



Focus on Fairglen

DECEMBER 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe the Winter Break is almost here!! Thank you to all of those parents and guardians that came to support their child's learning and achievement during our Parent-Teacher Interviews in November. I would also like to thank all of our families that supported our school by making a purchase at our school Book Fair on the night of the interviews. We successfully raised \$1500.00 that will be spent on new books for our library!! Totally awesome!

Special thanks to our School Council for all of the activities and special events they run to build community spirit in the school and to make all families feel welcome. A special thank you is extended to Joanna Hodson, School Council Chair, for all of her time and organizational efforts in bringing these activities to our school. Thank you to the Council Fundraising Committee, as well as to all of the parents that support the Council Fun Lunch Initiatives, Snack Shacks and Pizza lunches, in which all proceeds go to support the school.

In the spirit of Peace, Joy and Good Will, our Student Council has organized a Food Drive to support the Agincourt Community Services Association. Please donate any non-perishable food items and toiletries to your child's class from December 2 to December 17th. We are also placing a Giving Tree in the front hall entrance in which donated new and unworn items to keep people warm over the winter months can be hung, such as hats, mitts and socks. All donated items will be given to the Association to help support families in need.

On December 19, classes will be joining together for a holiday sing-a-long of the Season at 10:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. All are welcome to join us.

Please join me in extending a special thank you to all of our staff at Fairglen JPS that work tirelessly and are committed to the achievement and well-being of all of our students! Have a wonderful Winter Break! We will return on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Making the Best of Winter Weather at our School

Principals are often asked how we decide whether it's too cold to allow our students out in the schoolyard for recess.

Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess.

But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the wind chill is below -20 C.

The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible, so that every principal can make a decision that meets the needs of his or her school. It sets guidelines for when to allow students outside for recess, when to make outdoor breaks shorter, and when to keep students inside altogether.

Canadian winters can be wonderful but when the weather is cold, school staff keep one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.

Find out more at www.tdsb.on.ca/communications/severeweather.htm

DRESSING FOR COLD WINTER WEATHER

- hat should come down over ears and down to eyebrows
- scarf
- winter coat zipped up
- shirt or pyjamas under clothes
- undershirt
- waterproof mitts over wool mitts
- pants over long underwear or pyjamas and underwear
- ski pants for wet or below zero weather
- extra socks over thin socks shouldn't make boots too tight
- pants over top of boots
- warm waterproof footwear if boots are not waterproof, line with plastic bags

** Parents of Primary students should label their children's winter outerwear (Boots, Coat). Encourage your children to tuck loose items, ie hat, gloves, scarf, into the sleeve of their coat as they hang in up.

Cancellation of Busses During Severe Weather

Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the director of education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day. Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information or visit www.tdsb.on.ca.

If weather conditions become extreme after students are in school, a decision to close schools will be made by 11:00am and broadcast by noon. In this case, elementary students will remain in the school until they are picked up by a parent or parent designate. If there is no announcement about school closing by noon, schools will remain open for the day.

Boys Volleyball

The Fairglen boys volleyball team participated in a tournament at Milne Valley Middle School on November 26th. The volleyball team practised every Monday and Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m since September. We tied two of the three games played in the tournament and unfortunately did not move on to the quarter finals. The boys played well and cheered and supported each other. The girls team will start practising in December with a tournament coming in February. Congratulations to all the boys on the team. You have improved so much since September.

Fairglen JPS School Council

Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who participated in our October Patty lunch and our recent cookie snack shack! With these two fundraisers, we raised almost \$500 for the school.

We appreciate it!

Coming this month...

Our next Fun Lunch is with Subway, and is happening on Thursday, November 14th. Look for a festive snack shack coming up in December!

Where does the money go?

We are raising money to buy new team jerseys, new Chromebooks to be used by our children in the classroom, and new instruments for our music classes.


We are...

Parents involved in making Fairglen a great school for our kids!
Consider being involved. New parents are always welcome!

Next meeting... Wednesday November 13th at 6:30pm

Babysitting is always available at Council Meetings

FAIRGLEN JPS – EMPATHY STUDENT of the MONTH – NOVEMBER 2019

Mnatzakanian/Yin	Korac / Nitsotolis	Munir	Cutting	Johnson
Eunice G. Abbie Julia	Olivia B. Jayden Emilio	Hadiya Daniel	Yanavika Sainhavi Molahsha	
Whitmarsh	Wilson	Kerr/Yee		
Sanjana Esther	Sierra Jathusan Aimee	Jasmin Ryan Sofia		
Hart	Polichronopoulos	Robinson	McWatters	Luborsky
Anson Gloria	Kayla Arushan	Kyle Renaë		Shirley Parker
		Thiang	Elbl	
		Isabelle D. Gordon W. Xinyi Y. Alexander M.	Sathura T. Betty C. Boris C. Chyden D. Esther Z.	



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Dates to Remember

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday December 16: Silly Hair/Hat or Santa/Reindeer Hat

Tuesday December 17: Twin Day

Wednesday December 18: Christmas sweater or Green and Red Day

Thursday December 19: Pajama Day

Friday December 20: wear a Heart or Bow Day

December 19: Carol Sing – please join us in the gym – 10:15am

December 20: Student of the Month Assemblies – Pri. – 8:50am / Jr. – 12:35pm

December 20: Pizza Lunch and Red & White Day

December 20: Last day of school before holidays

January 6: School begins again

January 7: Snack Shack – popcorn \$1.50

January 16: Pita Pit Lunch – available to purchase on-line

January 17: P.A. Day – no school for students

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Principal

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