



October 2016

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our first month of the school year has concluded and so much has taken place both inside and outside the classrooms of Crescent Town during this eventful and exciting time of year. Our Kindergarten students have adjusted well to their school routines and expectations while Grade 1s continue to explore new spaces for learning in the school. We want to thank you parents for your continued support as our partners in education and a positive home and school partnership.

We are delighted to announce the great achievement of our Grade 3 students (2015/2016) in EQAO testing which sets us above both Board and Provincial standards. With scores of 85% in Reading, 91% in Writing and 85% in Math, there is a great deal for all of us to be proud of. This represents our bright young students, hard-working teachers and a highly supportive parent community. This achievement is something for the entire school and community to take a great deal of pride in.

September 30th marked Orange Shirt Day across the country and TDSB schools. This is an important day to reflect on the impact of Residential Schooling on First Nations communities in Canada. On this day, each student received a button "Every Child Matters" to commemorate the occasion and teachers took time in classrooms to discuss this issue further. This day also marked our first Character Assembly of the year and we'd like to acknowledge Mrs. Sirizzotti's class for a most memorable performance paying tribute to Residential School survivors. We also want to congratulate all students that were recognized for demonstrating Respect at the assembly. Our Character Trait focus for October is Responsibility.

As many of you have observed, there is a great deal of construction in progress at Crescent Town to improve our play options for students as well as making the school more accessible for all. We are pleased to see the completion of the new walkway at the front of the building. Our Kindergarten Play area should be completed in the next month approximately and we look forward to classes being able to use the new playground. We thank parents for their patience during this team. We want to assure parents/guardians that all such work to the site is for improving conditions for our students and setting them for a safe and successful learning experience.

Finally, we'd like to remind everyone that students should be bringing litter less lunches to school to reduce waste be environmentally responsible as an ECO school. We continue to address this issue with students at school and thank you parents for doing your part in discussing this at home with your children. October will no doubt be filled with many events and highlights and we look forward to touching base with you in the next newsletter.

It is an honour to serve the students, staff and parents of the Crescent Town community and I wish you all a rewarding school year ahead!

Sincerely,

Harpreet Ghuman



Calendar of Events

- *Women's History Month*
- *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*
- *Somali Heritage Month*
- *Islamic Heritage Month*
- *Hispanic Heritage Month (City of Toronto)*
- 1 | International Day of Older Persons UN
- 1-10 | Navaratri** Hinduism**
- 2 | Al-Hijra New Year** Islam
- 3-4 | Rosh Hashanah* Judaism**
- 5 | International Walk/Bike to School Day National Centre for (Adopted by TDSB Motion April 2015) Safe Routes to School (USA)
- 5 | World Teachers' Day (Adopted by TDSB Motion April 2015) UN
- 7 | P.A. DAY – No school
- 7-11 | Durga Puja (Saptami) Hinduism
- 7-9 | Jalsa Salana Islam
- 9 | Durga Ashtami Hinduism
- 10 | Ashura* Islam
- 10 | Thanksgiving Day Public Holiday
- 10 | Vijaya Dashami (10th Day of Navaratri) Hinduism
- 10 | World Mental Health Day WHO
- 10-17 | Week Without Violence (TDSB Date) YMCA
- 11 | Dasehra** Hinduism**
- 11 | International Day of the Girl UN
- 11 | Maun Agyaras (Falls on 11th Day of Magshar Jain Calendar = Oct-Nov)
- 12 | Yom Kippur* Judaism**
- 13 | Picture Day! Smile!**
- 16 | Kathina Ceremony/Pavarana Day Buddhism
- 16 | World Food Day UN
- 17 | International Day of the Eradication of Poverty UN
- 17-23 | Sukkot* Judaism
- 18 | Pizza Lunch**
- 19 | Karva Chauth Hinduism
- 20 | Birth of the Ba'b* Baha'i
- 20 | Installation of Guru Granth as Guru Sikhism**
- 24 | Shemini Atzeret* Judaism
- 25 | Simchat Torah* Judaism
- 26 | **Parent Council Meeting 6-7 pm**
- 27 | **Character Assembly 9-10am**
- 29 | Diwali Kali Puja **Hinduism**
- 30 | Bandi Chhor Divas Sikhism**
- 30 | Deepavali Hinduism
- 30 | Diwali** Jain, Hinduism, Sikhism**
- 31 | All Hallow's Eve (Hallowe'en) Christianity
- 31 | New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami) Jain



Crescent Town Elementary School

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Cougar Athletics:



Congratulations to our X-Country team who represented Crescent Town at yesterday's meet, October 5th at Ashbridges Bay. All their hard work at practices paid off. Everyone looked so good out there running. As always we showed great sportsmanship. Well done on a great season. Special thanks to all the coaches who helped prepare our team, Mr. V., Ms. Stotts, Mr. Wa, Ms. Armbrust, Ms. Lunan, Ms. Khandaker and Ms. Kostiw. An extra special thanks to Ms. Perrotta who organized and convened the events. Thanks Ms. Perrotta!!!

Family Math is Coming to C.T.

Hey Crescent Town!! Want to get involved in a new and exciting math activity? Well read on. Every month at C.T. we will post a new math question that students can solve at home with their families. Any student from Grades K to 4 can join in. Simply answer your question on paper or a sticky note, write your name, grade and room number and drop it off in the marked bin in the Library. Your name will be entered into our Family Math at C.T. contest and you can win a prize at the end of each month. Why is Family Math at C.T. important? Well it promotes family involvement as well as connects parents to the curriculum and learning. It reinforces the role we **all** have as active participants in the education of children. It builds strong family partnerships. But most of all it

“GENERATES EXCITEMENT ABOUT MATH!”

October's Family Math Question:

Create a pattern.

Create a non-pattern.

Explain how you know your first pattern is a pattern and how your second pattern is a non-pattern.

The last day to submit math answers is **Mon. Oct 31ST**. Then we can have the draw the following day and feature the November math problem.

Parenting Centre has new hours
8:15 am – 12:15 pm

From the Art Room

The grade two and three classes have been getting acquainted with the new Art Room. At the moment, we are collecting small, empty water bottles for an upcoming project. Please send them to Room 218.

Toronto artist and author, Barbara Reid came to speak to the Grade 2 and 3 classes on October 4th.

Ms. Hart

What a busy month. The grade 3 students have been working on their self portraits in plasticine. They are getting ready for Barbara Reid's visit on October 4. We will soon be creating sculptures and need your help. Please send in small, empty water bottles to the art room. Thanks!

The Grade 2 students have been learning about abstract art. Farhan from Ms. Sayeed's class is painting his Picasso-inspired self portrait using warm colours.

