

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter November 2023



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have almost finished two months of school already! It has been a very busy and productive couple of months and we are only ramping up from here.

Progress reports are currently being completed and will be sent home to parents on Tuesday, November 14th via email. To ensure you receive it, please make sure you are receiving our weekly emails. As well, Parent-Teacher conference information will be emailed on Monday November 6th. These meetings are a good way to connect with your child's teacher (s) to see how your child is progressing, to ask questions and to discuss areas for growth and what you can be doing to support your child's learning at home. Classroom teachers spend each school day with your child, but you are a very valuable resource for sharing information about your child. Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning and your support is integral to the ongoing success and well-being of our students (your children). In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly. Please note that school will be closed on November 17th for the Parent-Teacher conferences.

Also happening this month is our annual Achievement Night. This literacy and numeracy focused night is a great way to connect with the school and pick up some practical ways to enhance your child's learning at home. We look forward to welcoming everyone that night. More details will follow with the invitation.

Have a wonderful month!



Remembrance Day

November 11th

Talcia Richards, Principal
Dave Leavitt, Vice Principal

Terry Fox Run 2023



I would like to acknowledge the wonderful success of our Terry Fox event and to thank you all for your enthusiasm and support! Terry began his Marathon of Hope in 1980 to help others who

were suffering from cancer by raising funds for cancer research. Terry was not the greatest athlete, yet he managed to run 42 kilometers a day for 143 days, through all types of bad weather and terrain, while his leg was in a lot of pain. His goal was to collect \$1 from every Canadian, and with help from coast to coast to coast, his dream was realized when the Marathon of Hope raised \$24 million in the first year. This year, Churchill Heights raised \$1801.75! To date, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$850 million for cancer research, and we are all part of this incredible legacy! Thank you!



Mr. Leavitt Gets "Pied"

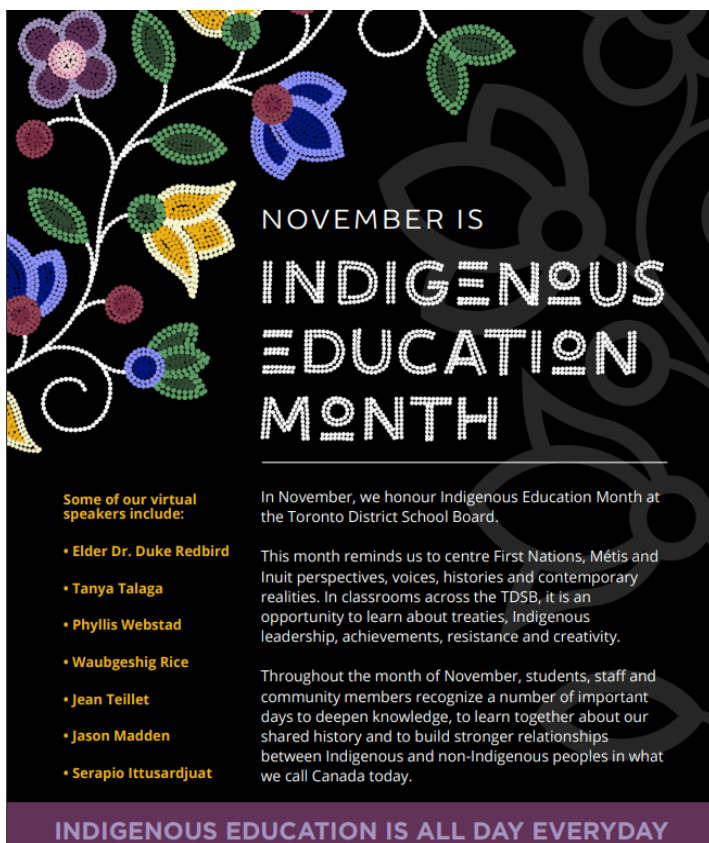
Sincerely, Ms. Smith

Morning Entry 8:10 a.m.

The morning entry bell rings at 8:10 a.m. at which time students should be lined up with their classmates at their assigned doors. If students are coming in through the front door they are automatically considered late. Arriving late not only disrupts the office and the classroom, it reduces learning time. NB Bus students are marked "bus late" as we have to account for the time they are not in class.

Please strive to be on time.

Indigenous Education Month



NOVEMBER IS
**INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION
MONTH**

Some of our virtual speakers include:

- Elder Dr. Duke Redbird
- Tanya Talaga
- Phyllis Webstad
- Waubgeshig Rice
- Jean Teillet
- Jason Madden
- Serapio Ittusardjuat

In November, we honour Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board.

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

Throughout the month of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in what we call Canada today.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IS ALL DAY EVERYDAY

Treaties Recognition Week is the first full week of November, November 7th-11th. November 7 is International Inuit Day. November 8 is National Indigenous Veterans Day. November 16 is Louis Riel Day in Ontario.

[The Urban Indigenous Education Centre](#) will be hosting a number of events to support students and staff to learn from Indigenous people. Guests will include Elder Dr. Duke Redbird, Maurice Switzer, Ange Loft; Traditional Knowledge Practitioner Clayton Shirt, Dr. Susan Dion; Inuk Elder Elder Naulaq LeDrew with Angela Aula; and Alyssa and Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk.

Student Attendance

Please call to report your child's absence directly to the school or contact School Messenger:

1-833-250-2290
or
go.schoolmessenger.ca

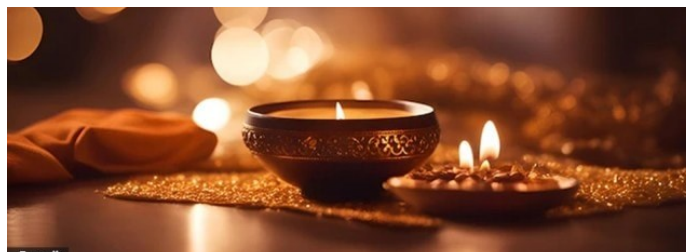
Hindu Heritage Month

The Hindu Heritage Month Act, 2016 states, *Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture, and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity, and innovations throughout Ontario.*

Hinduism is one of the oldest living religions which have flourished for over 10,000 years. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the rich tapestry of traditions, teachings and values that are integral to the Hinduism and practiced by millions around the world today. November is an opportunity to celebrate the Hindu way of life, examine its impact and contributions to the world culture, and recognize values which promote compassion, tolerance and inclusion.

This year's theme is *Vasudhavaiva utumbakum: The World is One Family*. *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* is a Sanskrit word in Hindu dharma that means, 'The World is one Family.' It is based on the spiritual idea that every human being is born with a divine spark and is a part of one divine universal consciousness. This ancient message of oneness aims to promote friendliness, acceptance, compassion, and a sense to belongingness towards all others, despite differences of culture, languages, or thoughts. The word *Vasudhaiva* means "earth" and therefore this message of caring and compassion is also meant for all living creatures and the non-living environment.

Diwali—Festival of Lights—November 12



Early French Immersion

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

The timeline to apply to the program for September 2023 is: Early French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between October 31 and November 25, 2022. For more information, please visit: Early French Immersion, Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions or the Application Process.

Grade 8—9 Information

Grade 8 is a time for students to look to the future and to begin thinking about their selection of courses for Grade 9 and throughout high school.

To help make an informed decision when choosing a school or program, TDSB schools host open houses and information sessions for parents/guardians/caregivers and students between November and January.

Please visit the following links to access information to assist Grade 8 students and families in planning: [TDSB Beyond 8 Website](#), Open Houses and Information Sessions, Preparing for High School Webinar Series and Secondary Central Student Interest Programs.



Winter is Coming!
Dress
for the weather!

TDSB Human Rights

Objective: To protect, promote and advance the human rights of all TDSB members (students, staff, families) to learn, function and work in an equitable, accessible, respectful and inclusive environment free of discrimination and harassment on the basis of the protected grounds of discrimination specified in this Policy and protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code.



Update Immunization

Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires that students be vaccinated against nine designated diseases or have a valid exemption. Toronto Public Health reviews immunization records of students attending school in Toronto in accordance with ISPA. Vaccination is important for the health of each student and the school community.

For more information and to update your child's vaccinations, see the [Toronto Public Health](#) website.



Ontario Immunization Schedule

| Vaccine | Diphtheria** | Pertussis* | Tetanus* | Polio* | Hemophilus B (Hib)* | Pneumococcal† | Rotavirus † | Meningococcal | Measles** | Mumps** | Rubella** | Chickeningx (Norovirus) | Hepatitis B† | Hpv † | Influenza* |
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| 2 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 4 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 6 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 1 year | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 15 months | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 – 6 years | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Grade 7 | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Grade 8 (girls) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 14 – 16 years | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Every autumn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |



November 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Daylight Savings "Fall Back" | 6 | 7 Royal Winter Fair (Int) | 8 School Council Meeting 6:00 | 9 | 10 | 11 Remembrance Day |
| 12 Diwali | 13 | 14 Dental Screening | 15 Dental Screening | 16 Dental Screening Parent Interviews After school | 17 P.A. Day—no school Parent Interviews Morning | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Dental Screening | 21 | 22 Photo Retakes | 23 Famous People Players (JK/SK) | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Achievement Night 6:00 | 29 Recognition Assembly | 30 | | |

Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 8 | P.A. Day—no school | Apr. 19 | P.A. Day—no school |
| Dec. 13 | School Council Meeting | Apr. 24 | Gregg LeRock (4-6) |
| Dec. 23 | Recognition Assembly | Apr. 26 | Recognition Assembly |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Holidays Begin | May 8 | School Council Meeting |
| Jan. 8 | Return to School | May 12 | Mother's Day |
| Jan. 19 | P.A. Day—no school | May 13-15 | Camp Kearney (6) |
| Jan. 30 | Recognition Assembly | May 20 | Victoria Day—no school |
| Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day | May 28 | Hillside (Room 20) |
| Feb. 16 | P.A. Day | May 29 | Recognition Assembly |
| Feb. 19 | Family Day—no school | June 7 | P.A. Day |
| Feb. 28 | Recognition Assembly | June 12 | School Council Meeting |
| Mar. 11-15 | Mark Break | June 21 | Recognition Assembly National Indigenous People's Day |
| Mar. 29 | Good Friday—no school | June 25 | Graduation |
| Apr. 1 | Easter Monday—no school | June 28 | Last Day of School |
| Apr. 10 | School Council Meeting | July 10 | Office closed for the summer |
| Apr. 16 | Wellness Night | | |