



## Cliffside PS

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# October 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our first month of school has been extremely exiting! Our Grade 1-8 students have started up Kilometer Club again, the Cross Country Team has already had their first meet, and we welcomed families during our Curriculum Night on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Terry Fox Run was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Here, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 participated. We asked that students bring a "Toonie for Terry" to help raise money for cancer research. Together, our Cliffside Community raised over \$425 for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation! Congratulations on a job well-done!

We have two other exciting fundraisers taking place in the month of October. The first is our Annual **Professor Jamz MOVE-A-THON!** That's right, Cliffside! **Professor Jamz is BACK!** This year, we are hoping to raise funds for another exciting adventure at school: **JUNGLE SPORT!** And if we are able to fund the entire experience, all remaining donations will go toward the exciting trips we have planned this year at Cliffside. We are hoping to raise at least \$25 per student! Our kick-off assembly is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, with our Move-a-Thon taking place on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** in the afternoon where we can move and groove and celebrate our fundraising efforts!

Our second community fundraiser is through the **Indigo Love of Reading Foundation**. Indigo has chosen Cliffside PS in their **Adopt-a-School program!** We will need our entire community's help to spread the word via social media sites, so that we can get as many people as possible out to our designated Indigo store where proceeds from Adopt-a-School will go toward enhancing Cliffside's Library and classroom book collections. Stay tuned for more information!

We also wanted to share that with the help of our School Council Members, we are scheduling our Second Annual **Clothing and Book Swap** on **November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**! If you have any gently used clothing that would look and fit great on someone else, please start dropping items off in the office. In addition, this is a great chance to go through books that your kids have grown out of. Just bring everything in and we'll have it ready for our community. The Swap days are also the same as our November Parent-Caregiver Interviews, so we welcome all families to fill up on the next size of clothing and books for this school year.

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

Sincerely,  
Andrea Chisholm  
Principal

# **TDSB CELEBRATES!**



## **October is...**

**Hispanic Heritage Month**  
**Islamic Heritage Month**  
**Somalian Heritage Month**  
**International Walk to School Month**  
**Women's History Month**

For more information, please go to [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

# LOOK AT OUR CLIFFSIDE CARDINALS... CHARACTER TRAIT FOR SEPTEMBER - RESPECT

Student	Class
Elena	JKSK
Pavish	JKSK
Bentley	1/2A
Gabriel	1/2A
Navinkrishna	1/2B
Saarah	1/2B
Maryiza	3/4
Sreeja	3/4
Anisa	4/5MFI
Jaasia	4/5MFI
Ryleigh	5/6
Samiullah	5/6
Avery	5/6MFI
Eloise	5/6MFI
Adelaide	7/8
Takia	7/8
Abigail	7/8EF
Farhan	7/8EF



# BIRTHDAY WISHES

## OCTOBER

<b>Aditi</b>	<b>JKSK</b>
<b>Aisha</b>	<b>1/2A</b>
<b>Auston</b>	<b>JKSK</b>
<b>Avrum</b>	<b>1/2B</b>
<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>5/6</b>
<b>Ethan</b>	<b>3/4</b>
<b>Ezekiel</b>	<b>1/2B</b>
<b>Jamal</b>	<b>1/2B</b>
<b>Jayde</b>	<b>JKSK</b>
<b>Mia</b>	<b>5/6MFI</b>
<b>Masarrat</b>	<b>4/5MFI</b>
<b>Maximus</b>	<b>4/5MFI</b>
<b>Muaz</b>	<b>1/2B</b>
<b>Renessa</b>	<b>7/8EF</b>
<b>Zaman</b>	<b>7/8EF</b>





**SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

## **TERRY FOX IS AN INSPIRATION**

*Researched and written by Raisa & Ria*

The name Terry Fox has come to symbolise **hope**, **courage** and **determination**. He was only 18 years old when he was diagnosed with bone cancer. He decided to run across Canada to raise funds for cancer research.

Even though he was in remission at the time, he wanted to increase cancer awareness. He had his right foot amputated due to cancer, yet he still ran the marathon.

Terry ran for several hours every day. After he got sick, he held a press conference to reveal that his cancer had come back and that he was no longer able to continue.

Facts:

- The Terry Fox Marathon of Hope raised over \$24.17 million dollars
- The total distance Terry Fox ran was 5,373 kilometers
- When the Marathon of Hope began, Terry Fox insisted that he run in shorts so his artificial leg was clearly visible despite the cold temperatures
- Terry Fox passed away on June 28, 1981

Terry Fox stated, "I've said to people before that I'm going to do my very best to make it, I'm not going to give up. But... if I don't, I wish for the Marathon of Hope to continue."

To raise awareness every year, many people run in the Marathon of Hope. Thanks to Terry, the donations are used for cancer research.

# THE TERRY FOX RUN AT CLIFFSIDE

*Interview by Maisa & Max*

We asked Ms. Vlahovic, Ms. Bacon and Ms. Georgiou questions about the Terry Fox Run

**Question: Who are you running for and why?**

**Ms. Vlahovic:** My friend I used to dance and perform with as a kid got cancer, so I run for her.

**Question: How would you organize a Terry Fox run?**

**Ms. Vlahovic:** I would take the kids on a run around the community and show the community we're running for Terry.

**Question: Who are you running for and why?**

**Ms. Georgiou:** A family member.

**Question: How would you organize a Terry Fox run?**

**Ms. Bacon:** I would try and use as much space as we can around the school.

***Did You Know: Terry Fox ran for 143 days and a total of 5,373 kilometers?***

***To date, the Marathon of Hope has raised over \$850 million dollars for cancer research.***









# CROSS COUNTRY AT CLIFFSIDE

Our Cross Country Team's first race of the year was at Chine Drive on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Our runners showed a ton of enthusiasm, determination and perseverance. Way to go, Cliffside!





# NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Together, we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions.

Orange Shirt Day, established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada.



**Orange Shirt Day**  
National Day for Truth &  
Reconciliation Commemoration  
September 29<sup>th</sup>





## **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 **September:**

Room 8

Room 5

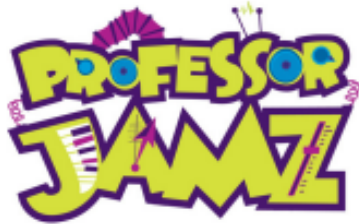
Room 7

Keep up the great work, Cliffside!



Join us on **Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30 am!**

Please sign in at the office and proceed to the Library.



Ultra Neutron  
School Fundraiser

## CLIFFSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

is thrilled to be hosting the ultimate  
Move-a-thon experience on...

### OCTOBER 31, 2023



We are asking for help from our  
friends and family to support us as we  
move and groove our way to raising  
funds for our school!

**THIS YEAR'S GOAL:**  
Raise funds for  
Jungle Sport!



visit our website to make a donation  
or request a song:

**[WWW.PROFESSORJAMZ.COM/CLIFFSIDE](http://WWW.PROFESSORJAMZ.COM/CLIFFSIDE)**

# CLIFFSIDE IS CASHLESS!

If you do not yet have an account, be sure to register!



Purchase School Items Online

SchoolCashOnline  
@KMGROUP

Check out the latest items on *School Cash Online*! Pay for things like field trips, spirit wear, and activity fees, without the need to take out cash.

Go to the URL below to register or check for updates!

**REGISTER TODAY AT:**

[www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)

- GET STARTED – [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)
- Open a profile
- Say YES to receive EMAIL
- You will receive an email to activate your account
- My Account – ADD your children
- Check ITEMS




## UPCOMING DATES:

- October 6 – PA Day
- October 9 – Thanksgiving Monday
- October 10 – Cross Country Team Meet at Thompson Park
- October 11 – Tour for Humanity
- October 12 – School Council Meeting
- October 12 – Move-a-Thon Blast Off Assembly
- October 20 – School Photo Day
- October 27 – Cliffside's Character Matters Assembly
- October 31 – **MOVE-A-THON!!!**



**Picture Day is**

**Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>!**



# Raise a Reader

Part 1

Wednesday, October 11  
6:30-8:00 PM (on Zoom)

Learn strategies to make reading fun, while building fluency, confidence and joy as a reader

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



### Presenters:

Gail Bedeau-Hopkinson,  
Holly Bruyea,  
Laurel Eisenberg,  
Laurel Mouland,  
Lorraine Valentine,  
Mubarak Baker,  
Onika Brown, Sharon Mittal,  
Soyini Chaderton-Downes,  
Troy Langevine,  
Uloma Onyido, Tisha Ray,  
Stephanie Wong

[Click here to register](#)

Scan 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

