



Focus on Fairglen

JANUARY 2020

Principal's News

Welcome Back! I am hopeful that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday over the Break. Our students have returned well-rested, and there is a sense of renewed energy and enthusiasm throughout the school. January is the time of year in which all students do a self-check to gauge how far they have come towards achieving their goals they set for themselves in September. The second half of the year is filled with excitement and intentional focus as students strive to improve their academic achievement and reach their goals. The second round of parent-teacher interviews is taking place on February 13 and 14, 2020. If you have any concerns about your child's progress please book a meeting with your child's teacher. February 14th is a P.A. day in which the morning is set aside for parent-teacher interviews. Please note, there is no school for students on this day. Furthermore, there is a P.A. day on January 17, 2020 and there is no school for students on this day.

Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 246,000 students in 582 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB web site, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

With winter here, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next few months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

If you drive your child(ren) to school, please use the back of the parking lot at the highschool (Sir John A. MacDonald) next door to drop off/pick up your child. There, you will find a pathway that connects our two schools. Parking along Sesame St. and Fairglen Ave. is very limited, and oftentimes concerns around congestion and traffic safety are reported. The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer.

*Yours sincerely,
Lisa Zwicker, Principal*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Fairglen will have a Kindergarten registration day on Friday February 14, 2020 between 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please bring 2 proofs of address (current mail), student identification (birth

certificate/passport, new Canadian documentation). If you are not available on this day please call the school and make an appointment at 416-396-6235. Please see the flyer attached.

Home-School Communication Through Social Media

In an effort to engage our community through social media, we have set up a school Twitter account for Fairglen Jr.PS. Through Twitter, we will keep our community informed about upcoming events, extra-curriculars, special activities, assemblies, classroom and school happenings. To view our tweets please use the following sign in and password:

Sign In: @FairglenJrPS

You can also view our School Council monthly minutes, as well as School Newsletters through our school website at: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/fairglen/> or through the TDSB website.

Robotics News

On Saturday, December 14th Fairglen's First Lego League (FLL) team, consisting of Ziv Jiang, Cynthia Qian, Vaishnaa Sankirthan, Bavinesh Thavarajah, and Daniel Tian, competed at John Polyani Collegiate Institute. They participated in three judging sessions in the morning with kindness and respect for each other. They also participated in the robotics challenge in the afternoon, admirably attaining a score of 195 on their first run, even though they only just finished coding one of the missions that morning. Overall the experience was fun and educational.

Fairglen JPS

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Telephone: 416-396-6235

Junior & New Senior Kindergarten Registration for September 2020

Friday February 14 – 8:30am – 2:00pm

If you are unavailable on these days please call the school to schedule a later appointment date.

First Come First Serve

If you live in our catchment area and wish to register your child (born in the year 2016) in our Junior Kindergarten program for **September 2020**, please bring with you the following original documents:

1. **2 Proofs of Address** – i.e. your current lease agreement or tax bill, utility bill, bank statement, etc. with your name and address. Sorry not Driver's License.
2. **Proof of Age** -such as a birth certificate or passport
3. **Proof of Citizenship** -such as birth certificate, passport, Record of Landing, or Permanent Resident Card
4. **Verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada.**
Families who are permanent residents and refugee claimants may register directly at the school. Children without immigration status are welcome in our schools and information about them or their families will not be shared with immigration authorities. To register, please visit the International Programs and Admissions Office at 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, for a TDSB school admission letter.
5. **Proof of Custody** (if there are custody issues)

Please note: If your child is already in our Junior Kindergarten program, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten. Please pass this information along to any neighbour who may have children eligible for registration.

FAIRGLEN JPS – Kindness & Caring STUDENT of the MONTH – December 2019

Mnatzakanian/Yin	Korac / Nitsotolis	Munir	Cutting	Johnson
Hannah Martin Ye Sol	Kayla Joyce Zuri	Sanny Bhavithran	Ye Rin Buddy Alice	Holly Harshith Jeremy
Whitmarsh	Wilson	Kerr/Yee		
Daniel	Jathusan Zakariya Jeffery	Ananya Terrence Jordan		
Hart	Polichronopoulos	Robinson	McWatters	Luborsky
Yolanda Mithusha	Stephen Erica	Betty Kaveeshan	Kaylee Jennifer	Cathy Caitlyn
		Thiang	Elbl	
		Anita Huang Aimee Zhao Shirley Chen	Ethan Vuong Lan Zheng Gloria Anuraj Ryan He Daniel Goseng	



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Dates to Remember

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

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

January 24: Lunar New Year Parade – 9:10am – parent welcome to come and watch

January 31: Spirit Day – wear red & white

February 3 – 5: grade 6s to Kearney (Scarborough Outdoor Education Centre)

February 11: Snack Shack – lollipops

February 13: Pasta Lunch

February 17: Family Day – no school

February 27: Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner run by our School Council

Lisa Zwicker

Principal

Twitter - @FairglenJrPS

School Website - <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/fairglen/>

Ian Allison

Superintendent

Manna Wong

Trustee