how to light up the world with kindness.

CBC Sounds of the Season

Recently, Churchill Heights Public School participated in the **CBC Toronto's Sounds of the Season Food Drive**, which commenced on November 13th and concluded on November 27th.

Throughout this period, the entire school came together in good spirit, and managed to collect an impressive total of 16 boxes worth of food items that weighed over 500 pounds.

The boxes were filled with various food donations such as canned goods, pastas, beans, rice, flour, etc. All the food items collected were donated to the **Daily Bread Food Bank**, to support those in need.

We would like to use this opportunity to thank all the students and families who generously donated towards this meaningful cause.

Nishat & Dipanjali (Grade 8)



Samosa Day

On Friday, December 15th our Student Leadership Council will be selling veggie samosas for \$1 each. This is a fundraiser for our school and a delicious way to celebrate our unique and diverse cultures.



Buses and Winter Weather

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 235,000 students in 583 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.



Parents/Guardians of our students in the Gifted program who take a school bus, be sure to sign up for [Bus Planner](#) to get information about your child's transportation.

For more information on severe weather policies, please see:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Severe-Weather/Snow-Cold-Weather>

Dress for the Weather





December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Raptors Game (5/6 classes) Girls Basketball	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 P.A. Day—school closed	9
10	11	12	13	14 Winter Arts Night at Woburn C.I.	15 Cozy Sweater Day Samosas for \$1	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Recognition Assembly Pizza Lunch 	23
24	25 Holidays begin	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8 Return to School
 Jan. 10 School Council Meeting 6:00 pm
 Jan. 19 P.A. Day—no school
 Jan. 26 Pizza Lunch
 Jan. 30 Recognition Assembly
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb. 16 P.A. Day—no school
 Feb. 19 Family Day—no school
 Feb. 23 Pizza Lunch
 Feb. 28 Recognition Assembly
 Mar. 11-15 March Break
 Mar. 29 Good Friday—no school
 Apr. 1 Easter Monday—no school
 Apr. 10 School Council Meeting
 Apr. 16 Wellness Night
 Apr. 19 P.A. Day—no school

Apr. 24 Gregg LeRock (4-6)
 Apr. 26 Recognition Assembly
 May 8 School Council Meeting
 May 12 Mother's Day
 May 13-15 Camp Kearney (Grade 6)
 May 20 Victoria Day—no school
 May 28 Hillside (Room 20)
 May 29 Recognition Assembly
 June 7 P.A. Day—no school
 June 12 School Council Meeting
 June 21 Recognition Assembly
 National Indigenous People's Day
 June 25 Graduation
 June 28 Last Day of School
 July 10 Office closed for the summer



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Churchill Heights P.S.

2023 - 2024

H	Statutory Holiday
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PA	PA Day

September						
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Respect

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Responsibility

November						
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Empathy

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Kindness & Caring

January						
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Teamwork

February						
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Fairness

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Honesty

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Co-operation

May						
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Integrity

June						
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Perseverance

Professional Activity Days:
 1. Friday, October 6, 2023
 2. Friday, November 17, 2023
 3. Friday, December 8, 2023
 4. Friday, January 19, 2024
 5. Friday, February 16, 2024
 6. Friday, April 19, 2024
 7. Friday, June 7, 2024

First Day of School:
 Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Last day of school for Elementary students:
 Friday, June 28, 2024

Dates to Remember:
Labour Day: September 4, 2023
Thanksgiving: October 9, 2023
Winter Break: December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024 (last day of school December 22, 2023; school resumes January 8, 2024)
Provincial Family Day: February 19, 2024
Mid-Winter Break: March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday: March 29, 2024
Easter Monday: April 1, 2024
Victoria Day: May 20, 2024

Total Instructional Days: 187