



May 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We'd like to begin this month's newsletter by congratulating the many students who were recognized for demonstrating Co-operation, our school board character Trait for April. We are very proud of the students for their leadership and thank the school staff and parent community for all their guidance and mentoring along the way.

Crescent Town recently participated in the TDSB Chess Championships at Alvin Curling this past month. For all of the students, it was their first experience at such an event and we were pleased to see on their faces the positive impact of their participation. Our Primary students made new friends from Gledhill and Iroquois P.S while the Junior team went head to head with Chess heavyweights Seneca Hill and Alvin Curling. Rohit, one of our grade 4 students was a true star on this day winning all but one of his matches!

Another month and another incredible concert performance took place as our Kindergarten staff and students took center stage. Thank you parents for coming out to support this great event and to our staff and students for all their hard work to make this a success!

The month of April also featured our annual School Clean-Up Day and we are most proud of the environmental leadership among our young students and the great role modeling by staff. While days and events such as this go a long way to keep our school and community clean, we hope we can do even better collectively on a daily basis.

One of the most exciting events at the school recently was our STEM Build Day on April 20th as part of our school wide STEM Challenge. On this day Crescent Town demonstrated great innovative designing and engineering taking place across K-4 classrooms. A reminder to all parents/guardians to come out and support our **May 10th STEM Showcase from 6-7pm** to celebrate all the great work of staff and students! We will be raffling a LEGOLAND Family Pass as part of our evening showcase as well!

By this time you will have seen that the bridge leading to the school is currently being worked on to ensure safety standards are being met. School board officials have been meeting with Condominium management in regards to the work and you should have been notified through signage. Please note the work is scheduled to continue until August of 2017. We realize this is an inconvenience but appreciate your understanding as we try to ensure safe access for all. The Kindergarten Walkway may be used for drop off and pick up of students. However, we ask that you be mindful of classes that are using the space for outdoor play.

It's truly an honor to serve the students, staff and community at Crescent Town.

Sincerely,

Harpreet Ghuman



Asian Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month

1 Beltane* Wicca/Pagan

2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan Baha'i

3 Sukyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment Buddhism

8 Feast of St. Mark Orthodox Egyptian

10 Visakha Puja (Buddha's Birthday) Buddhism

10 Wesak or Vesak (Buddha's Birthday) Tibetan Buddhism

15 International Day of Families UN

17 International Day Against Homophobia Grassroots LGBTQ

And Transphobia

17 International Family Visibility Day

Grass Roots LGBTQ 22 Queen Victoria Day Public Holiday

23 Declaration of the Ba'b* Baha'i

25 Ascension Day Eastern Orthodox & Western Christian

25 African Liberation Day Rastafari

26- Jun 24 Tibetan Buddha's Enlightenment Buddhism

(Saga Dawa)

27- Jun 26 Ramadan Islam**

29 The Ascension of Baha'u'llah* Baha'i

May 31- Jun 1 Shavuot* Judaism

31 World No Tobacco Day WHO

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MY STEM CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE!

Hi there! My name is Amreen and on April 20th was our school wide build day for stem challenge for kindergarten to Grade 4! It was really fun and challenging! Our whole class had to make a prototype trap that would fit a small toy wolf and won't hurt it. The people in my group were Inshiya, Misha and me. We had so much fun! A few days before the build day, we went to the Maker space room to plan. After that we got our materials that we needed. We had to bring some materials from home too! I brought in a baby spinach box, butter chicken box and a roll of invisible tape. Finally the build day was here!!! We started building at 11:00 am. First my group and I got a bush for our blueberry bush, then we made a tree. The time was almost over, but we managed to make the pulley. Then we made some fake meat from plasticine, we made the meat for the wolf. We still haven't finished, because we had a few problems to solve but we are continuing next week! After all it was a very fun experience!

By: Amreen Hoque

Written on Friday April 28th , 2017

My stem challenge experience

My stem challenge Experience was great. I felt like a real engineer. We got to build and glue and also saw materials. We had to make sure our Measurement was correct and that we followed our plans. When we first went to the Maker space we had to pick our materials that we needed to make our trap to catch the wolf. About two days later, it was stem day and I could not wait. We made our trap. The materials that I used to make my pulley were a CD, bottle caps, straws, a wheel and string. To make my cage I used jinx wood, cardboard and glue.

It was a good and challenging experience. I hope we can do it again!

By:Melina

Track and Field team competing at Birchmount on May 8

Many students will be representing our school at the meet at Birchmount Stadium. This will come after several weeks of commitment and practice and we are very proud of each of our students for participating. Our students will represent our school with great pride and will put forward their best effort. Gooooooooo Cougars!!!!

Jump Rope for Heart at Crescent Town!!

Jump Rope for Heart fundraising envelopes will go home Friday May 28th and is the kick off for the Heart and Stroke campaign.

The Jump Rope event will take place on Thursday May 18. Teachers can take their classes out. Practice skipping ropes will be available in a box just inside the office. Please bring in ALL fundraising envelopes and make all online donations by Friday June 2nd.

Thanks for your support and looking after your health!

TDSB Celebrates Jewish Heritage Month

In April 2012 the Ontario Parliament unanimously passed legislation naming May as Jewish Heritage Month. This month is an opportunity to build understanding and awareness of notable Ontarians of Jewish heritage and identify how they have contributed to our City, Province and Country. Across the board, schools will also participate in activities, research, and discussions about the Jewish culture, identity, history and heritage.

TDSB Celebrates Asian Heritage Month

The month of May is Asian Heritage Month – a month that acknowledges the rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for all to celebrate the beauty and wisdom of various Asian cultures. Since its inaugural celebration in Toronto in 1993, and the official passing of the motion in The Senate of Canada, cities across the nation including Halifax, Montréal, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, have been holding annual festivities during the month of May to recognize Asian Heritage Month.



My S.T.E.M Challenge Experience!!!

My name is Nawar H. and I really would love to tell you about our exciting school-wide S.T.E.M challenge. The students from kindergarten to gr.4 classes participated in this challenge. On Mar.1,2017, the school found out that the challenge was to design and build a prototype device that would capture the wolf in the story "Little Red Riding Hood". We had to research about wolves and then plan what kind of trap we were going to build. Our gr.4 class collected a LOT of recycled materials to build with. On April 20,2017, we started to build our traps we had been thinking of. My idea is to lure the wolf to a hare, and while it was walking, it would fall into a hidden 15cm long hole covered with leaves. The wolf would fall into a net and get tangled. The net is attached to a rope, which is connected to a pulley system. There is a bag with another hare, so the wolf will try to grab it. That bag is part of the pulley system too, so if the wolf pulls it down, the wolf will go up. The lure(hare) will be excited by the wolf and will create commotion. There is a young wolf tamer nearby, so it will tame the wolf, and since it will be trained, it can't trick children any more! It was so much fun to do this challenge!



May 29 - June 2 - Bike to School Week at the TDSB

Riding a bike or walking to school is a daily ritual for children and youth around the world that helps them start their day refreshed, energized, and ready to learn. Research demonstrates that active school travel helps kids do better in school, while also getting the exercise they need.

Bike to School Week is an opportunity for today's busy families to discover that active transportation and biking to school is possible and even preferable! Many schools will receive Cycling Education Kits and other incentives. They will be tracking students' active transportation trips to school, offering safety activities, hosting contests, and more. With this campaign, the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) is joining other jurisdictions across Canada and the United States that promote cycling and other modes of active transportation to school in May and June. Please join us!

The 2017-2018 school year at the TDSB begins on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 following the Labour Day long weekend. For more information about important dates and holidays for the upcoming school year, please visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Calendar/SchoolYearCalendar20172018.aspx>

The TDSB has partnered with SmartSAVER on a board-wide campaign to help families access free money for their children's future education.

What FREE money? It's the Canada Learning Bond, available now through www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER. This is a Government of Canada contribution to a child's Registered Education Savings Plan. It provides up to \$2,000 in savings for the post-secondary education of eligible children.

Who can get it? You are eligible if your child was born in 2004 or later and you have ever been eligible for the National Child Benefit Supplement as part of the Canada Child Tax Benefit. All eligible children receive at least \$500 and will receive \$100 more for each year they're eligible up to age 15 or a maximum of \$2,000.

How do I get the Canada Learning Bond?

- SmartSAVER can help you apply for the Canada Learning Bond and start an RESP with \$0 when you use the Start My RESP online tool at www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER
- You'll need a Social Insurance Number for yourself and your child to complete the application
- There is no cost and you don't need to contribute any money to get the Canada Learning Bond



May is Get Outside Month at the TDSB

May is Get Outside Month at the TDSB and this year, teachers are introducing theme-based, curriculum-connected activities for each day of the month. These lessons, designed to support teachers teaching in the outdoors, will focus on inquiry, active citizenship, and making connections to the real world that are ideal for our school grounds.

Stay connected and follow @TOES_TDSB on Twitter. Families can also get a daily dose of nature in May by joining the Suzuki Foundation's 30x30 Nature Challenge at <http://30x30.davidsuzuki.org/>. Get outside to a neighbourhood park, garden, trail, ravine, or beach for 30 minutes a day for 30 days in May and spend time in nature!

Healthy Hikes – May 2nd – October 31st

Healthy Hikes is an annual health and wellness initiative of Conservation Ontario. Each year, families in Ontario are encouraged to boost their health by stepping into nature at any one of Ontario's Conservation Areas from May to October. Visit the events calendar at <http://healthyhikes.ca/events-calendar> to join a guided nature walk in one of our local Conservation Areas.

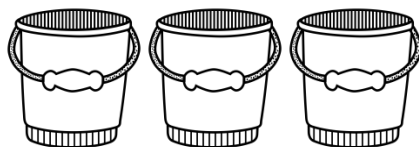
Family Math at C.T.

Crescent Town continues to rock each month with outstanding responses and participation in our Family Math. Congratulations to Ratnabh in B102. He is this month's winner of the draw! May's question is posted on the bulletin board. Keep up the fantastic work C.T.!

May Family Math Question

Grade 3 and 4:

There are three buckets: one red, one blue and one yellow. They each hold a maximum of 5 litres.



Liquid is measured carefully in whole litres and poured into the buckets, a different number of litres in each one.

If the liquid in the red bucket was poured into the blue bucket, it would then contain the same amount of liquid as the yellow bucket. Half the contents of the yellow bucket are the same as twice that in the red bucket.

How much liquid is there in each in each bucket? Show your thinking using pictures, numbers and words.

Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

Register your child in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from SK to Grade 8 at 12 schools, our language learning programs involve cultural activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing. Classes begin July 4 - 28.

Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for a complete list of participating schools and language classes.
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Student Nurses educated CT about Diabetes!

We had two Student Nurses from Ryerson University that conducted workshops on Diabetes to our students. Healthy living is important for students.