



## Important dates

- ◆ May: Get Outside Month!
- ◆ May 7-13: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week - Ideas Into Action
- ◆ May 8: 7:00 PM Incoming Gr 6 info night
- ◆ May 21: Victoria Day
- ◆ May 22: 7-9 PM School Council
- ◆ May 24: Blue Jays Day
- ◆ May 28-June 1: Grade 6 EQAO (all week)
- ◆ June 1: Public Health-Gr. 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> Vaccination)
- ◆ June 12: Track/Field City Finals
- ◆ June 13: Slow Pitch City Finals
- ◆ June 18: Cricket City Finals
- ◆ June 18-21-Gr 8's to Camp Tamarack
- ◆ June 25—Graduation!
- ◆ Report Cards go home June 27



# Cosburn MS Newsletter



## Thank you and Welcome to Cosburn!

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Darrigo who has now retired from her many years of teaching at Cosburn and the TDSB. Staff, students and families have expressed their appreciation for the work she has done with students over her many years as a music teacher.

We are pleased to welcome back to Cosburn Mr. Kerwood, who is now teaching music until the end of June.

Also, welcome Mr. McCrank, Special Education Assistant, who has joined our staff in 6/7 A.

## Cosburn Eco Club

We celebrated World Water Day/Week by encouraging everybody in the school and the community to save water. We had daily announcements and trivia contests, created a Water Wall and organized a water photo contest. It was a great success! We also celebrated Earth Hour on March 23.

In April we celebrated Earth Month. The Eco Club organized a waste audit, locker clean-up, community clean-up and raising awareness of the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling.

We held another Bag2School collection, where we asked families to donate unwanted or excess clothing. Clothes were collected, reused or recycled, and the collection raised money for the school. Despite this great initiative, fast fashion has made clothing the fastest growing element in our landfills, so consider buying less!

In May, we acknowledge Clean Air Month. The Eco Club will organize several outdoor activities, such as ground maintenance, creating a bee hotel and a monarch butterfly garden. For the upcoming Eco/Science Fair, we are planning to present the students Inquiry projects, focusing on environmental issues, organize a seedling planting activity, a photography contest. The Eco Club members will also take part in the "Kids' World of Energy Festival"!

Mr. Ginestier and Madam Sezer

# TDSB Strategic Plan

## Consultation—your input is requested on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

Parents/guardians, students, staff, Trustees and community members are invited to provide feedback on the Board's draft Multi-Year Strategic Plan documents. This plan will act as a high level statement of intent for the TDSB and will set direction and identify system goals to support its 246,000 students and 583 schools. To learn more and to provide input online, please visit: [www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP).

## French Review—your input is requested:

Parents, students, staff, Trustees and community members are invited to public consultations regarding all TDSB French Programs. Consultations will happen this May. Click [here](#) for more information, including a list of dates, times and locations, and last year's report.

## Parent/Guardian Survey

Parents/guardians are invited to provide feedback about the French Review throughout May 2018.  
*Survey will be live at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1.*

[Complete Survey Now](#)



*One of our new front hall murals, painted by students, at Cosburn!*

## Caring and Safe School Committee

Cosburn MS has a caring and safe school team responsible for fostering a safe, inclusive, and accepting school climate. It includes active student representatives from our classes as well as teachers and Admin.

Our Committee works hard to ensure a positive and peaceful school. We work to include prevention strategies and peaceful problem solving and also work with community partners to attract students into positive activities. We support police outreach through Crime Stoppers and other police-community involvement.

We encourage students to help each other through programs like peer mediation, counselling, theatre performances and classroom discussion. Currently our student leaders are working on the following initiatives:

- Anonymous Student Question/Concern Box
- Announcements on key messages
- Bulletin Boards
- Slide Show Presentations at Assemblies

If you wish to be involved in this very important school initiative, please contact:

Mr. Spadaro or Mr. Daniele

## Cosburn Knitters Help Homeless Women

Did you know at least 5,200 people in Toronto are homeless? About 28% of them are women?

Mme. Brisson's Knitting Club knows this! They have already knit different items such as scarfs and wrist warmers and have delivered them to the Massey Centre, here in East York.

When they went to the Massey Centre, the shelter coordinators made it clear that young women aged 13-25 are in need of the following items:

- Feminine care products (pads, tampons, etc.)
- Baby wipes, body wash, and lotions
- Diapers (sizes 3 to 5 for their babies)

[#EveryWomen](#) needs you!

A drop off donation box is located in front of Room 225 while another one is located in the main office.

The Knitters would like to deliver all the products to the shelter later on in the spring. They will keep you posted. In the meanwhile, please send anything you can afford to spare.

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Cosburn Knitters

Mme. Brisson



*Mayor Tory chatting with some of our students at the City Cricket Tournament*



*Another new Mural painted by students at Cosburn MS!*

## Cosburn Swim Team

It was a pleasure to take 10 members of the swim team to the City Championships last Thursday. All of those swimmers placed in the top 6 in their respective events. Of particular note were Markos S. who received a bronze medal in Grade 7 boys 25 m breaststroke, Jonathan K. who received a bronze medal in Grade 8 boys 25 m breaststroke, Aidan W. who received a bronze medal in 25 m backstroke. As well, our Grade 8 boys 100 m medley relay team consisting of Christopher, Daniel, Charlie and Konstantinos also received bronze medals for their relay race. Cosburn Grade 8 boys placed 4th in the city overall, our best showing ever! Congratulations also go out to Constantina, Jared, Daniel, Konstantinos and Jordan for their top 6 performances in other races. You all represented Cosburn so very well! Congratulations to the entire swim team for an excellent season!

Ms. Agosta and Ms. Simmons

## From School Council

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cosburn School Council is a group of volunteer parents that represent the Cosburn School parent/guardian community. We always seek your feedback and participation to discuss all matters and ideas that are of interest to you.

We have lots of activities throughout the year, and we always need your help and volunteering to ensure a healthy and productive school environment for our children.

One of the examples of the school council activities where we target our parent/guardian community is the PRO Grant (Parent Reaching Out-Grant) that's provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education to help engage the parents in the school council activities and help them feel more welcome in the school, and open more channels of communication with them.

This year, we hosted one of the professional speakers about media safe strategies that help parents deal with today's issues and dangers of the digital age in which we live. We had a good turnout of parents during that event and we had a very positive feedback from the attendants.

A group of parent volunteers together with the school council members organised a Greek Heritage event where they provided lunch for students with vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. Also, a group of school council members held a Valentine's Gala to raise funds for the school. Another group of parent volunteers are helping with the Art Mural project this year.

We would always like to keep in contact with you and hear from you all over the year, without having to wait for the council scheduled meetings. Please send us your ideas/suggestions/concerns to [cosburnsc@outlook.com](mailto:cosburnsc@outlook.com) at any time and we will be glad to respond back to you.

On behalf of Cosburn School Council, we hope that the warm days of spring would start soon and you would enjoy it with your family.

Regards,

Grant Daly and Ossama El Sarraff, Co-chairs

## Me To We

Cosburn has long been involved in WE Schools and water is one of our strongest passions. Recently our students participated in the Global Launch of We Walk for Water and were very moved by the stories of moms and young girls having to walk 10 km or more each way every day to carry water for their families. The water they were able to gather in many cases wasn't clean and carried diseases which negatively impacted their health and kept them from school and providing for their families when they were sick. Me to WE held a global We Walk for Water on Friday April 27. Cosburn wants to do their part by holding our walk on Friday May 18.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCHhwxvQqgx>

We have set up a team fundraising page where every student can join the Cosburn team and send out emails to friends and family where our funds will benefit those in need on behalf of Cosburn Middle School. **Just \$25 provides clean water to a person for the rest of their life!!**

Click on the following:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/cosburn-cares-water-walk>

Then, click on join the team. When it asks for your address, you are free to use the school address if you don't want to use your home address. Also please choose that you are doing this with a school group on behalf of WE schools. **Our WE code is AAB9CF.** Please add this when asked so we get credit for our fundraising. A printable pledge form can be downloaded at <https://cdn.we.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/WFW CR.pdf> if you don't wish to use the online fundraising page. The student in each grade who raises the most money will receive special recognition from the WE club. Thank you for your ongoing support of WE initiatives and for helping Cosburn Me to WE. Ms. Agosta

## Art Room

Thank you to all who made donations of materials to the art room. Not only are our students able to make amazing art with them, we are also supporting our Eco School goals by reducing, re-purposing and recycling.

At this time we are looking for the following materials which will complement our existing supplies which will expand the art project possibilities:

750 ml size plastic yogurt containers  
Small boxes

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