

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter March 2019



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that spring is upon us in 3 weeks! Since returning to school in January, we have enjoyed a true Canadian winter. With many winter storms, a board-wide school closure, we have had our share of adventures this winter. Snow may continue to fall into March. For those looking to spend time outdoors next week, we certainly have perfect conditions for all outdoor winter activities. There are many things to do in and around our city. Here is a link to many activities you can enjoy with your children during the winter break. <https://www.toronto4kids.com/March-2016/50-Things-to-Do-on-March-Break/>

Parents often inquire about homework and activities for students to do at home. The Toronto District School Board Virtual Library has many computer related activities. We have attached a page of information in the newsletter with all the needed information to allow you to access this resource. You can find a variety of materials from encyclopedias, to videos, books and subject specific activities.

Soon, students and staff will be enjoying a break; March Break will start on *Monday, March 11th*. I would like to wish all of the students, staff and community a restful and enjoyable March Break. We look forward to the safe return of all staff and students on Monday, March 18th, 2019.

Mrs. A. Vieira

Character Trait Winners

February - Fairness:

- Room 1A: Ana, Kirethiga
- Room 1: Andre, Yashvi
- Room 3: Merideth, Sanjay
- Room 4: Aashil
- Room 5: Denisa, Senath
- Room 6: Abarna, Yash
- Room 7: Eugenia
- Room 8: Ishmam, Kevin
- Room 9: Nusaiba, Sarah
- Room 21: Kavya, Tharany
- Room 22: Aimee, Bansri
- Room 23: Shalyse, Supeekshan
- Room 24: Alvin
- Room 25: Param, Shasini
- Room 26: Rafid, Rubayna
- Room 28: Dhushan, Zakaria
- Room 29: Lukas, Yatri

March - Honesty

Kindergarten Registration

is underway. For more information visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Kindergarten>

Have you signed up for School Cash Online?

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Parent Workshop

This is a friendly reminder to please register for our upcoming parent workshop, "**Kids Have Stress, Too**". As parents, you will learn what kids worry about and how stress affects them. **Please RSVP** for this event by completing the attached Google form below or by manually completing the form that was sent home with your child.



For catering and babysitting purposes, we need to know how many families will be attending. Please feel free to share the details of this workshop with family and friends.

To register online via Google, click here - <https://goo.gl/forms/PmJasdBCgqdZiorL2>

No Google sign-in is required.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. refreshments

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. workshop

Parent Conference

The Parents as Partners Conference 2019 is on Saturday, March 30 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Karl Subban, a former TDSB principal and the father of five children, including three NHL hockey players.

Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference.

Registration opens mid-February at www.parentsaspartners.ca

Parents as Partners
Toronto District School Board
Parent Conference 2019
Saturday, March 30, 2019
Beanfield Centre
105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

Family Math Workshop

LC3 Math Symposium - Math in Our Lives

All parents, families and children, community groups, and educators are welcome for a day of hand-on mathematics fun, ages from Pre-K to Grade 8.



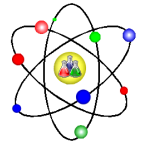
Saturday, April 6, 2019

Woburn C.I. 2222 Ellesmere Road

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Family Science Night

Come and explore alongside your children as you participate together in a variety of fun science and math activities. This is a pre-registered event. Please register before March 18th. Participants can register two of three 45 minute workshops.



Thursday, March 28th, 2019

5:45 p.m. Registration and refreshments

6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Workshops

School Shirts

The deadline to order school hoodies, sweatshirts and T-shirts has been extended due to low sales. This year we are raising funds to purchase 10 Chromebooks for our school. Please help us meet our goal by purchasing a school shirt.



Deadline: Friday, March 1st

Adult ESL

Gaining proficiency in English is a critical skill for newcomers to our city, especially for many parents of children in our schools to connect with the community. Every year, over 18,000 adults benefit from the TDSB's English as a Second Language classes in 75 locations across the city. We offer free ESL classes to adults who are residents of Canada. We also offer classes for visitors on a fee per hour basis. Registration is ongoing.

www.ESLToronto.ca@TDSB_ConEd

Science Fair Interviews

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INTRODUCTION

Science Fair was a great success! There was a huge turnout at Science Fair night - parents, siblings, kids, you name it! Many kids had fun and learned a lot about their topic. Here we have some students who shared their opinion on Science Fair and on some of the intermediate interviewers.

QUESTIONS (Kindergarten-Grade 6):

What did you like about doing Science Fair?
What did you like about being interviewed by the intermediates?

Kindergartens:

- “I liked making the project and I liked learning about plants.” - Reema, Ms. Agamy
- “I liked the robot project. I got to decide my project. It was nice.” - Vihan, Ms. Mui

Grade 1:

- “I liked learning more about structures. I liked telling people about my project.”
- Arna, Ms. Williams
- “My favorite part was looking at all of the projects. I liked watching videos to get information, too!” - Sadie, Ms. Williams.

Grade 2:

- “It was interesting, and I liked answering questions that people asked about my topic. When I was interviewed, I felt like I knew a lot” - Krishiv, Ms. Pollotta
- “I liked doing science fair because it’s interesting. My favourite part of it was looking at other projects. I liked talking about my project to the intermediates because I really liked my project.” - Yoshan, Ms. Williams

Grade 3:

- “We liked creating the volcano and making it work. We also liked learning about how volcanoes work and erupt. We liked talking about our volcano and sharing the information we learned.” - Hiranya and Sana, Ms. Hirjee
- “We liked making the crystals, as well as painting the board. We liked showing and sharing the crystals. As well as showing how we made the crystals and sharing our information.” - Habeeb, Hemal and Logan, Ms. Hirjee

Grade 4:

- “I liked researching it, because it was fun finding pictures for it, and putting my board together. I liked the intermediates interviewing me because it was fun.” - Harshitha, Mr. Rajballie
- “We liked painting our board and adding pictures to it. As well as researching into our topic. We liked being able to show our project.” - Khaleel, Aishwa and Jordan, Ms. Selva

Grade 5:

- “I liked the project that I was doing because I found it to be very interesting. I also liked that many people liked my topic and project. The interviewers didn’t judge us and they gave back feedback in a very positive and nice manner. “ - Nehan, Mrs. Graham
- “We liked researching about our topic and making diagrams and models about it. We also liked getting good pictures of our topic. We liked that the interviewers asked thought provoking and interesting questions.” - Vishwa and Aniish, Ms. Lea

Grade 6:

- “I enjoyed doing science fair because I got to learn new information and it was fun to decorate. I liked being interviewed because I felt smart when I answered their questions.” - Sulakshika, Mr. Ho

- “I liked having the freedom to research on whatever I wanted. I wanted to research about dark matter because I was curious and I wanted to inform others about it as well.”
- Elliot, Ms. Smith

QUESTIONS (Grade 7-Grade 8):

What did you enjoy about Science Fair? What did you like about interviewing younger students?

Grade 7:

- “I liked the freedom of being able to choose my own topic and the ability to research at our own leisure. I like that I got to know the projects that the younger kids in our school did.” - Talha, Ms. Ifejika
- “I liked working with my partner and I liked learning about a new topic. We also liked the fact that we had to be passionate about our topic and that we got a good topic that we were interested in, which allowed us to do plenty of interesting research into that topic. I didn’t know much about my chosen topic at first but now I am quite knowledgeable about their topic. I liked that younger students were able to express themselves and their ideas. I could see that they knew a lot about their topic.” - Alyssa and Maya, Mrs. Ifejika

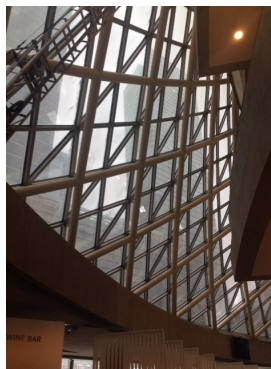
Grade 8:

- “I liked exploring various aspects about science that I have been previously interested in. As well as that I enjoyed creating new, crazy, funky ideas that can be used in the future. I liked interviewing younger students as you could learn more about younger grades and science from them. As well as that some students seemed to be quite knowledgeable about their topics.”
- Jonathan, Mrs. Ali
- “I liked researching and exploring my topic. And I got to do something that I am passionate about. I liked seeing how enthusiastic the younger kids were about their topics.” - Oviya, Ms. Ali

Toronto Symphony Orchestra

On Wednesday, February 27th I had the opportunity to help supervise students on the excursion to Roy Thomson Hall where grades 4 to 8 enjoyed an interactive improvisational concert featuring the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Second City performers.

Using suggestions from the audience, the improv team enacted funny sketches to the accompaniment of the orchestra. We learned how we can use our imaginations to let the music tell you a story.



Some of the music featured was *Beethoven's 3rd Symphony*, and *Simple Gifts*. There was also an improvisational piano soloist who interjected classical pieces with more familiar tunes such as the theme from *Jaws* and *Baby Shark*.

“There were many beautiful pieces and I didn’t want any of them to end,” reported Haben from Ms. Ali’s class. I have to agree!

Ms. Doris



Have you visited the virtual library?

The [Churchill Heights Virtual Library](#) is an online collection of excellent resources and activities for school-aged children. You will find everything from encyclopaedias, to videos, to animated books that read themselves. Your children will find Science, sports, art, Mathematics, coding, animation, geography, reading, games, and more. Students can also try JustReadIt! (a fun contest that lets them win free books or even an author visit for the school, just by reading books).

Students working on research projects or homework assignments will find a wide variety of materials for support. From home, **Google: “Virtual Library Churchill Heights Public School,”** to find the Virtual Library. Once there, use the passwords in your child’s agenda to access BookFlix and a wide variety of online encyclopaedias for free.

New to the virtual library? Click on the Virtual Library Tour and discover five cool things you can do, from getting reading suggestions, to playing games, to creating comics. You can also try the Parent Space to discover recommended resources for your child’s success.

The screenshot shows the Churchill Heights Virtual Library website. At the top, there are several logos: tdsb virtual library, a globe icon, read it, my LIBRARY, a book icon, an information icon, and Contact Us. Below these is the text "Churchill Heights Public School" and "M. Wentz - Teacher-Librarian". On the left side, there is a vertical menu with icons and labels: CATALOGUE, Search, Quick FINDS, Inquiry, Français, Educator, Spaces, Read, Public Library, and TL Login. The main content area features four large, colorful buttons: a green "Quick FINDS" button with an eye icon, an orange "SEARCH" button with a magnifying glass icon and "online resources" and "A-Z databases" text, an orange "SPACES" button with a grid icon and "student K-6 7-12" and "parent educator" text, and a blue "INQUIRY" button with a question mark icon and "internet citation" text. On the right side, there is a "Virtual Library Tour" section with a video thumbnail titled "5 Cool Things..." and a "Watch on YouTube" link. Below that is a "Tweets" section showing a tweet from TDSB Virtual Library retweeted by TDSB Professional Librarians, with a note that a reading event is postponed due to weather and a reminder to stay tuned for the new date for the "battle of the books" with the hashtag #tdsbReads.



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Parent Workshop - Kids Have Stress	6	7 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Daylight Savings	11 March Break (School Closed)	12 March Break (School Closed)	13 March Break (School Closed)	14 March Break (School Closed)	15 March Break (School Closed)	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Gr. 7 2nd Dose Hep B & HPV - am 	27 Gr. 6 at Kearney 	28 Gr. 6 at Kearney Family Science Night 5:45 - 8:00 pm 	29 Gr. 6 at Kearney Recognition Assemblies Pizza Lunch 	30
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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 4 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 6 Math Workshop at Woburn C.I.
- 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. through Thurs. 9:50 a.m.
- Co-ed Volleyball - Mon. through Thurs. 3:15 p.m.

