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## What's Up Community Newsletter

March 2015 Edition

### Math Night

You are cordially invited to *Family Math Night 2015* at **École Publique Davisville Public School**. It is to be held on **Wednesday April 15, 2015** from **5:45-7:00 PM**. Do you ever wonder what kind of mathematics is being done in schools these days? Come explore mathematics with your children. A variety of math workshops will be hosted by teachers offering an assortment of games and activities. Forms will be sent out at the end of this week with specific workshops for you to sign up for.

### Farmers' Market Sign

Since last May, a very talented and dedicated group of primary and junior students have been designing and painting two plywood signs for the Davisville Village Farmers' Market, which takes place on Tuesday afternoons, from May to October, in June Rowlands Park. On **April 17th, at 10:00 a.m.**, we will be attending the unveiling ceremony of our signs, in the park, along with four other classes, Mrs. Farrelly and Ms. Schneider. We would like to invite any parents who are free to come and share in our excitement. Many thanks go to Lesley Stoyan of AppleTree Markets, who has been nothing but supportive and enthusiastic throughout the whole process; to Mrs. Farrelly and Ms. Schneider for relocating several important meetings so that we could continue our painting sessions; and most of all, to the students in this club, for their thoughtful discussions, inspired ideas and beautiful sketches and paintings.

Elizabeth Savelli

### Upcoming Kindergarten Concert

It is with great excitement that the Kindergarten Department announces the date of their Showcase which is **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**. It will be hosted at Hodgson Junior Public Senior School and is open to kindergarten families only. Kindergarten Families received a letter home on Friday, March 27th with more details. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the kindergarten team. We look forward to seeing all the talents of our students!

### Music News - Concert at Massey Hall!

The Davisville Junior Choir is preparing for another exciting performance! On **Thursday, May 7th 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** they will perform at the 129th Annual Toronto District School Board Spring Festival Concert in Massey Hall. This event has a great deal of tradition and fanfare. Over 500 auditioned elementary voices will sing together, accompanied by the All City Band and the All City Orchestra. Davisville will have their solo moment, performing fun piece

"Amani" with conga drums and shakers! It is always a thrilling concert, a definite highlight of the year!

### **Speech Arts Update**

#### French Speech Arts

On behalf of the French Immersion Department, we would like to congratulate our finalists, Timothy S. and runner-up Lauren M., who were chosen by judges as winners of our 2nd annual French speech arts competition. We would also like to thank all other participants from our program for your time, energy and courage!

#### English Speech Arts

We would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in our tenth annual speech arts competition. Congratulations to Jack B., Samridi G., Kinisha K., Cleo C., Kashish H., Abdikarim A., Emma B., Oscar C., Kevin G., Fiona P., Ursa S., and Baraneh S. The top grade four speaker was Samridi G. The top grade five speaker was Kashish H. The top grade six speaker was Kevin G. There were two overall winners: Kevin G. (1st place), and Ursa S. (2nd place). Both Kevin and Ursa represented our school at the area finals. We are proud of all of the students for their fine work on speeches this year.

### **Staffing Process for 2015-2016 is underway!**

We have now received our official projected numbers for students and staffing for next school year and the staffing committee and educational representatives are busy creating staffing models for consideration. If you are interested in providing feedback during this process, please email the school council e-mail (i.e. [Davisvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Davisvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com)) with staffing input or questions. The timelines are very tight this year. As a reminder from the last newsletter, we ask that you please provide your feedback between March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Grade 6 to 7 Information Night at Hodgson**

Please see the attached information sheet from Hodgson regarding the information night on Thursday, April 16 at 6:45 pm in the gym and other events regarding the transition to middle school.

### **Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence Nominations**

Is your child's teacher the best in the province? If so, please consider nominating him or her for the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. Awards of up to \$5,000.00 are available. Check out [www.pma.gc.ca](http://www.pma.gc.ca) for more details. Applications are due April 30, 2015.

### **Davisville Dragon Athletics**

#### **Co-Ed Badminton Team**

The Badminton Team, which is made up of 7 girls and 7 boys, has been practicing together for several weeks in preparation for their tournament on Tuesday April 7th @ Hillcrest P.S. All of our players (Grades 4-6) are working hard and making significant improvements to their fundamental skills and team play. Good luck to our Dragons on April the 7th!!! Coach: Ms. Francesca Piccione

Special thanks to Mr. Hinrichsen and our parent volunteer Paul Chipperton for helping out this season.

### **Teams that are COMING VERY SOON.....**

**Grade 6 Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee**

**Grade 4/5 Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee**

**Grade 2-6 Track and Field**

**Grade 6 Boys Soccer** (Grades 4-6 are eligible to tryout)

**Grade 6 Girls Soccer** (Grades 4-6 are eligible to tryout)

### **Please Save the Date: Free Parent Workshop - Evening of Wed April 29th**

All Davisville parents / guardians are invited to a free workshop: **Developing Resourcefulness and Relationship Skills in our Children**. Childcare will be available with advance sign-up. Stay tuned for event details, including registration, in upcoming Davisville parent council emails (separate from these "What's Up" monthly newsletters - the subject line always begins with **Davisville connects**). If you are not receiving the school council emails (typically once every 1-2 weeks), please email [davisvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:davisvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com) to make sure you get updates on this workshop, and much, much more!

### **Davisville Unity Mural**

We are so proud of the work that our school community has put forth as we continue to work towards its completion. We have had an excellent response to our call for photos and we appreciate the visual input from our families.

### **Library News**

Mabel's Fables Book fair

Our Mabel's Book fair was a huge success! Thanks to your generous support, we now have approximately \$1100 in new books for our library collection. This is truly exciting for our students! Mabel's Fables has not yet sent out all of the re-orders. As soon as they get here, Madame Mantello will deliver the books to the classroom teachers. Thanks again!

### **ECO Club News**

Earth Week with eco-club @Davisville

Eco-club has many great plans for Earth Week 2015. In collaboration with our parent council and community, we have an amazing line-up. We cannot do any of these without your help. Thank you to those parents who have already donated items and who plan to volunteer.

We will be distributing blue bags from Bags2School the week of April 7th. We want any clothing, towels, sheets or pillows for the textile drive and please place them in the blue bags provided (if you have more than one bag you can place the items in a clear labelled bag). We will be collecting items from **April 13th to April 21st**. Please drop-off the items in room A3.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Monday	Eco-Poetry Competition Deadline
	Work on recycled Hats (all classes)
Tuesday	<b><u>Eco Fair Begins (in library till Thursday)</u></b>
	<b><u>Rummage Sale</u></b> thanks to Parent Council/Parents donate items to sell.
	Set-up of Green Shelf in the library
Wednesday	Rummage Sale?? - parent council running
	<u>Earth Day Assembly</u> – 10:30 (gym) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guest Speakers – Hosts of the World's Coolest Forests (T4L)</li><li>• Seniors to judge poetry final</li><li>• Choir to perform</li><li>• Poetry finalists to present poems</li><li>• Wear hats to assembly</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hat parade out of gym after assembly</li> </ul>
	<b><u>Special Food Share??</u></b> – please look out for the special menu for that day.
	<b><u>GREEN DAY</u></b> Clay making – this is not confirmed yet as we are still looking into funding.
	<b><u>ABC Day</u></b>
Thursday	<b><u>Spirit Day – Dragon Colours</u></b>
	Waste Audit – lunch (outdoors) Basement if raining
	Planting bulbs (grade 1-6) – bulbs to be donated
	Planting sprouts (JK/SK)
	Bag2School Pick-up
Friday	Green Bake Sale – items to bake from parents
	<b><u>Lights-off (2-3 p.m.)</u></b>
	School Clean Up

We hope all those who received tickets for the Green Living Show were able to attend. It was amazing with so many things to see and hear about, from carvings done out of the maple leaf forever tree to many tasty organic local treats and eco-friendly cars. Thanks again to Chris Trussel who runs our snack program and is a partner and co-founder of Daily Apple and AppleTree Markets and to Green Living.

**Upcoming Pizza Dates:** April 10 and 24

Please check for other upcoming dates on the school calendar online.  
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/davisville>)

*Shona and Lara*