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December 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The past month has FLOWN by! Students at Cliffside have been busy, Busy, BUSY!

November started off with a week filled with **Jungle Sport!** It was an experience like none other at Cliffside! All of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 were able to climb, crawl, twist and twirl for five straight days. The feedback we received was, "It was the best day ever!" and "This is the most fun we've ever had!". We had students asking us if Jungle Sport was going to come back... and the answer is... YES! We have already booked Jungle Sport to return next year in November.

Our Second Annual **Cliffside Clothing and Book Swap** was a huge success! Thank you to our School Council for co-ordinating the swap, advertising and setting up all of the items. Our Cliffside families were able to walk away with lots of clothing in new sizes for our ever-growing children. We will be hosting the swap each year to continue the tradition of sharing and up-cycling in our community.

Our School Council has also been hard at work planning our Second Annual **Silent Auction!** There are dozens of items to bid on. All of the proceeds will be going toward paying for Jungle Sport and Cliffside's excursions this year. The auction opens on December 4th at 7:00 am, and ends December 15th at 7:00 pm. Thank you for your support!

The auction link is: <https://www.32auctions.com/cliffside2023>

December will also be filled with school spirit activities before we head into our Winter Holidays. During **Spirit Week**, students are invited to dress up each day:

- Monday December 18 – Sports Jersey Day!
- Tuesday December 19 – Ugly Sweater Day!
- Wednesday December 20 – Twins Day!
- Thursday December 21 – Holiday Dress Up Day!
- Friday December 22 – PJ and Favourite Stuffie Day!

In addition, our **Winter Wonderland Concert** will be held on **Wednesday December 20th at 2:00 pm**. Front doors will open at 1:30 pm. We hope to see as many families as possible!

As always, we remind students to: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

CLIFFSIDE CELEBRATES!



SPIRIT WEEK

Show Your School Spirit

Monday December 18 – Sports Jersey Day!
Tuesday December 19 – Ugly Sweater Day!
Wednesday December 20 – Twins Day!
Thursday December 21 – Holiday Dress Up Day!
Friday December 22 – PJ & Favourite Stuffie Day!

LOOK AT OUR CLIFFSIDE CARDINALS... CHARACTER TRAIT FOR NOVEMBER - EMPATHY

Student	Class
Auston	JKSK
Yuvaan	JKSK
K.J.	1/2A
Liam	1/2A
Norah	1/2B
Serda	1/2B
Ethan	3/4
Maryam	3/4
Alia	4/5MFI
Maximus	4/5MFI
Brooklyn	5/6
Hannah	5/6
Ayad	5/6MFI
Juliana	5/6MFI
Nikola	7/8
Samarah	7/8
Abdullah	7/8EF



PROFESSOR JAMZ MOVE-A-THON!

Congratulations Cliffside! Together we raised over \$1700 toward our Jungle Sport adventure!

Congratulations to Brooklyn who was our top fundraiser and brought home an autographed bowtie from Professor Jamz!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten class for raising the most money per student!



HAPPY DIWALI!



Rangoli Artists: Aili, Aribah, Khadija, Ranessa & Salma



"Rangoli, which means rows of colours, is drawn on the entrance and filled with colours during Diwali. Rangoli designs are created using the thumb and forefinger. It is drawn to welcome guests and different Gods and Goddesses and to bring joy into homes."

– www.readingmuseum.org.uk

BIRTHDAY WISHES

December

Abigail	7/8EF
Ainsley	1/2A
Ambrin	3/4
Cole	1/2A
Cole	7/8EF
Dejah	JKSK
Hannah	5/6
Isaac	3/4
Liya	JKSK
Michael	5/6
Mira	5/6MFI
Nikola	7/8EF
Noah	JKSK
Nova	3/4
Omar	4/5MFI
Sarwa	3/4
Sazminah	5/6MFI
Suzanna	JKSK
Takia	7/8
Troy	1/2A
Tyrell	7/8



ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

Written by Maisa, Gr5

Islamic Heritage
Month.

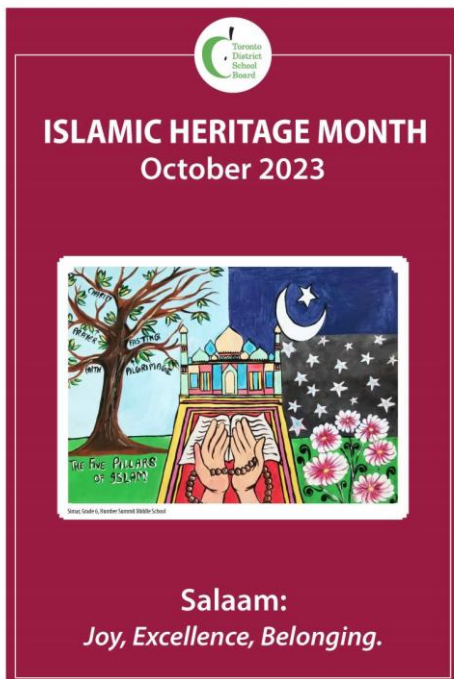
By: Maisa

What is Islamic Heritage Month?

Islamic Heritage Month is a time to reflect, celebrate, learn and appreciate the diversity of Canada's Islamic communities.

Here's a Fact...

Did you know the founder of The University of al-Qarawiyyin was a Muslim female? She was known as Fatima al-Fihriya.



Here is a fun fact about Islam...

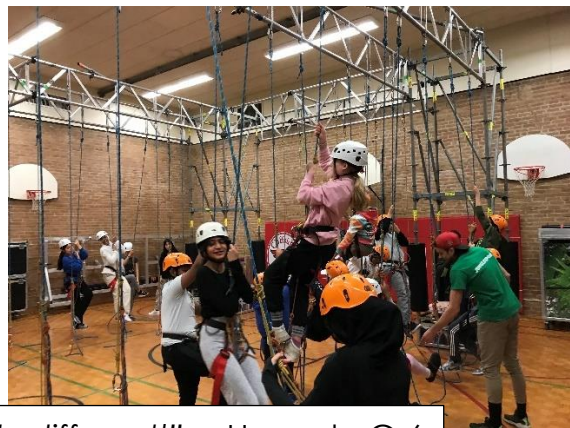
Did you know that there is another type of Islamic beliefs? There are 2 types of diverse Islamic beliefs. One is called Sunni and the other is called Shea. I'm a Sunni and my friend, Ria is a Shea.

JUNGLE SPORT

November 6-10, 2023

"Jungle Sport was fun and a really enjoyable experience!" – Ella, Gr8

Jungle Sport came to Cliffside for the first time ever this month! It was a HUGE success! Our students were climbing here, there, and everywhere, and were hanging upside-down and inside-out. Safety briefings and instruction came first. After that, it was GO TIME!!! Everyone loved it so much, that we have already booked it for November 2024!



"It was fun to do something really different!" – Hannah, Gr6



"Jungle Sport was really good! The zipline was my favourite!"- Bentley, Gr1





"It was really fun! I liked the zipline the best!" – Violet, Gr2



"It was exciting and there was a lot of action!" – Landon, Gr7





"I liked playing on the ropes and I liked walking across the bridges. I can't wait to do it again!" - Aurora, SK



"Some of the stuff was hard, but it was so much fun!" - Sazminah, Gr6

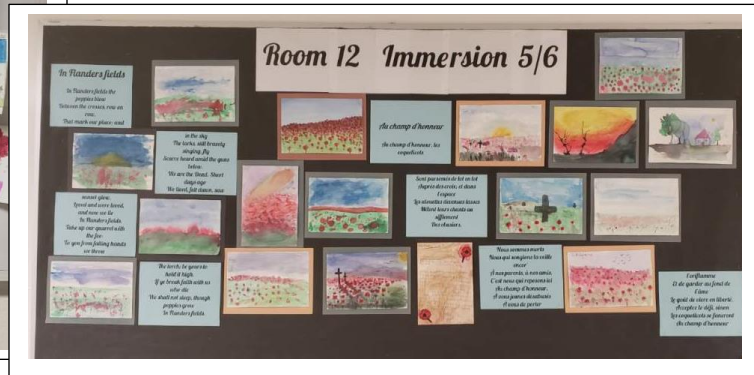
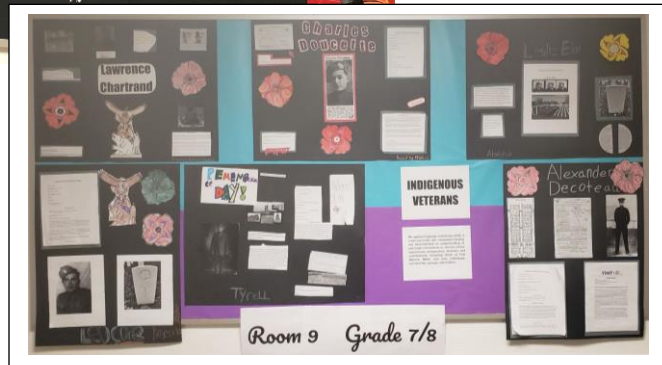
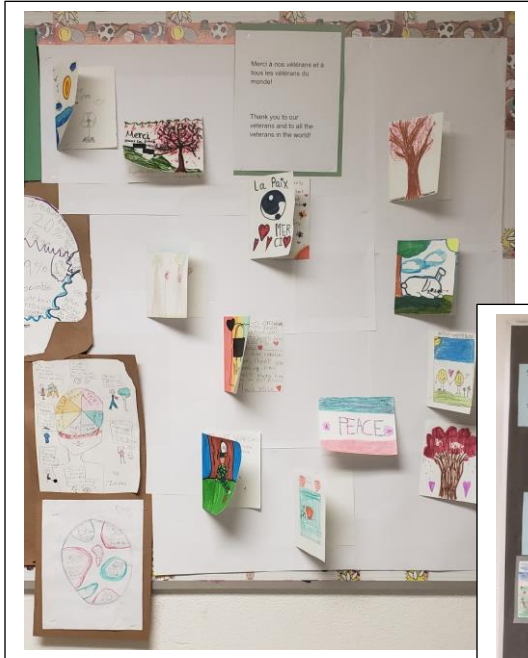
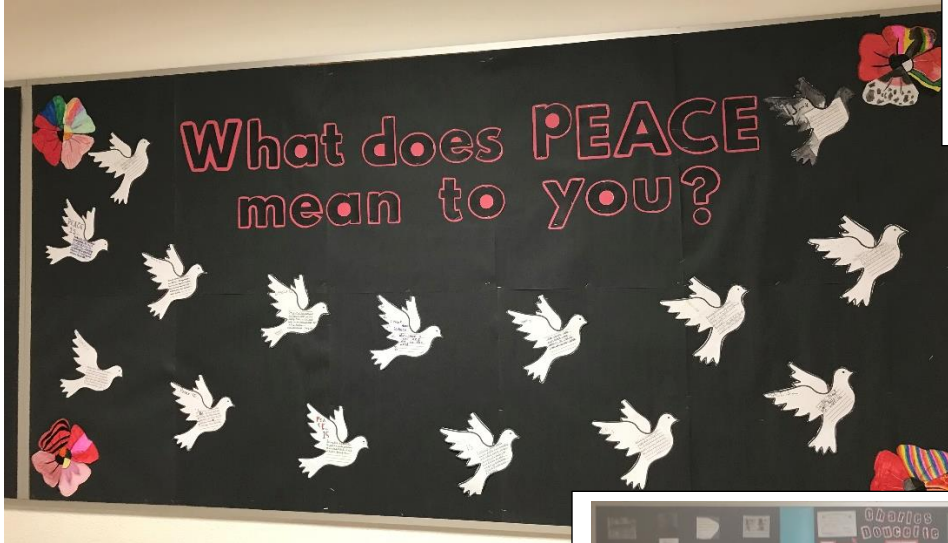
"I had the best time ever!" - Julian, JK



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023



November 11, 2023



"Peace is being respectful."

"Peace is helping out when needed."

"Peace is to include everybody."

CLIFFSIDE'S CLOTHING & BOOK SWAP

Written by Aili (Gr7) & Avery (Gr5)

On November 16th and 17th we had our 2nd Annual Clothing and Book Swap! Members of the community generously donated their gently used items and were invited back to take clothing and books they needed. We had a big turnout and a lot of happy people! The items that were left were donated to Feed Scarborough. We can't wait to have our Clothing and Book Swap again next year!



BIG BUDDIES AT CLIFFSIDE

Cliffside's Big Buddies received training this month on ways to effectively engage and interact with our younger students!



"Big Buddy training was really fun! We learned how to solve conflicts and ways to communicate effectively. Our favourite part was acting out conflict scenarios. It gave us more confidence as Big Buddies!"


- Emma & Ryleigh (Gr5)






FRIDAYS ARE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR DAYS!




Be sure to wear your Cliffside Cardinal spirit wear, or our school colours of **RED** and **BLACK**.




Kindness Matters:






Please treat everyone in the TDSB community with dignity and respect.



Kindness Dignity Respect



Positive Energy Welcome



Kindness Dignity Respect

Our staff are here to serve our school community and help students and families. Treat all staff with kindness, dignity and respect.

CLIFFSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

SILENT AUCTION

Items to bid on include:

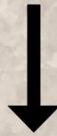
- Raptors Tickets
- Autographed Michael Bradley Jersey
- Horse Back Riding Lessons
- Soccer Lessons
- Martial Arts Classes
- Tennis Lessons
- Science Centre Passes
- Coding and Robotic Classes
- Fitness, Dance and Yoga Classes



AND MUCH MORE!

Bidding Opens: Monday, Dec 4 @7am

Bidding Closes: Friday, Dec 15 @7pm



<https://www.32auctions.com/cliffside2023>



Join us each meeting date at **9:30 am!**

December 7, 2023

February 1, 2024

March 7, 2024

April 4, 2024

May 2, 2024

June 6, 2024

Please sign in at the office.



UPCOMING DATES:

- December 4-15 – Cliffside's Silent Auction!
- December 7 – School Council Meeting
- December 8 – PA Day
- December 18-22 – School Spirit Week!
 - Monday December 18 – Sports Jersey Day!
 - Tuesday December 19 – Ugly Sweater Day!
 - Wednesday December 20 – Twins Day!
 - Thursday December 21 – Holiday Dress Up Day!
 - Friday December 22 – PJ and Favourite Stuffie Day!
- December 20 – Winter Concert
- December 22 – Last day of school in 2023!
- December 25-January 5 – Winter Break



ELEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (PA) DAY December 8, 2023

During the school year, TDSB school staff participate in a number of Professional Activity (PA) Days. On these dates, students remain at home and schools are open for staff to engage in professional learning.

As per the Ministry of Education's [Policy/Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 151](#), *Professional Activity Days Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities*, school boards are required to designate three Ministry mandatory PA Days. This year, these PA days will focus on the priority areas of Literacy and Mathematics, Curriculum Implementation, and Student Well-being, School Safety and Violence Prevention.

Additionally, school boards may designate up to four additional PA Days per school year with additional topics identified by both the Ministry and Toronto District School Board. Professional learning activities for PA Days will consider factors such as equity and human rights in education, anti-racism and anti-discrimination, Indigenous Education, and equitable learning opportunities for students with disabilities and special education needs.

Below, please find information about the December 8, 2023 PA Day.

Friday, December 8, 2023

Target Audience: All Staff - Elementary

Topics: Literacy, Mathematics, Curriculum Implementation, Student Well-Being and Belonging

Length: Full Day (in-person and virtual options)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): TDSB Staff and External Facilitators

Description: Educators will engage in a variety of professional learning workshops focused on effective strategies to support student learning centred on the following:

- K-8 instructional strategies (i.e., critical and comprehensive literacy, CRRP, comprehension, striving/struggling readers, literacy across the curriculum, etc.), early reading instructions, and universal design for learning in a manner consistent with the recommendations in the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read report.
- The implementation of high-impact instructional practices in mathematics
- Curriculum implementation for Grades 1-8 Language (2023)

Professional Learning will also consider factors such as equity and human rights in education, anti-racism and anti-discrimination, Indigenous Education, and equitable learning opportunities for students with disabilities and special education needs.

CLIFFSIDE JOURNALISTS

We continue to have students contribute to our Newsletter each month. This month, our Cliffside Journalists reflected upon our December Character Trait: Kindness and Caring.

“What Kindness and Caring Means to Me...”

“Kindness and caring is being there for one another and helping someone when they are in need.”

- **Ria, Gr5**

“The Golden Rule – Treating people the way you want to be treated.”

- **Max, Gr4**

“Kindness and caring is putting yourself in someone else’s position so you have a better understanding of how they feel and what they are going through.”

- **Maisa, Gr5**

“When someone is having a hard time, you step in to help them. Being respectful and a good listener is also important.”


- **Ayad, Gr6**

“Kindness and caring is being nice to everyone and helping others when you can.”

- **Jabiya, Gr5**

“Kindness and caring is being respectful and being there for your friends when they need you.”


- **Cerise, Gr8**



Part 3

Raise a Reader

**Wednesday, December 6th
6:30-8:00 PM (on Zoom)**



Inviting all K-Grade 8
TDSB families
(including K-2 French
Immersion)

This is our final session. In Part 3, we will review and continue to learn new strategies to build and strengthen our children's reading skills.



Presenters:

Gail Bedeau-Hopkinson
Holly Bruyca
Laurel Eisenberg
Laurel Moulard
Loraine Valentine
Mubarak Baker
Onika Brown, Sharon Mittal
Soyini Chaderton-Downes
Tisha Ray, Troy Langevine
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[Click here or scan the QR code to register](#)



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Cliffside

Public School

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Cliffside is to empower all students to reach their full potential and to acquire the knowledge, critical thinking skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society. To accomplish this mission, it is essential that we continue to provide a positive, supportive and safe learning environment where co-operation, personal responsibility and respect are valued and demonstrated.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct outlines our expectations that students will be safe, responsible and respectful members of our school and community. Cliffside students are:

SAFE

- Follow class and school rules (indoors and outdoors)
- Follow health and safety rules
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves

RESPONSIBLE

- Arrive on time and prepared to learn
- Think ahead and make good decisions
- Be helpful to others
- Accept responsibility for our actions

RESPECTFUL

- Follow **The Golden Rule**: Treat others as you wish to be treated
- Be kind, positive, and polite
- Take turns and share
- Respect the beliefs and rights of others

