



Dorset Park Connection

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Principal's Message

Dorset Park staff and students have continued to have opportunities to participate in a variety of fun and enriching activities this term.

Thanks to our school council for organizing our pizza lunches. The funds from these events will go toward supporting our students.

Thank you to all of our Dorset Park families who came out to our **Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:15 p.m.** Also, a big thank you to all who supported the Student Council bake sale from 5:40-6:20 p.m.

Our parking lot continues to be very busy especially during entry and dismissal times. I would like to encourage parents to review our parking and kiss'n ride area guidelines to help keep our students safe. **If all parking spaces are filled, parents must park on either Blaisdale Road or Cornwallis Drive.**

As we quickly approach winter, parents are reminded to ensure their child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

We wish you all a joyous holiday season, and hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends over the school break.

Sincerely,

Andy Lubczynski
Principal

More Dorset Park News...

As you may be aware, Mr. Karl Subban has been assuming the role of Acting-Principal in the absence of Mr. Lubczynski (since November 18th). We will keep you informed as necessary.

Lunchroom Time Changes

In an effort to improve our lunchroom routines, we would like to remind all parents/caregivers and students of the expectations we continue to have in the lunchroom.

Students will:

1. **RESPECT** lunchroom supervisors.
2. Display appropriate and acceptable behavior **AT ALL TIMES.**
3. **FOLLOW** the established rules and routines.

IF students are experiencing difficulties in following the above expectations... the student/parent will meet with the Principal. A resulting consequence may be that the student will no longer be allowed to eat lunch at school and the parent will have to make other arrangements.

Yoga at Dorset Park

On Monday December 9th, 2019, Dorset Park began a yoga and mindfulness program in the library during the lunch hour. The purpose of the program is to give our students the tools to resolve conflicts, de-stress, boost their mental and physical health and enhance their concentration and attention in classroom settings. The program is being facilitated by staff including Mrs. Forde, Ms. Harssar and Mrs. Vase.

Parking Safety Guidelines

Program guidelines:

- Parents can drop their child in the designated drop-off zone between 8:30 and 8:40 a.m.
- A staff member will direct students into the school yard
- Parents will remain in their vehicle at all times
- After dropping your child off, parents will continue to drive around the loop and exit on Blaisdale Road
- Parents that would like to walk their child into the school yard may park in the temporary parking (See attached map)

Upcoming:

December 12 Parent Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

December 18 Holiday Concert @ 6:15 p.m. (Bake sale 5:40 – 6:20 p.m.)

December 20 2:10 p.m. Pride Assembly; Last Day before Christmas Break

January 6 School Resumes

January 17 PA Day

X-Movement

I got the Power! You got the Power! Dorset Park students and staff got the POWER! They discovered the power of their inner voice last week, when Louis from X-Movement taught them the skills to deal with conflict within themselves, with others, and the world around them. On December 3rd and 4th, students felt empowered and inspired through a martial arts experience in the gym. As they learned the steps to success, students were taught to **Pause** and

breathe, **O**bserve, **W**in-win, **E**xpress Calmly, and **R**esolve and reflect. Students were calm and focused while learning Tai Chi, Karate, and other arts. Now they have the skills to take peaceful and positive action...way to go Dorset Park!

Library Book Exchange Hours

The Dorset Park Library is open for Book Exchange on Day 1, Day 3 and Day 5



from 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Students from K-3 are allowed to take out 2 books and students from Grades 4-8 can take out 3 books.

Staying Healthy During the Flu Season

Flu season is here again.



Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Although no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website

www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth 1-866-797-0000.

Toy Drive

Student Council and WE Club members have been busy giving back and helping Dorset Park to fundraise over the last month. In December, students from Winston Churchill C.I. invited Dorset Park families to participate in their Toy Drive initiative. As usual, our Dorset Park family came through. Staff and students brought in new and unused toys which students from Churchill came to pick up, wrapped, and will then donate to the Toy Drive. Thank you so much for your support.

Food Drive

A huge THANK YOU to our Dorset Park families for donating to our annual Food Drive. All food collected will be dropped off at the Food Bank on Kennedy Road.

Bag2School Fundraiser

Bag2School provides free fundraising for schools, churches, and



sports organizations and, since its inception in 2001, has helped raise over \$20,000,000 in Canada, USA, Great Britain and Holland.

By getting involved with this clothing collection, you have an opportunity to help raise funds for your school's WE CLUB, as well as diverting unwanted textiles away from land fill sites. In addition, it will help raise the students' awareness of the 3 R's – Reuse, Reduce and Recycle.

Thank you to all those families who (in the past) have donated their unwanted clothing – hats, belts, purses, footwear (tied in pairs please) – and soft/stuffed toys. You can use any type of bag to send in your donation.

Please return your bags to Dorset Park Public School from January 14th – January 21st.

Character Development

During December, Dorset Park staff and students will be engaged in learning opportunities that promote and enhance "Kindness and Caring."



Students can show Kindness and Caring by:

- Showing understanding of others by treating them with compassion, generosity, and a forgiving spirit
- Being gentle, willing to help, friendly, and considerate
- Showing concern or sympathy for others

The following students were recognized in December for demonstrating **KINDNESS AND CARING**:

- JK/SK:** Mohmed-Ameen, Liza
- JK/SK:** R.J., Abubaker, Denarii
- Grade 1/2:** Sonia, Jermaine
- Grade 1/2:** Angela, Fatima
- Grade 2/3:** Aakanksh, Aayman
- Grade 4:** Bianca, Lanyue, Mohamed E.
- Grade 5:** Arhuvi, Sruthy
- Grade 6:** Joshua, Sadiyah
- Grade 7:** Ayesha, Indicah, Keira, Samuel
- Grade 8:** Dharsika, Maya

The following students were recognized in November for demonstrating **EMPATHY**:

- JK/SK:** Aara
- JK/SK:** Dlyet, Raayan, Vihaan
- Grade 1/2:** Anouska, Nabeeha, Shanujan, Tehzeeb
- Grade 1/2:** Amelia, Clementyne
- Grade 2/3:** Sharjana, Simar, Zaid
- Grade 4:** Malakai, Nesil, Sadaf
- Grade 5:** Adnan, Cadence
- Grade 6:** Chloe, Shakib
- Grade 7:** Abishake, Ebla
- Grade 8:** Haajrah, Tsewang

Map of Dorset Park Kiss n' Ride Program

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A. Designated kiss n' ride

B. Staff parking

C. No Parking (marked off with pylons)

D. Parent and temporary parking

December Newsletter Draw

Cut out and return. Each week two lucky students will have their name drawn and receive a special prize

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____