

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter November 2020



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

And here it is... November join TDSB in recognizing Indigenous Education Month and Hindu

Heritage Month. We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed such a mild Fall so far. The beautiful weather even allowed us to fit in three evacuation drills ("fire drills") without having to worry about too many shivers! We are all thankful for that. And, to carry on with the Thank Yous: thank you to parents and guardians for getting the verification forms filled out and returned to the school, thank you to all staff members for their patience and their dedication to providing students with engaging opportunities at school.

Looking ahead at the month of November, we have Remembrance Day assembly, IEP Information Night, Numeracy Night and parent conferences. All of that before December even starts! Before long, we will be talking about snow and winter break, but until then, we continue on our exciting journey of learning and fun here at Churchill Heights.

Talcia & David

Dress for the Weather

It's November and the temperature is starting to drop as we move closer to the winter season, and just about time to pull out your warmer coats, hats, scarves, mittens and boots. Be prepared to go outside for recess.



Remember to bring your indoor shoes to stay dry and warm inside.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, November 11th, students and staff at our schools and across the city will mark Remembrance Day. For Remembrance Day, teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.

As a point of interest, TDSB's Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute has the recognized distinction of having the greatest number of students, graduates, teachers, and other staff enlist in the military during the Second World War than any other school in the British Commonwealth.



Remembrance Day
November 11

Character Trait Winners

October - Responsibility

Rm 1	Aiden
Rm 3	Kieran, Tara
Rm 6	Nilani, Sesaalan
Rm 7	Chaniru, Viththahi
Rm 8	Aathmi, Thusal
Rm 21	Emaan, Varshinee
Rm 23	Kishnavi, Oviyah
Rm 26	Palin
Rm 28	Elizabeth, Kiranyaa

Revised Screening Guidelines

As you may have heard, the Ministry of Education announced on Thursday that it has updated its COVID-19 school and child care screening guidance. The TDSB takes its lead from Toronto Public Health, who has also revised their guidance based on the provincial direction.

According to the revised guidelines, students and children with symptoms such as fever and cough will still be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternate diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test. A second set of questions now deals with symptoms that are commonly associated with other illnesses, such as runny nose or headache, and provides the following direction:



Students and children with only one of these symptoms will be advised to stay home for 24 hours, after which they can return to school or child care if their symptoms are improving.

Students and children with two or more of these symptoms will be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.

In addition, based on the latest public health guidance, the symptom list for children in school and child care no longer includes abdominal pain or conjunctivitis (pink eye).

Based on this update, there is the new student screening tool from Toronto Public Health, as well as the revised TDSB's Health Pass. The TDSB Daily Health Screening App has also been updated to reflect these changes.

Ensuring the health and safety of our staff and students is our priority and we all play a role. Again, one of the most important things families can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 is to screen their children daily for COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued efforts to help keep our school environments safe and healthy.

School Entry

Students are asked to be at their designated entry door at the back of the school at 8:10 a.m. and have their health screening passes ready to show every time.

In order to control the traffic coming through the school, and to maintain social distancing with the office staff, students are asked not to use the front door for entry unless they arrive after 8:15 a.m. Please try to be punctual.

Parents, if you wish to visit the office, please call ahead and make an appointment. We are happy to meet with you virtually as an alternative to coming into the building.

Halloween High-Jinks

On October 30th the classrooms participated in a pumpkin decorating contest. First prize went to Mrs. Campitelli-Sue's class (2 extra gym periods), second prize to Miss Smith's class (one extra gym period), third prize to Miss Lea's class (an extended recess).



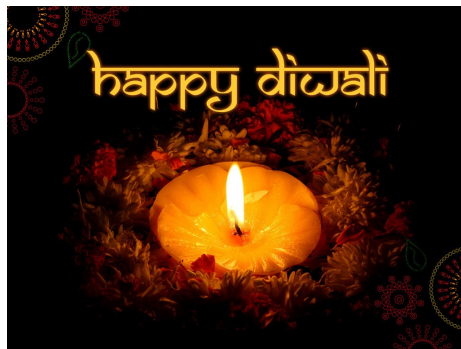
Mrs. Neath spookified the office with flair!



Hindu Heritage Month



November 14, 2020



Indigenous Education Month

In November, we honour Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB. This month reminds us to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, histories and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, and resistance.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Days of Significance

Over the course of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge and to build stronger relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada. This includes Treaty Recognition Week (Nov. 4-8), Inuit Day (Nov. 7), Aboriginal Veterans' Day (Nov. 8), Louis Riel Day (Nov. 16), and an opportunity to Rock Your Mocs (Nov. 9-16).



[Learn more.](#)

French Program Deadlines

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in Senior Kindergarten) and Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2021 are:

Early French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between November 2 and November 27, 2020.

Middle French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between January 4 and January 29, 2021.

Offers of placement within your chosen program (not a specific school) will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Virtual Web-Chat Information Sessions (for the Early French Immersion (SK) application and placement process):

- November 2, 2020, 7 p.m.
- November 12, 2020, 7 p.m.
- November 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

For more information about the Virtual Information Sessions, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

**Don't forget to
get your flu
shot!**



School Council

Dear Churchill Heights Families,

We hope that the first month of school is going well for you and your family.

We are writing to inform you that, we are now resuming the reimbursements for the PIZZA LUNCH program, for the period of February-June 2020.

Families who had made their payment for this in January, 2020, AND, had not yet received their reimbursements, can now apply for it by completing the Pizza Lunch Reimbursement Form given below.

In the Reimbursement form, we are providing two options for our families, that include a simple way for families to take part and invest in a better future for our kids, by providing the options to DONATE this amount to the school towards enhancing technology and curriculum, or to receive a REFUND of the amount.

As you know, due to COVID-19 restrictions, our plans for fundraising have been altered, so we would not be able to match our contributions to the school as last year, such as the subsidies for Scientists-in-School, or to provide supplemental technology for COVID-19-adapted Outdoor Classrooms. We are looking forward to your contributions this year by supporting this donation option.

Please complete and submit the following form to indicate your preference, and provide details about your payment and reimbursement.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to submit for a Refund is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: After November 30th, no refunds will be issued, as we would have allocated the funds towards supporting the school in enriching the curriculum for our students.

We appreciate your response, and your continued support towards a better school community.

Pizza Lunch Reimbursement Form:

<https://forms.gle/onHDs7N1JpHyxZRCA>

Sincerely,

Asheena Rycman and Khaled Chowdhury
Co-chairs
Churchill Heights P.S. School Council



About the SSON:

The SSON is a record of the main priorities of the Parent community and the School board, for each specific school. In the event that the school needs a change in principal, these priorities will be used to identify and appoint a suitable principal. So, every year, it is important for all the parents, guardians and community members to fill out the SSON Survey and send it to their School Councils. The School Councils then compile a summary of all the priorities received for the school, and submit it to their Superintendent and the Trustee. So, as your school council, it is time for us to request all CHPS parents and community members, to get involved and let us know your priorities for our school for the 2020/2021 school year.

The following are some example priorities:

- * Visible administrator who actively interacts with students and school community
- * Communication of School Improvement Plans, School budget, School safety plan and School staffing proposals (elementary) to Parents, School Council and to the School community
- * Support for the highly valued range of unique programs (e.g. Arts, health and wellness, student leadership, equity, special education, etc.)
- * True parental involvement including innovative ways to promote a diverse School Council
- * Community partnerships
- * Support and positive change for special needs students, including support for implementing IEPs

You may also learn more about the SSON by following these links:

[NOTE: If you do not have internet access at home, please visit your nearest Toronto Public Library branch as they offer it for free]

http://torontopiac.com/uploads/3/4/8/1/34816230/piac_sson_parent_guild.pdf

<http://www.torontopiac.com/parent-engagement.html>

The SSON is defined in PR705:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Detail/docId/1870>



We also encourage you to get in touch with us, if you are interested in helping to prepare the final draft of the document, that will be submitted to the Superintendent and the Trustee of this ward. The final document will be emailed to all parents registered with the School Council. It will also be available at the school, at the next School Council meeting, and on our Google Drive, for all parents to view.

Please Complete this form), and Submit by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2020.**

<https://forms.gle/4uWTFMfiABczG7FF9>

We value your feedback, and appreciate your time in responding to this request and focusing on our school priorities.

November 2020 - Empathy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Ends 	2 Application to Early French Immersion begins	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 IEP Info Night	11  Remembrance Day	12 Claude Watson Open House 6-7 p.m.	13	14 Diwali
15	16	17	18	19 Parent/Teacher Interviews	20 P.A. Day - no school Parent/Teacher Interviews	21
22	23	24	25	26 Virtual Assembly for Empathy	27 Last day to apply to Early French Immersion	28
29	30					

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17 Virtual Assembly for Kindness

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 Winter Break

Jan. 4 Return to School

Jan. 28 Virtual Assembly for Teamwork

Feb. 12 P.A. Day (no school)

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 Family Day (no school)

Feb. 25 Virtual Assembly for Fairness

Mar. 14 Daylight Savings (set clocks forward 1 hour)

Mar. 15 - 19 March Break

Mar. 25 Virtual Assembly for Honesty

Apr. 2 Good Friday (no school)

Apr. 5 Easter Monday (no school)

May 9 Mother's Day

May 24 Victoria Day (no school)

June 4 P.A. Day (no school)

June 29 Last Day of School for Students