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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a very exciting start to the New Year. In January, we enjoyed seeing students sharing their work in our monthly Sharing Circle. Here, students are selected to show their learning in front of the school as a way for us to build community at Cliffside. We also had the Planetarium visiting Cliffside! Every class at Cliffside got a chance to "blast" into space! Students learned about the different planets in our solar system, and learned about how different stars near each other form different constellations in the sky that we can identify at night. It was certainly an experience to remember!

February is African Heritage Month across the TDSB. Our school will be hosting our Second Annual Celebration of Black Excellence on February 29th. Our students will be learning about different black Canadian authors, artists, inventors and social justice advocates to name a few. They will then share their learning and display their projects for all classes to see! Students in our Grade 7/8 class have also researched famous black Canadians and Americans, in order to share daily facts over the announcements.

February is also our opportunity to share students' progress to date and next steps. As you know, our Term 1 Report Cards are being distributed on Wednesday February 14th at 3:30 p.m. Parents/guardians may wish to request an interview with teachers on either February 15th in the evening, or February 16th. It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians of students achieving a Level 2 (C) or lower attend an interview. If either of these two interview dates do not work with your schedule, please contact your child's teacher about arranging for an alternative interview time, or scheduling time via telephone. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible!

Our library renovation is well underway! Our construction team is working on removing additional walls and flooring. We have an estimated completion timeline of three months. In the meantime, our Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Vlahovic, has been ensuring students have access to our collection by visiting classes on a regular basis. Let's keep reading, Cliffside!

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

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



February is...

**African Heritage Month
Black Queering Month
Chinese Heritage Month**

For more information, please go to www.tdsb.on.ca

**LOOK AT OUR CLIFFSIDE CARDINALS...
CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY –
TEAMWORK**

Student	Class
Aurora	JKSK
Umar	JKSK
Emilio	1/2A
Liam	1/2A
Hamza	1/2B
Nevaeh	1/2B
Sammy	3/4
Talia	3/4
Farhan	4/5MFI
Zoe	4/5MFI
Easton	5/6
Sariah	5/6
Kiyana	5/6MFI
Mia	5/6MFI
Landon	7/8
Treyveon	7/8
Farhabi	7/8EF
Wassay	7/8EF



BIRTHDAY WISHES

February

Andie 4/5MFI

Jack JKSK

Jack 3/4

Keegan 7/8EF

Navinkrishna K1

Pavish JKSK

Sariah 5/6

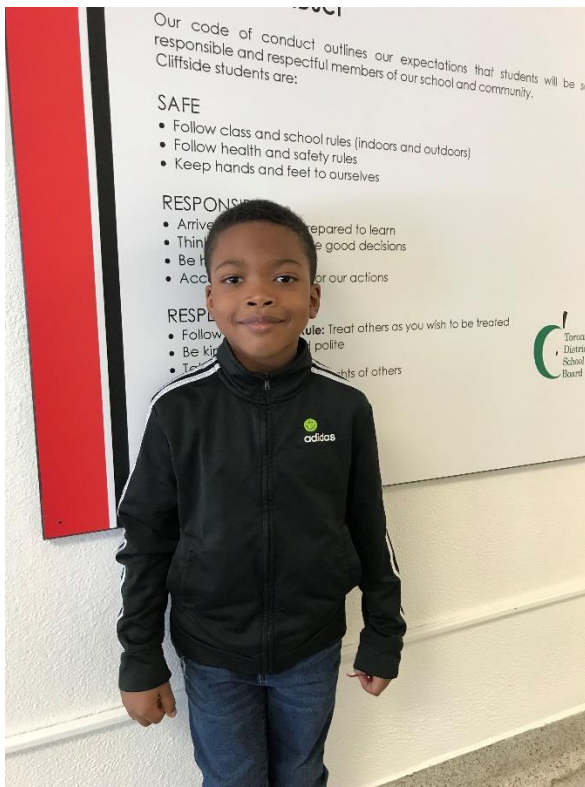
Taylor 3/4

Treyveon 7/8



CONGRATULATIONS K.J.!

K.J. is the winner of the Toronto Public Library's Design-a-Bookmark Contest for the Port Union Library Branch! His design has now been entered as a finalist across Toronto!



SPIRIT WEEK

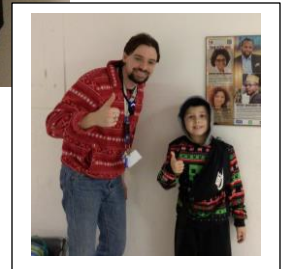
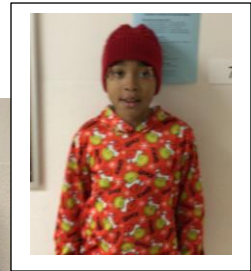
Written by Jabiya (Gr5). Photos by Joanna (Gr8), Max (Gr5) & Ria (Gr5)

Each day of spirit week is when the students are encouraged to dress to match a certain theme to show the Cliffside spirit! Our first spirit week was held December 18-22, 2023. Holiday Dress-Up Day is when students show their holiday spirit by dressing up in line with the holiday theme. PJ Day is a day when students come to school dressed in pajamas and even bring stuffed animals.

Jersey Day



Crazy Sweater Day



Twins Day

Twins Day is when two friends dress alike and show off their outfits.



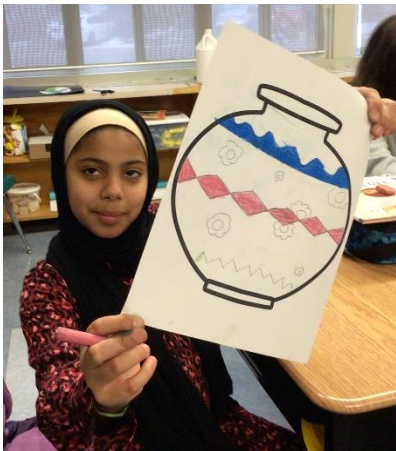
INQUIRY BUDDIES – THAI PONGAL

*Written by Jabiya Gr5 & Kiyana Gr6; Photos by Joanna Gr8,
Max Gr5 & Ria Gr5; Drawing by Elsa Gr5 & Maisa Gr 5.*

This month at Cliffside, the older classes got inquiry buddies from JK to Grade 2. The little kids would come to their classes and learn about Thai Pongal, they learned all about how the special rice is made for this Tamil celebration and how the pot it is made in overflows. The celebration lasts for 4 days and every day they prepare for the celebration party at the end of the 4 days. This celebration is for farmers to express gratitude to the sun God, the earth, and the cattle. The cows are usually thanked for plowing the land and working hard by being bathed, being adorned with beads of different colors, flower garlands, and bells.

The classes all did different activities like watching videos on Thai Pongal, coloring, playing games, and much more! All of the classes participated in coloring the traditional pots of Thai Pongal. And some of the classes also made their own paper rangolis.

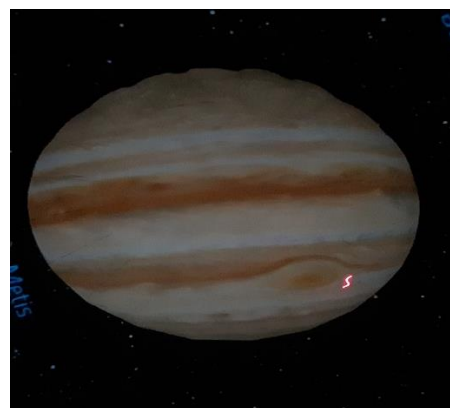
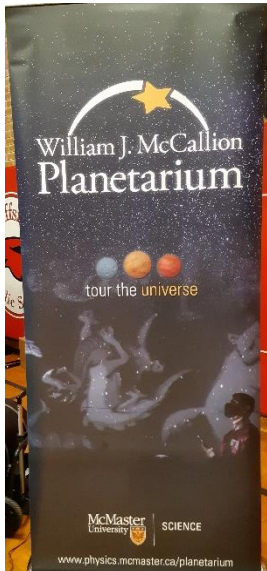


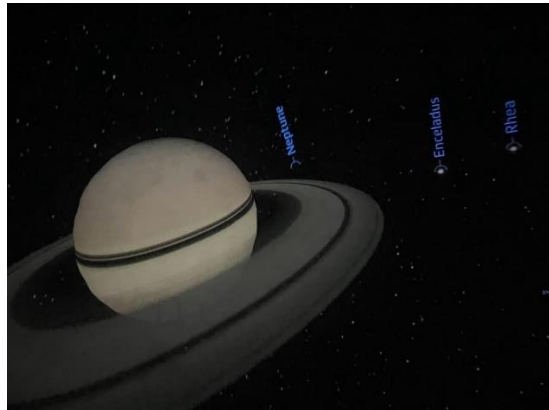


THE PLANETARIUM VISITS CLIFFSIDE – JANUARY 30, 2024

Written by Brooklyn, Gr5 & Ryleigh, Gr5

Today our school went into a planetarium! If you don't know what a planetarium is, we will tell you! A planetarium is like a space simulation where they project the solar system onto the ceiling and you can visit different planets. While we were there, they showed us all of the stars and galaxies and also the constellation stars. They told us that there will be a solar eclipse on April 8th, so they gave us glasses to see it all! We want to say a big thank you to Ms. Janice for organizing the day, and to Blake and Hector our Planetarium experts!





FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

In preparation for African Heritage Month, the Grade 7/8 students in Mr. Cabrera's class prepared interesting facts about famous black Canadians and Americans to share each day over the announcements. Here are some of those interesting facts:

Did you know... Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Did you know... James McCune Smith was the first African-American person to get a medical degree from the University of Glasgow in Glasgow Scotland. He also started America's first Black-owned pharmacy. He was the first African-American to have their work published in a peer reviewed medical journal.

Did you know...

Automatic Elevator Doors were invented by Alexander Miles in 1887. Before automatic doors, people had to manually shut both the shaft and elevator doors before riding. Forgetting to do so led to multiple accidents.

Did you know... Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was the first African American woman in Congress in 1968, and the first woman and African American to seek the Democratic Party nomination for President of the United States in 1972. While announcing her candidacy for President, she stated, "I am the candidate of the people and my presence before you symbolizes a new era in American political history."

Did you know... Mathieu Da Costa was the first documented free Black person to arrive in Canada. According to Library and Archives Canada, he arrived in 1608 to serve as interpreter of the Mi'kmaq language to the governor of Acadia.

Did you know... the refrigerated truck was invented by Frederick McKinley Jones in 1940. If your refrigerator has any produce from your local grocery store, then you can credit African-American inventor Frederick McKinley Jones who designed and patented a portable air-cooling unit for trucks carrying perishable food.

Did you know... Barack Obama was the 44th President of the United States. He was also the first African-American President of the United States. Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961 and is currently 62 years old.



SUPPORT OUR GR 8 GRADS

Cliffside PS

Cookie Sale

**STARTING
FEBRUARY 1ST**

**MORNING RECESS
BY THE OFFICE**

\$2 EACH



FRIDAYS ARE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR DAYS!

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



GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

The students at Cliffside are working hard to earn the weekly Golden Broom Award by keeping their classrooms, lunchroom and hallway spotless.

Our winners in **January**:

Room 9

Room 2

Room 3

Keep up the great work, Cliffside!



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

February 2, 2024

March 7, 2024

April 4, 2024

May 2, 2024

June 6, 2024

Please sign in at the office.



UPCOMING DATES:

- February – Kindergarten Registration Month
- February 1 – Cookie Sales Start!
- February 2 – School Council Meeting
- February 14 – Term 1 Report Cards Distributed
- February 15 – Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Interviews
- February 16 – PA Day
- February 16 - Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Interviews
- February 19 – Family Day Holiday
- February 23 – Cliffside's Character Matters Assembly
- February 28 – Pink Shirt Day
- February 29 – Celebration of Black Excellence

Inviting all **tdsb** K-Gr.8
parents and caregivers to

BUILDING MATHEMATICAL MINDS (PART 1)

Supporting Your Child in Acquiring
Math Skills For Success

**Wednesday, February 7
6:30-8:00pm (on Zoom)**

Session Overview:

Come join us as we discuss strategies to improve your child's math grades by understanding how they are learning math and how to better help them with their homework.

Presenters:

Lisa Dilworth (Systems Superintendent Mathematics),
Jason To (Coordinator, Secondary Mathematics and Academic Pathways), Onika Brown (Principal),
Simon Mgaya (Vice-Principal), Jamile Lewis (Math Learning Partner), Gail Bedeau, Uloma Onyido,
Mubarak Baker (School Improvement Process Coach), Laurel Moulard (French Teacher)



3 Ways to Register

- 1. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**
- 2. VISIT bit.ly/buildmathminds2024**

3. Scan QR Code



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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

