



Dorset Park Connection

November 2019



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Principal's Message

Progress Reports will be sent home on Monday, November 11th. Parent-Teacher interviews have been scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, November 14th** and the morning of **Friday, November 15th**. Parents/guardians should attend this interview to find out how your child is progressing.

Dorset Park will continue to participate in the Model Schools Program. The program and services developed through this program will create many positive opportunities for our students and school community. I encourage parents to take a few moments to fill out and return the attached Model Schools survey **by November 28th (to Mr. Horgan)** so that we may better determine the needs of our community.

This month, Dorset Park students will be participating in Bullying Awareness Week (November 18-22). Staff and students will be learning bullying intervention strategies and ways of making our school more equitable and inclusive.

Sincerely,

Andy Lubczynski
Principal

School Council

The Dorset Park School Council informs the school administration of school issues, raises money to support school programs, and organizes informative general meetings that benefit the children.



Officer Wendy Forrest, visited all Dorset Park classes on October 8th and 17th to speak about community and online safety.

Here are the results of our election from our first School Council meeting on October 3rd, 2019.

Co-Chairs: Nureen Chaudhary, Sara Veinotte-White

Treasurer: Sara Veinotte-White

Secretary: Nureen Chaudhary

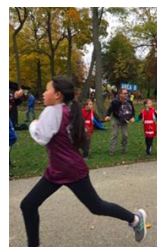
All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend our next meeting on **Friday, November 8, @ 6:00 p.m.** in our library.

Kilometre Club

Fall Kilometre Club came to an end on October 27th – that was 7 weeks of fun and fitness! Students from Grades 1 to 8 came out and walked or ran our 1 km route at morning recess. For each lap completed, they received a red stick. This year, we are tracking our total with the goal of running across Canada (over 3000 km). Spring Kilometre Club will begin sometime in April, depending on the weather.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team on displaying fine athletic ability during our East Conference Meet on October 17th. This year we had 32 students attend with 8 moving on to the East Finals



on October 21st. Congratulations to all for a great season and thanks to Ms. Fiset and Mr. Fenwick for coaching the team and Mr. Price, Ms. Rielley and Ms. Fiset for supervising at the meet.

Remembrance Day

On **Monday, November 11, 2019**, students and staff at our school and across the city will mark

Remembrance Day with classroom activities and school assemblies. During Remembrance Day, our teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, our staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.



Upcoming:

November 8 School Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. Library

November 11 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m.

November 11 Progress Reports sent home

November 14 Interviews (Evening)

November 15 PA Day – Interviews a.m.

November 17-23 Bullying Awareness Week

November 29 PRIDE assembly @ 10:30 a.m.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (November 17-23)

Schools need to be safe places so that students can feel relaxed enough in them to learn.

Our school wide focus will be on **creating a positive and inclusive school climate**. A positive school climate means everyone – parents, students, staff and community

members – feels they are welcome, included and safe, and respected. Throughout the week students will be learning about bullying in their classrooms and over the PA system. Topics such as “What is bullying?”, “What to do if you are bullied?” and “How to help someone who is being bullied.” are just some of the issues that students will be discussing.

Bullying:

Usually happens **between peers**

Is often part of a pattern (i.e. it happens more than once)

Is almost always done **on purpose** (though sometimes the person doing the bullying may think AND SAY it's 'just a joke')



Here are some things to know about bullying:

There are different kinds of bullying.

Physical bullying involves hitting, shoving, pushing, tripping, and other kinds of force.

Emotional or psychological bullying involves hurtful comments, name calling, teasing.

Social bullying involves excluding or ostracizing someone from a friend group, spreading rumours, or “the silent treatment”.

Discriminatory bullying targets people because of their sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity,

religion, or other things that are perceived to make them “different”.

Cyberbullying happens over cellphones or the internet.

Bullying often involves the abuse of social power (popularity, influence) to harm a person or their reputation.

Anyone can bully you, including a friend or sibling.

Bullying can affect a person’s feelings, relationships, self-esteem, and sense of safety. Bullying can also affect how a person does at school.

Some kinds of bullying are hard to spot. If you are questioning whether you’re dealing with bullying or not, pay attention to your feelings. Does whatever’s happening make you feel hurt, insulted, threatened, or embarrassed? If yes, you might be dealing with a bullying situation.

Links:
Kids Help Phone
www.kidshelpphone.ca

Bullying Awareness Week
<http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>

Bullying: We Can All Stop it
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/bullying.pdf>

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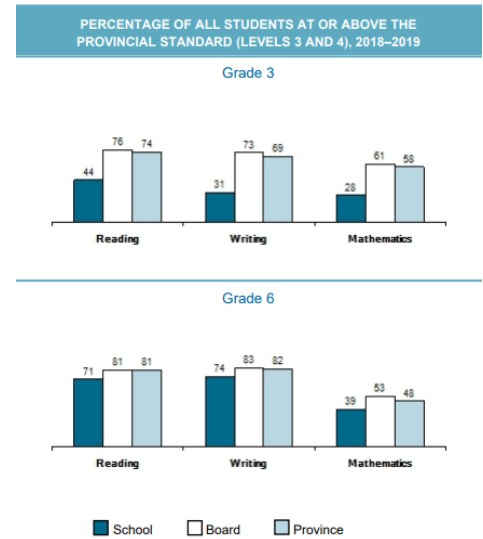
On **September 26th, 2019** Dorset Park students and staff participated, along with schools across Canada, in the Terry Fox School Run. This year Dorset Park raised **\$1026** for the Terry Fox Foundation! Thank you to our Dorset Park Families for your continued support! Terry Fox Lives Here!



Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Results

The Education Quality and Improvement Office (EQAO) released province wide results on **September 25th 2019**.

The results have already been sent directly to parents as well as reviewed by the Dorset Park staff to look at areas that we need to focus on for instruction. Detailed results are available at www.eqao.com (enter Dorset Park P.S. in the search box)



Borden Ball Report



Congratulations to the Intermediate Girl's Bordenball Team. We played hard in all of our games. Each of the girls represented Dorset Park with incredible teamwork and sportsmanship.

Our team includes: **Grade 8's:** Haajrah, Suvatha, D. Dharsiaka M, Megan P. Desasia s.

Grade 7's: Manal I. Ayesha K, Mannat B. Indicah S. Ebla S. Neyla V, Zaina R. Mr. Horgan and Mr. Price

Soccer Report



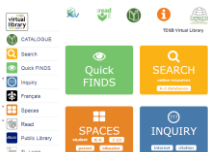
Congratulations to the Grade 8 Soccer team for an excellent performance at this fall's Soccer Tournament. Four teams completed on October 10th. Dorset Park lost to the teams from Fairmount P.S. and Chief Dan George P.S. The team defeated Wilkinson P.S. by a score of 6-0 in the final game of the day. The players did a great job of representing Dorset Park. Many adults complimented the players on their positive sportsmanship. Mr. van Sloten

School Library

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.

Parents/guardians and students may also access the TDSB Virtual Library from home which includes online resources, links, web tools, quick-start internet search tools and internet reference tools.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/>



Character Development

During November, Dorset Park staff and students will be engaged in learning opportunities that promote and enhance "Empathy."



Empathy is the ability to understand and share in the feelings of others, or the act of doing so. Students can show empathy by:

- Putting yourself in someone else's shoes
- Understanding, sensing, and sharing in the feelings and emotions of others
- Showing love, sympathy, compassion, and encouragement

Parents are encouraged to speak with their child about how they can demonstrate more Empathy at school, home and in their community.

The following students were recognized in October for demonstrating **RESPONSIBILITY:**

JK/SK: Franklin

JK/SK: Ananya, Ojas, Zariyah

Grade 1/2: Ameera, Emmanuel, Looth, Ysabella

Grade 1/2: Raakin, Theebika

Grade 2/3: Aarav, Irtaza

Grade 4: Nethulmi, Nicholas, Rehan

Grade 5: Aradana, Khadija

Grade 6: Arlind, Yasha

Grade 7: Geeth, Manal

Grade 8: Arudchaay, Megan

The following students were recognized in September for demonstrating **RESPECT:**

JK/SK: Sharvini

JK/SK: Sarah, Shreya

Grade 1/2: Lily, Looth, Shawn

Grade 1/2: Maya, Safia

Grade 2/3: Anbu, Aysha, Suvetha

Grade 4: Adhish, Ayesha, Nathan

Grade 5: Shankar, Sheza

Grade 6: Aarush, Yaliny

Grade 7: Mannat, Sam

Grade 8: Alex, Mohammed S.

Congratulations Students!

Student Vote

This year Dorset Park's Grade 4-8 students took part in Student Vote 2019, a program which informs and empowers Canadian students about the federal election. After exploring the various candidates, students were able to take part in a mock election on October 21st.

After students voted, a group of Electoral Officials tabulated the results and named Salma Zahid as the winner. For more information head to studentvote.ca to see how students voted locally and nationally.

We Scare Hunger

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our Dorset Park



staff, students and families for your generous support in our annual WE SCARE HUNGER food drive. This food drive brought in **114 items** – which we will take to the local Food Bank on Kennedy Road (Agincourt Community Services Association) and which currently services over 550 families.

Model Schools



Dorset Park will continue to participate in the Model Schools Program. The MSIC program brings together staff and community members to decide what programs and services each school community needs. Some of these programs include:

- Hearing and vision screening
 - Nutrition programs
 - Parent workshops
 - Community Partnerships
 - Tailored after school programs
- Additional information can be found at:**
www.tdsb.on.ca/modelschools

November Newsletter Draw

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

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____



MODEL SCHOOLS FOR INNER CITIES
PARENT/CAREGIVER SURVEY



Please return to your child's teacher by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019 to Mr. Horgan Please use the back for additional comments.

Name:	Email:	Telephone:
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Language(s) spoken at home:	Would you like a translator at workshops you attend: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Would you like to take part in our School Council this year? Yes No

What location do you prefer to attend workshops?

<input type="checkbox"/> school	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment building
<input type="checkbox"/> library	<input type="checkbox"/> community centre
<input type="checkbox"/> other _____	

What types of workshops would you like to attend? (Please check all that apply)

Employment Training workshops:

- Resume writing/interviewing
- Cashier skills
- Home childcare
- First Aid/CPR
- Starting own business
- Computer Skills
- Other _____

Navigating the School System:

- Parent teacher interviews
- Understanding report cards
- EQAO
- Understanding CAT 4
- Understanding Special Education
- Knowing your school culture
- Other _____

Supporting your child's learning workshops:

- Positive Parenting
- Bullying/Cyber bullying
- Reading to your child
- Building self-esteem
- At Home Alone
- Nutrition & Health Safety
- Supporting Homework at Home
- Other _____

Physical Fitness activities:

- Family Fitness
- Zumba
- Yoga
- Other _____

Housing and Financial information:

- Guides to Tenant Rights
- Budgeting
- RESP (Smart Save)
- Income Tax
- Other _____

Leisure Time:

- Balcony gardening/Gardening
- Jewellery making
- Cooking/Baking
- Other _____

Leadership and Decision Making Skills:

- Volunteering
- Effective communication skills
- Public Speaking
- Grant application writing
- Other _____

Best Days for you to participate:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Best Times for you to participate:

- Morning-9:00 a.m. -11:00a.m.
- Afternoon -1:00 p.m. -3:00p.m.
- Afternoon-3:30 p.m. -5:30p.m.
- Evening- 6:00 p.m. -8:00p.m.
- Other _____