

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter January 2024



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Message from Admin

Dear CHPS Community,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful winter break filled with joy and relaxation. As

we dive into the new year, we are excited to share some important updates and upcoming events.

****Key Dates to Remember:****

January 19, 2024 - Professional Activity (PA) Day:
On January 19th, our dedicated staff will engage in professional development. No classes will be held on this day. School resumes Monday, January 22, 2024.

January 26, 2024 - Pizza Lunch: We're thrilled to announce a delicious Pizza Lunch on January 26th! This is presented by School Council and is lunch number 3 of 4 from the last order.

Stay Connected: To keep you in the loop with all school-related activities, events, and news, we encourage you to regularly check our school website, <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/chps-school-site/home?authuser=0>

We are grateful for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a fantastic 2024 filled with growth, learning, and success for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our school office team.

Wishing you a joyful and prosperous 2024!

Warm regards,

Talcia Richards, Principal
David Leavitt, Vice-Principal

**For Student Absences Call
1-833-250-2290 or the school directly**

Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the Toronto District School Board since January 2016. This year, the theme for Tamil Heritage Month is **Our Memories, Our Truths, Our Paths Forward: A Mosaic of Tamil Identity**. To mark Tamil Heritage Month, various educational opportunities will be offered to students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions.

Middle French Immersion

Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)

Application Deadline - For families interested in the system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). To apply for September 2024, applications must be completed online between **January 8th and February 2nd, 2024**. Families with an older sibling currently in a Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For more information, please visit: [Middle French Immersion](#) or the [Application Process](#). Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).

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 begins in February.



Fundraising News

So far this year our **Student Leadership Council** has raised over \$1300 for our school with the sale of cookies, Halloween treats and samosas. Some of these funds were used to purchase manipulatives for the new STEM lab, along with a generous donation from our **School Council** which is largely supported by our monthly pizza lunches. Many thanks to our students and their families for their contributions.



Meet Ruby

Last month Churchill Heights adopted a Dracaena plant for our front foyer. The kindergarten classes took a vote and decided to call it Ruby. They are learning about how things grow and are taking turns watering it every day.



Annual PIAC Conference

The 17th Annual PIAC Conference is on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. The PIAC Conference is a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of the educational landscape, connect with fellow parents/guardians/caregivers and staff, and contribute to the continued success of our community. More information: www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences and review our [conference flyer](#).



Professional Activity Day

During the school year, TDSB school staff participate in a number of Professional Activity (PA) Days. On these dates, students remain at home and schools are open for staff to engage in professional learning.

As per the Ministry of Education's [Policy/Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 151](#), Professional Activity Days Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities, school boards are required to designate three Ministry mandatory PA Days. This year, these PA days will focus on the priority areas of Literacy and Mathematics, Curriculum Implementation, and Student Well-being, School Safety and Violence Prevention.

Additionally, school boards may designate up to four additional PA Days per school year with additional topics identified by both the Ministry and Toronto District School Board. Professional learning activities for PA Days will consider factors such as equity and human rights in education, anti-racism and anti-discrimination, Indigenous Education, and equitable learning opportunities for students with disabilities and special education needs.

Below, please find information about the January 19, 2024 PA Day.

Friday, January 19, 2024

Target Audience: All Staff - Elementary

Topics: Assessment and Reporting

Length: Full Day (in-person and virtual options)


Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School-Based Staff

Description: Elementary teachers will be engaged in Assessment and Reporting activities.



[Winter Well Being Guide](#)

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Back to School	9	10 School Council Meeting 6:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 P.A. Day—no school	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Pizza Lunch 	27
28	29	30 Recognition Assembly	31			

Upcoming Events

Feb. 3 Annual PIAC Conference
 Feb. 9 Mental Health Day
 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



TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Churchill Heights P.S.

2023 - 2024

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PA	PA Day

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Respect

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Responsibility

November						
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Empathy

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Kindness & Caring

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Teamwork

February						
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Fairness

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Honesty

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Co-operation

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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