

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter October 2025



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Message from the Office

Hello Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome the fall season in October, we hope your students are settling nicely into their

classes. It's a busy and exciting month ahead! Fall sports are underway, and classrooms are buzzing with student-centered learning and relationship-building.

Please remind your children to dress appropriately as the weather changes. Don't forget, photo day is coming up on October 24th.

We're also thrilled to share that our recent book fair raised over \$1,800 for the school library—thank you for your support!

Here's to a wonderful month ahead!



Start of Year Forms

TDSB emailed parents the Start of Year Permission forms in September. These forms include off-site walking excursion permission, student media release consent, physical education consent, student code of conduct, digital learning tool consent, etc.

Please note this is different than the paper Data Verification form that went home.

It is essential you complete these forms for your child to participate in school activities.



Report Student Absences

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

1-833-250-2290

Sign Up for School Cash Online



[School Cash Online](#)

Parent Help Desk

1-833-961-1803

Parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

Bus Planner

Parents/guardians/caregivers with children who take the bus to school are encouraged to sign up for the [Student Transportation Parent Portal](#) to access important information such as route number, stop location, times and bus company details. Note: You must register for the portal with the email address on file at your child's school.

You may check the status of your Empty Seat application here.

Contact support@torontoschoolbus.org for any issues with the registration process.



Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly

Ms Lea's Kindergarten class has been observing the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly. They saw the caterpillar change into a green chrysalis. One day the chrysalis turned black and the butterfly emerged. Its crumpled wings went flat, right before their eyes. They fed it some freshly squeezed orange juice and released it the next day.



Book Fair Success

We are excited to share that our recent **Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful success!** Students, families, and staff came together to celebrate the joy of reading, and the enthusiasm in the library was contagious. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise funds that will go directly back into our school to help purchase new books and resources for classrooms and the library. This means more engaging, diverse, and exciting reading materials for our students to enjoy. Most importantly, the Book Fair sparked excitement in our students. Seeing children carefully choose books and eagerly share them with friends and family was a reminder of how powerful reading can be in building imagination, curiosity, and lifelong learning. We look forward to hosting our next Book Fair and continuing to foster a love of reading in our school community.

Mr. Woodrow

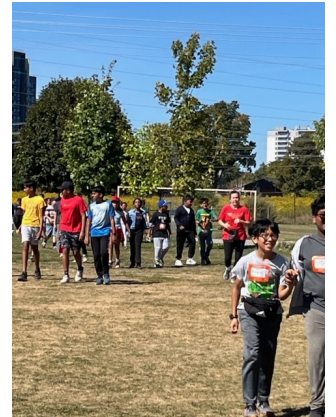
Terry Fox

Terry Fox is our hero. Is he your hero too? Terry was in university when doctors found he had cancer in his right leg. He got inspired by an article about a guy who had one leg that ran the New York marathon. So, Terry decided to run across Canada.



This year's Churchill Heights school run was great. We have raised funds for cancer research and the exciting part is whichever class has raised the most money will get to duct tape Ms. Solomon or Mr. Hagley to the lockers, if we raised \$2025. Let's finish it for Terry so that we can have a world without cancer.

By: Aaradhya and Diya, Ms. Smith's 4/5



School Council

Our next School Council meeting is Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Sports

Although it's only the beginning of October, sports have already started up! We have an event that's been going on for generations - Cross Country! Grades four to eight have been training hard, ready to compete in this long-distance competition. Led by Ms. K. Ali, we have some awesome athletes ready to run! Soon, runners will try their hardest and hopefully secure their place. Cross country typically goes through Thomson Memorial Park, and has multiple schools competing on the park's paths. Our first meet will be on October 15!

Our second sport, flag football is a school favourite, and tryouts started on September 19th. Hopefully, the new (or repeating) batch of players makes our school proud! Flag football is a tiring sport, testing your endurance and requiring lots of hand-eye coordination. It's a fun sport, and instead of tackling your opponent, you grab a special belt that they wear, which is safer and a cool alternative. It's going to be included in the 2028 Olympics! Last year, our players fought hard in the rain. Let's hope we succeed this year as well... this time with a rain-free game.

And coming up on our next sport, Bordenball! The grade six girls have put in some serious effort into their tournament. Bordenball is similar to a game called European handball, where instead of kicking a ball, you handle it with your hands. There's also a step limit to prevent traveling, like in basketball.

We are also very excited to announce that Ms. Patel and Ms. Hoang have started the first ever Grade 6 Boys soccer team here at CHPS! Remember, there will be after school practices and no cleats allowed. Soon, we will have our tournament and we wish them all the best!

By Aisha J., Grade 8



Islamic Heritage Month

TDSB recognizes Islamic Heritage Month in October. This year's theme, *Rooted in Iman (faith), Rising in Amal (hope)*, invites reflection on how faith and purposeful action contribute to positive change. Students have opportunities to explore Islamic history, customs, and contributions through workshops, classroom resources, and a poster inspired by student artwork and teachings from 14th-century scholar Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyya. [Learn more.](#)

Latin American History Month

TDSB recognizes Latin-America History Month in October. This year's theme, *Our Journey Continues, Abriendo Caminos*, celebrates the resilience and cultural pride of Latin-America communities. A variety of educational opportunities are available to TDSB students, staff, and community members, including the Latin-America History Month Celebration on October 8 at William Lyon Mackenzie Cl. [Learn more.](#)




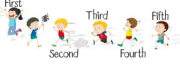


Somali Heritage Month

TDSB recognizes Somali Heritage Month in October. This year's theme, *Iskaashato ma kuffo – If people support each other, they do not fall*, celebrates unity and mutual support. Students have opportunities to enter a poetry contest or attend the Visionary Voices: Career Connections for Students mini-conference for secondary. This year's poster was created by artist Saada Awaleh, whose work reflects her Somali and Muslim roots. [Learn more.](#)

Parent Conference

We are thrilled to bring back the Parents as Partners Conference – a free, in-person event for all TDSB parents, guardians, and caregivers. This year, we're pleased to be making it even easier to join by hosting two conferences – one in the East and one in the West. Choose the location that works best for you and enjoy an evening of connection, learning, and hands-on demonstrations. To learn more and register, please visit: <https://parentsaspartners.ca/>

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Grade 6 Bordenball Tournament at Pearson CI 	3	4
5	6	7 Toronto Public Library visits Ms. Hoang's class pm 	8 School Council Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10 P.A. Day (no school)	11
12	13 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school) 	14	15 IEPs Go Home	16	17	18
19	20	21 Cross Country at Thomson Park 	22	23	24 School Photo Day 	25
26	27	28 Toronto Public Library visits Mrs. Dorman & Ms. Smith pm 	29	30	31 Halloween 	

Upcoming Events

Nov. 2	Daylight Savings (set clocks back 1 hour)	Feb. 11	Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 6 ⁵	Gr 6's at Mono Cliffs Overnight Trip	Feb. 12	Parent/Teacher Interviews (am)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day	Feb. 14	P.A. Day—no school Parent/Teacher Interviews (am)
Nov. 12	Progress Reports Go Home	Feb. 16	Family Day—no school
Nov. 13	Parent/Teacher Interviews (am)	Mar. 5	Graduation Photos
Nov. 14	P.A. Day—no school Parent/Teacher Interviews (pm)	Mar. 16-20	March Break
Dec. 9	Gr 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic (am)	Apr. 3	Good Friday—no school
Dec. 10	Winter Arts Night at Woburn C.I. 6:15—7:30 pm	Apr. 6	Easter Monday—no school
Dec. 18	Woburn C.I. Feeder Schools Concert 1:00	May 18	Victoria Day—no school
Dec. 22 - Jan. 5	Christmas Holidays	May 27	Spring Arts Night at Woburn C.I. 6:15 pm
Jan. 16	P.A. Day	June 24	Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
		June 27	Last Day of School

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Respect

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Kindness & Caring

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Teamwork

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Honesty

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Integrity

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Perseverance

Professional Activity Days:

1. Friday September 26, 2025
2. Friday October 10, 2025
3. Friday November 14, 2025
4. Friday January 16, 2026
5. Friday February 13, 2026
6. Friday June 5, 2026
7. Friday June 26, 2026

First Day of School:
Tuesday September 2, 2025

Last day of school for Elementary students:
Thursday June 25, 2026

Dates to Remember:

Labour Day: September 1, 2025

Thanksgiving: October 13, 2025

Winter Break: December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 (last day of school December 19, 2025; school resumes January 5, 2026)

Provincial Family Day: February 16, 2026

Mid-Winter Break: March 16 - 20, 2026

Good Friday: April 3, 2026

Easter Monday: April 6, 2026

Victoria Day: May 18, 2026

