



Focus on Fairglen

NOVEMBER 2019

Principal's Message

Tips to Help Your Child Be Successful

As the new school year gets underway, it's appropriate to stress the important role parents play in their child's education. The importance of schools and parents working together for the sake of children cannot be emphasized enough, especially in these elementary years. Here's how you can help:

- Teachers always appreciate positive and supportive parents. Communicate with your child's teacher. Keep abreast of what's going on in the classroom. Find out more about what subjects are being taught. Let the teacher know that you are willing to help out with activities as your schedule allows. Show your support of Fairglen and our programs. Why not participate on our School Council and see how you can make a difference?
- Children need to learn responsibility. This is a life skill that will prove invaluable to them throughout their school years and into adulthood. Home is the first place that children learn responsibility. As a parent, you have a critical role to play in helping your child become a responsible adult. Work with your child's teacher to see to it that assignments and homework are completed on time and in a responsible manner.
- Homework is an opportunity for children to practice what they learned at school. It's important that you make it clear that you believe homework is important. Homework also teaches children important skills such as following directions, being organized and working on their own. Ask your child about school and homework every day. Let the teacher know if there is a continuing problem with homework.

Remember that as a parent your attitude is contagious – if you demonstrate a positive attitude and a strong interest in learning and self-improvement then your child will model the same traits.

If you have any questions about Fairglen J.P.S., our programs or our curriculum, please feel free to contact us during the school day. Thank you for your continuing support.

Learning Skills and Academics

On November 11, 2019 your child will be receiving their Ontario Progress Report Card. This is the report card that lets you know how your child is doing in certain subject areas thus far. One of the most important parts of this progress report is Page 1. This page describes how successful your child has been in their work habits and learning skills.

There are six learning skills and work habits evaluated on your child's report card:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

These skills and habits are emphasized because they are essential to your child's academic success. Classrooms will work on developing these skills and habits through success criteria, discussions and games. Nevertheless, your support in the development of these skills and habits is crucial. You can help at home by making sure your child brings their agenda to school every day, by helping your child identify goals at the beginning of each term and then checking in at the end of each week to see if they are on their way to achieving their goal and by talking to your child about how you have used these skills and habits throughout your day.

Successful Parent-Teacher Interviews:

As parent teacher interviews are upon us, we encourage you to take this opportunity to find out about your child's progress. **Parent-Teacher Interviews will be taking place on the evening of Thursday, November 14 and on the morning of Friday, November 15.** Below are some questions and tips that you may find useful for the interview.

Great Questions to Ask

- *What skills does my child need to work on?*
- *What activities can we do at home to strengthen those skills?*
- *Does my child complete his/her work and assignments efficiently and conscientiously?*
- *Is my child facing any struggles in class not related to her/his schoolwork?*

Interview Tips

- *Talk to your child about school before the interview. Ask how they think they are doing and how the teacher can help them meet their goals.*
- *Get an idea of what the curriculum is like, the level your child is working at, and areas where they are struggling.*
- *Make a list of what you want to know before you go into the interview. You can even prepare questions ahead of time if it will make you feel more at ease. Knowing what you want to know and writing it down ensures that you don't forget anything, and that you get the information you need.*
- *Be open and honest. Feel free to add your own observations around your child's behaviour, strengths and weaknesses.*

- Find out what they're learning. Ask curriculum questions, find out what your child has learned and what is coming up in the term ahead. Know the skills your child will need to be successful in the term ahead (i.e. knowing how to multiply and divide fractions).

- Ask about strengths and weaknesses and possible problems. Find out about problems before they happen. This information will allow students to get help before they fall behind.

- Find out how often and how much homework is being assigned as it relates to the TDSB's Homework Policy. Also ask if your child is completing his/her homework regularly, how long the work assigned should take to complete and does the teacher check the homework regularly and provide feedback. The answers to these questions will help you better monitor your child's work habits.

- Ask what you can do at home to help your child. Make a commitment to support your child's learning.

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.

Book Fair

Once again, we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair during Parent – Teacher Interviews. All students will have an opportunity to visit the Fair during the day with their class to view the items that they may wish to purchase. Purchases can be made on the evening of Thursday, November 14 and on the morning of Friday, November 15. All purchases must be made with an adult. The Fair will be open from 3:30-7:30 on Thursday; and 8:30-11:30 on Friday. Hope to see you there!!

Yours sincerely,
Lisa Zwicker



Cross Country Running News

The coaches, staff, and students at Fairglen Jr. PS would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Chyi-Ruey Norris and Malak Farraj for qualifying and participating in the 2019 Cross Country City Finals. Chyi-Ruey and Malak both trained very hard and competed fiercely against hundreds of other girls their age to advance to the city finals. Fairglen is very proud of you girls!

Remembrance Day

Written by: Erika and Omar in Room 24

On November 11th, at the 11th hour, in 1918, an Armistice was signed that marked the end of World War I, the Great War. This war caused the death of 16,000,000, and the world was suffering from high war exhaustion. Canada in particular lost 61,000 brave soldiers who fought for Canada and the world. Many of these soldiers were young men, some of them even teenagers.

Many of the soldiers that died in the war were never identified, as there was no evidence of who they were. On Remembrance Day, Canadians remember the soldiers that died in the war, both named and unnamed. Lest We Forget.

Fairglen held our assembly from 10:30 a.m. until 11:11 a.m. During that time, all the students and teachers sang the anthem in both English and French, had three performances and a slideshow to tie it all together. The slideshow told us all the importance and history behind Remembrance Day. We sang O'Canada and then had Ms. P's class present a movement piece in honour of the soldier that bravely fought. Ms. Luborsky's class put together a presentation to the song entitled, "A Soldier's Cry." Afterwards Ms. Wilson's class read a poem that illustrated the importance of Remembrance Day. We concluded our assembly with a moment of silence.



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 BOOK FAIR


Come visit our book fair! Lots of books and items available to purchase from Scholastic, located in the Fairglen library.



Please feel free to drop in during parent-teacher interview night on November 14: 3:10 – 7:45 or on our P.A. day: November 15: 9 am – 12 pm.

FAIRGLEN JPS – RESPONSIBILITY

STUDENT of the MONTH – OCTOBER 2019

Mnatzakanian/Yin	Korac / Nitsotolis	Munir	Cutting	Johnson
Harman Miya Jennifer	Maryam Melia Lindsay Mae	Emily Henna	Hamza Jason Yanavika	Saran Abiya
Whitmarsh	Wilson	Kerr/Yee		
Thamrah Alayna	Dunya Madison Fareen Nargis Kyra	Kpstaki Alexis		
Hart	Polichronopoulos	Robinson	McWatters	Luborsky
Sathuna William	Gordon Polly	Audrey Eric M.	Victor Chloe Saranya	Emily Ziv
		Thiang	Elbl	
		Daniel T. Elaine X. Taurus C.	Olivia C. Patrick C. Kayla O. Lucy L. Tushanth S.	



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Dates to Remember

November 11: Report Cards sent home

November 13: School Council Meeting – 6:30

November 14: Subway Lunch

November 14: Parent/teacher Interviews – scheduled appointments

November 15: Parent/teacher Interviews – scheduled appointments

November 15: P.A. Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

November 29: Student of the Month Assemblies – Pri. – 8:50am / Jr. – 12:35pm

November 29: Pizza Lunch and Red & White Day

November 29: NO ACSA after school program – pickup all students 3:10pm

December 3: Snack Shack – Candy Canes

December 6: P.A. Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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

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