

# Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter May 2023



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## Message from Admin

Dear CHPS Community,

We've MADE IT!! June is here and while everyone's thoughts turn to the warm weather and the

promise of summer vacation, we do still have a busy month of teaching and learning ahead. This month brings many activities for our students, from tours downtown and Blue Jays baseball games to Treetop Trekking adventures and the return of June Play Day. It all culminates with our Graduation Day on June 22, with our grade 6 ceremony in the morning and our grade 8 ceremony that afternoon. A reminder that our school year ends on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

As we wrap up the year, we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make this year as successful as it has been. From School Council members who advocated on behalf of the school community and raised funds that supported our school to the many parents, guardians and caregivers who got up early to bring their children to school on time. From all of our dedicated occasional teachers who regularly fill in at our school to the support staff who take care of the building and office tasks that keep us running smoothly. From our dedicated and hardworking teaching staff who put their hearts and souls into creating a caring, supportive, challenging and rewarding learning environment to the students themselves who breathe so much life into our building.

Thank you for an amazing year here at Churchill Heights P.S.

Sincerely,

Talcia Richards, Principal  
David Leavitt, Vice-Principal

## Indigenous History Month

During the month of June, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is celebrated on Wednesday, June 21. This is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast. Traditional foods are an important aspect of the feast as they signify connection to the land and animals.



## Italian Heritage Month



The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize June as Italian Heritage Month. During this month, the TDSB celebrates the spirited culture and traditions of the Italian community with students, staff and the entire TDSB community. The TDSB is joined by the Province of Ontario in recognizing Italian Heritage Month since June 2010 when the Italian Heritage Month Act was passed. This Act recognizes the important contributions that immigrants made in building Ontario's communities and the economic, political, social and cultural achievements of Italian Canadians throughout the province. Italian Canadian immigrants have played a prominent role in supporting Canada's post-war boom and Toronto's emergence as a diverse, vibrant world-class city.

## Portuguese Speaking

TDSB is proud to recognize Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month during the month of June, celebrating these rich and vibrant cultures. The contributions of the Portuguese-speaking community to Canada's history are vast as include the arts, sports, medicine and public life.

Did you know?

250 million Portuguese speakers worldwide, making it the fifth-most spoken language. Over 1,400 TDSB students speak Portuguese as their mother tongue or as a primary language. Portuguese is the official language of eight countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome & Principe and East Timor.

While the Archipelago of the Azores and the Archipelago of Madeira are a part of Portugal, they are simultaneously Autonomous regions which share in the Portuguese language. As well, due to historic ties, various regions of the world including Macau, China and Goa and Damão, India, celebrate their Portuguese influence.

## Pride Month

In June, we celebrate Pride in the TDSB. It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Toronto, the month culminates in the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25, 2023.



## Sun Safety

Getting students outside and active is good for their health but too much sun can have serious side-effects, including burns, eye damage, premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. We encourage all students to practice "sun safety."

- Cover up: Even on days with a moderate UV index students should wear a hat and sunglasses, especially if they'll be outside for over 30 minutes.



- Stay cool: Students should stay in shady areas, particularly at midday when the sun is strongest.



- Use sunscreen: Choose sunscreens with SPF 15 or higher that include protection from both UVA and UVB rays.



- Bring a reusable water bottle to school or where you go to play. Let's stay hydrated and eco-friendly, too.



## Toronto Public Library

Discover lots of fun activities for the whole family during the month of June at [Cedarbrae Library](#).



## Are You Moving?

If you are planning on moving over the summer and your child(ren) will not be attending Churchill Heights in September, please call the school or drop by the office to fill out a Moving Form. Please note this does not include students who are graduating.



# Passion Projects

The Grade 4s from Mr. Jesudiahharasa's class were able to present their Passion Projects to various classes. Ms. Richards and Mr. Leavitt made a quick visit to see these wonderful, passionate, creative, and fun projects. The Grade 4s worked on these projects for the past two and half months, and they were extremely proud of their accomplishments. Thank you, everyone!





5/29/2023  
By: Maria P. & Jonisa S. 8I

## Churchill Heights Students at the Heritage Fairs!

### What happened during the Heritage Fair?

On May 5th, 2023, the Grade 7 and 8 students from Churchill Heights went to the Toronto Regional Heritage Fair. This event was hosted at George Brown College. The students competed against dozens of other Heritage Fair projects from talented schools across Toronto. Many students found this experience as a unique opportunity to explore and learn from each other; making this event a truly exciting one.

### Churchill Heights Medalists

The following six students received awards for their projects at the Toronto Regional Heritage on May 5th.



Maria P. - Exploring Canada & Ukraine Relationships and Heritage  
Ontario Ancestors Award



Jonisa S. - The Battle of the Plains of Abraham  
History & Geography Award



Abdulghfar P. - Across the history of Lacrosse

Multicultural History Society of Ontario Award



Rayna C. - The 60's Scoop  
Historical Societies Award



Swapnil P. - War of 1812  
OHS Reading and Remembering Award



Sarah H. - Residential Schools  
Ontario Human Rights Award

All six students moved on to the Provincial level and had a celebratory tour around Toronto.



### What is the Heritage Fair?

Directed by the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association (OHFA), Heritage Fair is a multi-media initiative created to raise public awareness and interest in Canadian history, geography and heritage. It highlights the learning and inquiry process, while engaging students in a fun, informative way. Heritage fair is a learning environment that consists of Three levels: Regionals, Provincials, and Nationals.

### What did the Students of Churchill Heights experience?

The Grade 7s and 8s involved in this event truly had a one of a kind experience. Faced against dozens of wonderful projects, each exploring a different Canadian theme, the students found interest in a variety of other student's topics and ideas.

As students presented their topics to the judges, many found that the inquiry and research process were underlined more than actual facts. This correlates with the meaning of Heritage Fair which is the opportunity for students to share and showcase their research skills about Canadian history, geography and heritage in a fun, creative way.

Many students reported that Heritage Fair was truly an exciting opportunity to be a part of, and that they were glad to join in on the fun. The students were able to participate in workshops and discover more about Canadian themes and heritage. The students of Churchill Heights were able to learn, apply, and extend their knowledge about Canadian Heritage.

### How did Students Interact with teachers & judges?

The student body at the Toronto Regional Fair had a lot to learn from the event. The judges at George Brown College helped students to share all of their findings and knowledge from their project using interviews. Everyone had opportunities to present their projects to the judges and teachers at the fair which covered a wide range of topics, from the significance of immigration from several countries in Canada to First Nations inequalities and crises throughout history.

### Celebrating our medalists in Toronto!



Six students from Churchill Heights moved on to the Provincial celebratory ranking. On Saturday, May 27th, these students celebrated their accomplishments with a trip, organized by the Ontario Heritage Fair Association represented by Carol White. They got to visit the Royal Ontario Museum and share their discoveries from their projects with other schools, which was directed by Professor Rose Fine-Meyer from OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education). At the OISE Centre, Professor JJ Lee, a special guest speaker from OCAD University, spoke about her family connections to Canadian heritage and history. It was really a fun and impactful day!

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Special thanks to Ms. Ifejika & Ms. Campitelli-Sue for coordinating this event, and for teaching us about the inquiry process about thinking like a historian.

# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Grade 8 Trip Down- town & Blue Jays  Bike Swap/Repair 3:30-6:00 pm	2 P.A. Day—No School	3
4	5	6 Gifted Open House 9:00—10:30 am	7 Birchmount Area Finals	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament @ Meadowvale PS  Primary Treat Day  School Council Meeting 6:00 pm	15	16 Treetop Trekking (rooms 3, 5, 23)	17
18 Father's Day	19 Treetop Trekking (grades 1-3)	20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day  Birchmount Primary Run, Jump, Throw	22 Grade 6 Graduation 9:00 am, lunch at Mandarin  Grade 8 Graduation 5:00 pm, dinner at Jerusalem	23 Recognition Assemblies  Pizza Lunch  Play Day 12:00-2:00 pm	24
25	26 Polling Station Open In Gym	27	28 Eid-Al-Adha	29	30 Last Day of School for Students	

## Upcoming Events

July 10      Office closed for the summer  
August 28      Office reopens for 2023/2024 School Year



**Have a Safe and Happy Summer!**  
**See you September 5th!**

# Churchill Heights PS 2022 - 2023

H	Statutory Holiday
B	Bd. Designated Break
PA	PA Day

September						
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Respect						

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Responsibility						

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Kindness & Caring						

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Teamwork						

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Co-operation						

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Integrity						

June						
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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