

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter May 2023



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Message from Admin

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Nature writer and conservationist Fennel Hudson once wrote "May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." While he may have been talking about his adventures in various countries, the quote applies to our school almost as well.

May brings many opportunities with it, including being the second to last month of this school year and the final push of our learning. With such an active school and so many things happening, we wanted to take some space to highlight some of the big things scheduled for this month:

Children's Mental Health Week (May 1-5) will put a spotlight on the importance of being mentally healthy and aware (something we focus on each day) but also look to de-stigmatize various mental health conditions and illnesses so that our community can show compassion and respect.

Our Spring Concert (May 11) will be a culmination of all the learning our Jr/Int students have been doing with Ms. Somerville in the instrumental music program, along with showcasing the visual and performing arts work done throughout the school. Due to the overwhelming response to our Winter concert, we're moving over to Woburn C.I.'s auditorium for the evening. Details will be shared in a flyer.

Our Primary students will be taking a walking trip in mid May over to G.B. Little P.S. to participate in a drumming program. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to learn about different forms of art but also to meet new friends at one of our neighbouring partner schools.

Learn to Play Cricket is back! (May 15 & 16) Last year's big hit returns with another round of

workshops for students to learn all about the beautiful sport of Cricket. Dress for the weather because these two days will be out on the pitch!

Finally, the month closes out with our Gr. 3 and 6 students partaking in the provincial E.Q.A.O. testing.

So, as you can see, it is a busy time here at CHPS. We look forward to the adventure continuing.

Sincerely,

Talcia Richards, Principal

David Leavitt, Vice-Principal

Children's Mental Health

May 1 – 5 is Children's Mental Health Week. TDSB has a wealth of information and support services available to our students and their families. Please visit the TDSB website for more details.

[Mental Health and Well-Being](#)

Toronto Public Library

Click [here](#) to find out about some exciting events for the whole family at Cedarbrae Library during the month of May.



Absence Reporting

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

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Jewish Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month continues to be recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of May.

Subsequently, the [Canadian Jewish Heritage Act](#), was passed in May 2018 and is also recognized by the Province of Ontario by the passing of the [Jewish Heritage Month Act](#), 2012. As stated in the Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012, *"May is a significant month for the Jewish Canadian community. Israeli Independence Day (Yom ha-Atzmaut) and Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom ha-Shoah) frequently occur in May, as do various Jewish artistic and cultural events."*

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Christie Pits riot that took place in Toronto in August 1933. To commemorate this moment in history, the TDSB's Jewish Heritage Committee in collaboration with the Italian Heritage Committee are offering TDSB students a chance to learn about the largest race riot in Canadian history.

Together, both committees created a program designed for students in Grades 8 and 10 to learn about the riot through a re-enactment, workshops, and a visit to a newly created TDSB Peace Garden at Christie Pits Park. For students unable to attend due to limited capacity, resources were also prepared for in-classroom teaching and discussion.

This program is part of the committees' commitment to plan annual educational opportunities and to enrich the curriculum for further learning. With these actions our staff, students and our TDSB communities celebrate and learn about the diverse cultures of individuals within our schools and communities.



Asian Heritage Month

Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally across the nation through an official declaration that was signed in May 2002. Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the [Asian Heritage Act](#) (2005), and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) elected Trustees passed a motion to recognize Asian Heritage Month in April 2007.

We are proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians. Canada has been enriched by the vibrant traditions that we continue to recognize in our brilliant city by celebrating our heritage proudly through festivals and traditional events that continue to be celebrated through generations. This year our theme is ***Joining Our Table: Celebrating Asian Canadians***.

The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. Nearly one-quarter of our students were born outside of Canada and collectively we speak more than 120 languages. According to the 2017 TDSB Student & Parent Census 40% of TDSB students self-identified as Asian. During the month of May we are honoured to share with you several opportunities and resources to learn about the traditions, customs, and significant individuals that this heritage brings. Stay tuned as we share details with you throughout the month of May!

Many TDSB students from all age groups participated in the Asian Heritage Month Poster Contest. We invite all students, staff and the TDSB community to join us for an Asian Heritage Month Virtual Celebration to learn further about the Asian heritage.

Asian Heritage Month Virtual Celebration

Monday, May 15, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

[Live TDSB Webcast - Asian Heritage Month](#)

Follow us on twitter: @AsianTDSB

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ontario Skills Challenge Latin Dance (lunch) Music 11am	2 Little Jammerz (lunch) Latin Dance 3pm	3 Music (lunch)	4	5 Heritage Fair Birchmount Track & Field Latin Dance (lunch) Music (lunch)	6 Coronation of King Charles III
7	8 Latin Dance (lunch) Music (lunch)	9 Rm 7&8 at GB Little for Drumming 9am Little Jammerz (lunch time) Latin Dance 3pm	10 Rm 6&10 at GB Little for Drumming 9am Rm 2&3 at GB Little For Drumming 10:30 Music (lunch) School Council 6pm	11 Rehearsal for Spring Arts Night Woburn C.I. 12:00pm Spring Arts Night at Woburn C.I. 6pm	12 Latin Dance (lunch) Music (lunch)	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Cricket Workshop	16 Cricket Workshop	17 Music (lunch)	18 Gr 8s at Little Canada	19 Music (lunch)	20
21	22 Victoria Day—no school	23	24 Music (lunch)	25 Welcome to Kindergarten 5:30pm	26 Music (lunch) Pizza Lunch	27
28	29 EQAO Music (lunch)	30 EQAO	31 EQAO Music (lunch) Parent/Guardian Caregiver Session (see below)			29

Upcoming Events

June 1	Grade 8 Trip Downtown / Blue Jays Game EQAO
June 2	P.A. Day—no school
June 14	School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day
June 22	Grade 6 Graduation 9:00 a.m. Grade 8 Graduation 5:00 p.m.
June 23	Recognition Assembly Pizza Lunch
June 30	Last Day of School
July 10	Office closed for the summer



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Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Session #3

Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM LC2 and LC3

If you require a language interpreter, please send in your request by Mon., May 22nd to SpecialEd@tdsb.on.ca.

This session will focus on summer transitions and will include ideas to engage students during the summer months such as home activities, library resources and information on how to use Read & Write Gold at home. Information on community agencies will also be shared. There will be an opportunity for parents/guardians/caregivers to ask questions about these processes. The sessions will be facilitated by Special Education and Inclusion staff.

Please click the link below to join the webinar for LC2/LC3:

Zoom Link for May 31, 2023 at 07:00 PM
<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99686227366>

Churchill Heights PS 2022 - 2023

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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