

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter February 2019



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our second term will begin shortly. Students will be bringing home their first term report card on February 12. It is a great opportunity to go over the report card carefully with your child, addressing the learning skills and work habits that have been established since the beginning of the school year, as well as your child's grades. From responsibility to organization and including all 6 of the skills and habits, they impact the grades your child will receive in all the academic subjects. Through feedback and direct teaching, students will continue to develop these skills further to enhance their learning. As well, working collaboratively with your child's teacher will ensure greater success.

As many parents inquire about homework for their children, I have included the link to the TDSB's homework policy that will give you an understanding of the policy. <http://zwebppfprd/uploads/files/live/97/199.pdf>

I have included in the newsletter, a summary of what is expected for each division in our elementary schools.

Interviews are scheduled for the evening of Thursday, February 14th and the morning of Friday, February 15th. Please feel free to call or schedule an interview if you have any questions or concerns.

Timing, Scheduling and Quantity of Homework

The amount of homework assigned to students should be different from elementary, to middle school to high school and that the amount of time a student spends on assigned homework depends on such factors as: the student's needs, learning ability, subject, school schedule, proximity to tests, examinations and assigned

homework due dates. Time spent on homework should be balanced with the importance of personal and family wellness and the wide array of family obligations experienced in our society today.

Kindergarten

Homework should not be assigned to Kindergarten students. There is a strong connection between parental involvement and student achievement. As a result, families are encouraged to engage in early learning activities such as playing, talking and reading together in English or in the family's first language. Teachers may provide resources to support home-based early learning activities.

Grades 1 to 6

There is a strong connection between reading to or with elementary children every day in English or in one's first language and student achievement. As a result, homework assigned in the early grades shall more often take the form of reading, playing a variety of games, having discussions and interactive activities such as building and cooking with the family. In the late Primary and Junior grades, effective homework may begin to take the form of independent work. In both cases, homework assigned for completion, practice, preparation or extension should be clearly articulated and differentiated to reflect the unique needs of the child.

Grades 7 to 8

Completion of homework for middle school-aged students can contribute to improved student achievement. Homework assignments for completion, practice, preparation or extension for students in Grades 7 and 8 shall be clearly articulated and carefully planned, in partnership among core and rotary teachers. Estimated completion time should be one hour or less.

Character Trait Winners

For January - Teamwork: "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." Phil Jackson

Room 1A: Dhruvika, Sameeha

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Room 3: Inayat

Room 4: Sanuka, Yoshan

Room 5: Brinita, Sayeda

Room 6: Oviya, Viththakan

Room 7: Pugal, Rasiha

Room 8: Chaitra, Norah

Room 9: Eric, Lucy

Room 21: Adhi, Hazel

Room 22: Aniish, Victor

Room 23: Tharshika, Vashineet

Room 24: Debargha, Jawad

Room 25: Akshayan, Jonisa

Room 26: Bhavvyva, Elliot

Room 28: Aaron, Vrinda

Room 29: Mahi, Naveena

February - Fairness

School Council

Upcoming Parent Workshop: Kids Have Stress, Too!

Brought to you by Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre and the Churchill Heights Public School Council Parent Engagement Community. Come out and learn what kids worry about and how stress affects them. Learn what you can do to help make life a little easier for them. Child care will be provided.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the school gym
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - refreshments
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - workshop

**Pizza Lunch payment envelopes are due by
Monday, February 4th.**

Severe Weather

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors; however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety.



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Conditions warranting indoor recess:

- ◆ Rain, thunder storms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.
- ◆ Cold weather: when temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates **-28°C or lower**, children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip/frostbite.

When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates **-20°C to -28°C**, recesses may be **shortened** to 10 minutes and lunch recess to 20 minutes, depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite, or difficulty breathing.

Please ensure your children are dressed properly for all weather conditions.

Volleyball

Junior Girls Volleyball started this month, and we had a great turnout! So many girls came to try out for the team and were so positive and supportive of each other. Unfortunately, cuts have to be made and we will eventually get down to 20 girls who will represent Churchill Heights at the tournament on February 12.

Junior and Senior Boys Basketball also started this month. With the colder weather, and icy court outside, the students were eager for the opportunity to try out for these teams. The Junior tournament will be on February 4, and the Senior tournament will be on February 5. Good luck boys!



Cedarbrae Library

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Family Time 11-12pm
3 Mini Makers 2:30-3:30pm	4 Afterschool Club 4-5pm	5	6 Chess Club 5-6:30pm Pyjama Time 7-7:30pm	7	8	9 Family Time 11-12pm
10 Mini Makers 2:30-3:30pm	11 Afterschool Club 4-5pm	12 Valentine's Day Craft 4-5:30pm	13 Chess Club 5-6:30pm Pyjama Time 7-7:30pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 P.A. Day	16 Family Time 11-12pm
17 Family Day (Open) Mini Makers 2:30-3:30pm	18 CLOSED	19	20 Chess Club 5-6:30pm Pyjama Time 7-7:30pm	21	22	23 Family Time 11-12pm
24 Mini Makers 2:30-3:30pm	25 Afterschool Club 4-5pm Pokémon Club 6:30-8 pm	26	27 Chess Club 5-6:30pm Pyjama Time 7-7:30pm	28	Cedarbrae Library 545 Markham Rd Toronto, ON M1H 2A1 416-396-8850	

FEBRUARY

Pyjama Time & Family Time

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and the occasional craft. Bring your singing voices and laugh out loud as we share our storytime favourites.

Fun for the whole family! All ages, drop-in.

Afterschool Club: Lego and K'nex

Put your building and engineering skills to the test! Take on a different challenge each week, and build fantastic creations!

Ages 6-12, drop-in.

Mini Makers

Junior builders ages 4-8 and their families are invited to join us every Sunday for fun, hands-on activities that explore STEM concepts and spark wonder, creativity and discovery. Try something different each week! Ages 4-8, drop-in.

February is Black History Month!

Valentine's Pop-Up Card Making

Join us for some crafty fun and learn how to make your very own Pop-Up cards for that special someone.

All ages, drop-in.



Pokémon Club

Join us as we explore and hunt for Pokémon in the library! Make sure to bring your own Pokémon cards to trade with the library or just come to relax, talk Pokémon, or play various Pokémon games! All ages, drop-in.

Chess Club

Join us to learn the basics of chess, the rules, and some new strategies. Have some fun playing with your family or friends and challenging others.

Ages 7-12, drop-in.

P.A. Day Movie – Queen of Katwe

Relax on your day off in front of our big screen. Bring a snack, and a friend, and enjoy this special screening.

All ages, drop-in.



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kindergarten Registration Begins	2
3	4 Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament 	5 Sr. Boys Volleyball Tournament 	6	7 MADD Canada Presentation - Gr. 7/8 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Ontario Band Festival (Sr. Band) 	12 Girls Volleyball Tournament  Reports Go Home	13 Gregg LeRock French Concert (Gr. 4-8) 	14 Parent/Teacher Interviews (pm) 	15 P.A. Day (no school)  Parent/Teacher Interviews (am)	16
17	18 Family Day (no school) 	19	20 Science Fair Display 	21	22 Pizza Lunch 	23
24	25	26	27	28 Recognition Assemblies Mental Health Presentation (7/8)		

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 5 Parent Workshop - "Kids Have Stress, Too" - 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 7 School Council Meeting
- Mar. 10 Daylight Savings
- Mar. 11 - 15 March Break (no school)
- Mar. 28 Scientists in School Night (6 - 8 p.m.)
- Mar. 29 Recognition Assemblies
Pizza Lunch
- Apr. 4 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 9 Graduation Photos
- Apr. 19 Good Friday (no school)
- Apr. 22 Easter Monday (no school)
- Apr. 26 Recognition Assemblies
Pizza Lunch
- May 2 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- May 10 Kindies at Downsview Park
- May 12 Mothers' Day
- May 15 Spring Arts Night at Woburn C.I.
- May 16 7/8 at Young People's Theatre

- May 20 Victoria Day (no school)
- May 31 Recognition Assemblies
Pizza Lunch
- June 6 School Council Meeting
- June 7 P.A. Day (no school)
- June 11 Kindergarten Orientation
- June 12 7/8 at Todmorden Mills
- June 16 Fathers' Day
- June 21 Pizza Lunch
- June 26 Graduation
- June 27 Last Day of School

Co- & Extra-Curricular

- Music Practise - Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:25 a.m.
- Senior Band - Tue. 11:25 a.m., Thurs. 3:15 p.m.
- Library Helpers - Mon. - Fri. 9:50 a.m.
- Girls Volleyball - Mon., Wed. 3:15 p.m.