

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter February 2024



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Message from Admin

Dear CHPS Community,

As we dive into February, we want to share some exciting events and highlights happening at Churchill Heights PS:

1. **African Heritage Month:**

February is African Heritage Month, and we'll be celebrating the rich and diverse contributions of the African diaspora to our community and beyond.

2. **Chinese Heritage Month:**

We'll also be recognizing and appreciating the vibrant culture and history of the Chinese community throughout February.

3. **Mental Health Day:**

On Friday, February 9th, we will be having our mental health awareness day with engaging activities and discussions to support our students' well-being.

4. **Report Cards Going Home:**

Look out for your child's report card, which will be sent home via email on February 13th.

5. **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

Connect with your child's teachers during our Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss their achievements and set goals for the rest of the year. These will take place on Feb 15th (evening) and 16th (morning).

6. **Family Day - February 19th, 2024:**

Enjoy quality time with your loved ones on Family Day! It's a day to cherish and create special memories together.

7. **Afro Beats Workshop:**

Our students will experience the rhythm and joy of Afro Beats in a lively workshop that promises

fun for students of all ages. This will be taking place on February 20th.

8. **School Council Meeting:**

Stay involved in your child's education by joining our School Council Meeting, where we discuss important matters and hear your valuable input. This month's meeting is Wed. February 21st at 6PM (Virtual meeting)

9. **Pizza Lunch:**

This is final pizza lunch of cycle #1. This month's date is Friday, February 23rd.

We're looking forward to a month filled with celebration, learning, and community engagement. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we can't wait to make February memorable for our students and families.

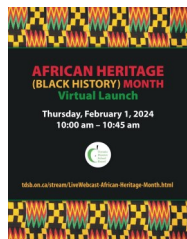
Best regards,

Talcia Richards, Principal

David Leavitt, Vice-Principal



African Heritage Month



African Heritage (Black History) Month is an occasion to commemorate present and past individuals who helped shape the path of our future student leaders, while also celebrating the many achievements and contributions of

numerous individuals with this heritage! Their voices and actions impact our society, and work to continuously improve the world we live in. This year's chosen theme is **Our Black Is...** Our Black Is Resilient, Community, Beautiful, Unity, Joy, Self-Determination, Excellence, Empowering, Purpose, Brilliance, Engaging, Creative, Belonging, Tenacious, Powerful, Faith, Audacious, Powerful, Me...

Chinese Heritage Month

TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. This year we celebrate the **Year of the Dragon: Majesty, Brilliance, Confidence, Leadership.**

Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations for Chinese communities around the world. Lunar New Year is celebrated annually, and its dates are based on the lunar calendar. For 2024, it starts Saturday, February 10 and ends Saturday, February 24. The festivities include family gatherings, decorations, and of course a feast!



Kindergarten Registration

Children can attend Junior Kindergarten in the calendar year that they turn four and Senior Kindergarten in the year that they turn five.



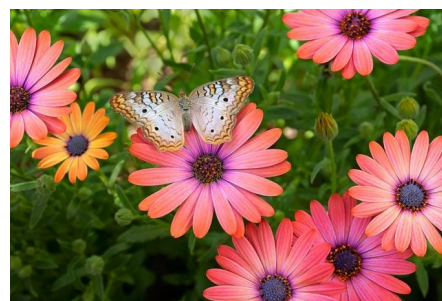
[Registration](#) for the 2024 English Kindergarten program goes live February 1st.

Pollinate T.O.

Churchill Heights has just received a grant of almost \$5000 through Pollinate TO and the City of Toronto to plant a garden on our school grounds over the next two years.

Consultations with Pollinate TO and planning with the TDSB are already underway, and classes will be involved in the planting process and maintenance of the garden!

Our goal is to have a naturally sustainable garden that supports local pollinators with plants that are native to our area, that have blooms in various seasons. This is a very exciting project!



Afrobeat


In celebration of African Heritage Month, on February 20th we will be hosting workshops by Dance 'N' Culture called [Afrobeat](#).

Afrobeat is a Nigerian music genre that involves the combination of West African musical styles from mainly Nigeria such as the traditional Yoruba and Igbo music and highlife with American funk, jazz, and soul influences. With a focus on chanted vocals, complex intersecting rhythms, and percussion.



We hope your children are enjoying our new playground equipment!

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Girls VB 11:00	2 Music Lunch Future Friday 11:05	3 Annual PIAC Conference
4	5 Music Lunch Girls VB 3:00	6 Girls VB 11:00	7 Music Lunch Art Club 11:45 Girls VB 3:00	8 Girls VB 11:00	9 Mental Health Day—free hot chocolate Music Lunch Future Friday 11:05	10
11	12 Music Lunch Girls VB 3:00	13 Report Cards Go Home Girls VB Tourna- ment at CHPS Girls VB 11:00	14 Valentines Day Music Lunch Art Club 11:45 Girls VB 3:00	15 Girls VB 11:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences (pm)	16 P.A. Day—no school Parent/Teacher Conferences (am)	17
18	19 Family Day—no school	20 Girls VB 11:00 Afrobeats Dance Workshops	21 Music Lunch Art Club 11:45 Girls VB 3:00 School Council Meeting 6:00	22 Girls VB 11:00	23 Music Lunch Pizza Lunch 	24
25	26 Music Lunch Girls VB 3:00	27 Girls VB 11:00	28 Pink Day Recognition Assembly Music Lunch Girls VB 3:00	29 Girls VB 11:00		

Upcoming Events

May 7 Bollywood Dance Workshops
 Mar. 11-15 March Break
 Mar. 29 Good Friday—no school
 Apr. 1 Easter Monday—no school
 Apr. 8 P.A. Day (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

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Respect

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Responsibility

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Empathy

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Teamwork

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Fairness

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Honesty

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Co-operation

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Integrity

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Perseverance

Professional Activity Days:

- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Friday, November 17, 2023
- Friday, December 8, 2023
- Friday, January 19, 2024
- Friday, February 16, 2024
- Friday, April 19, 2024
- 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