



Focus on Fairglen

OCTOBER 2019

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

Our Curriculum Night took place on Thursday, September 19, and was very well attended. We welcomed many families who were excited to come to learn about programming in their child's classroom this year. Our Curriculum Night began with a community building supper hosted by School Council. It was wonderful to see all of the families come to mix and mingle. This was a very positive experience, and we would like to thank our Council Chair, Joanna Hodson for organizing this.

As always, the school puts a very high priority on the improved academic achievement of our students as well as an equally important emphasis on equity and well-being. Every Fall the school staff meets to discuss the needs of our students and collaborates to develop an Improvement Plan that will guide the teaching and learning for our school. This year we will focus on Early Years Comprehensive Literacy, as well as Numeracy and Socio-emotional needs in Grades 3 to 6. **This planning will be taking place on the P.A. Day scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019. There is no school for students on this day.**

We are also continuing to focus our efforts on increasing the involvement of our parents in the school. It is a well-known fact that strong parental involvement and interest in your child's learning will have an extremely positive impact on improving student success. We welcome and encourage the participation of all of our parents/guardians in all school events and activities. Our first set of parent-teacher interviews is taking place on Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15, 2019. Please save the date in your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

Email Distribution: Regular and ongoing communication between home and school is an essential component of student success. A form was sent home in the September package to provide you with an opportunity to add your name to our electronic parent e-mail list. If you would like to receive monthly school newsletters via e-mail, please ensure you send this form with your child to school to be delivered to the office. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please let the office know and we will send home a paper copy.

TDSB Digital Learning Tool Consent Form: As part of our commitment to support learning opportunities for our students focusing on communication, critical thinking & problem solving, collaboration & leadership, global citizenship & character, creativity, inquiry & entrepreneurship, the TDSB provides all students with a variety of digital learning tools including G Suite for Education, Brightspace Online Classroom and the TDSB's Virtual Library.

These learning tools are carefully selected for their educational value and compatibility with the Ontario Curriculum to support and enhance learning. All students in our school use Google Classroom and G Suite apps. If you have not done so already, please sign this Consent form and return it to your child's teacher.

EQAO Results For Students In Grades 3 and 6, SPRING 2019:

Our EQAO results are in. This past Spring our students in Grades 3 and 6 wrote the Provincial Assessment for Reading, Writing and Mathematics and showed amazing achievement! In Grade 3 the following percentages of students achieved the Provincial Standard in each of the areas: Reading 76%; Writing 76%; Math 57%. In Grade 6 the following percentages of students achieved the Provincial Standard in each of the areas: Reading 90%; Writing 96%; Math 79%.

HELPING WITH HOMEWORK:

Homework is a common expectation for most students. The nature of the activities will vary so it is best to discuss expectations with your child's teacher. While requirements may vary, all educators agree that reading is the most valuable homework a child can do and should become a daily habit. Parents can help children develop sound study habits from a young age which include establishing a predictable routine, encouraging effective use of time and helping them to be organised.

BRIGHT IDEAS:

- Establish a predictable routine. If homework is done at the same time each night, getting started is usually less of an issue.
- Make homework time as enjoyable as possible. When sharing a book, make yourself comfortable, be involved in the story and enjoy yourself. Don't make reading a test.
- Establish a good working environment for students. Make sure they have a quiet area (away from distractions). A table or a desk makes a good work space.
- Encourage children to work reasonably quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit that they should stick to. A little work each night is more productive than packing it all into one weekly session.
- Encourage children to become organised by planning homework around their extra-curricular activities. Use of the agenda will help students to organise themselves.
- Keep explanations simple and practical when helping a child. If they become upset or frustrated and the atmosphere becomes tense, stop helping.

- If your child has a problem, talk about the best way to find a solution. Perhaps between the two of you it can be worked out.
- Be realistic and don't expect to solve all homework difficulties. When in doubt send a note to your child's teacher letting him/her know the problem. They will appreciate being informed.

Pick Up and Drop Off Zone

In order to ensure the safety of all students boarding and unboarding busses, students load TDSB buses at the back of the Sir John A. MacDonald parking lot. A pathway was added to facilitate the movement of students between the bussing zone directly to our school playground. This area is supervised by staff to ensure students move safely along the pathway and to load/unload students from the busses.

This area (the back of Sir John A. MacDonald parking lot) has also been designated as the drop off/pick up zone for parent parking. Please use this area when dropping off your child in the morning, or picking them up at the end of the day. Parents and child(ren) should use the pathway that connects between the schools as an easy and accessible route to the school. As this area is supervised between the hours of 8:30-8:45 and 3:10-3:25, older students should be able to traverse the path to and from their dismissal door in the yard to their parent's car in the Sir John A. MacDonald parking lot.

Litterless Lunches

Thanks to the leadership and environmental stewardship of our Eco Club last year, our school officially achieved Silver Status as an Eco School. This year we are striving for Gold! One of the ways we hope to make a difference and take action towards protecting our earth is to encourage litterless lunches. As such, this will reduce the amount of littering and garbage produced at school. All students are asked to bring reusable containers for both lunch and snack, and if they have any garbage, to bring it back home. This reduces much waste in the school. Please support our school goal to be eco-friendly by encouraging your child to bring their lunch and snack waste home.

School Policy Around Electronics

Many of our students come to school with cell phones, iPads, Nintendo D-S, etc. Please be aware that expensive items such as these may become damaged, lost, or go missing. The school is not responsible for any of these occurrences should your child choose to bring them. Personal electronic devices brought for educational purposes in the classroom may only be used under the

direction of the classroom teacher. Electronics (cell phones, lap tops, ipads) are not permitted over the recess or lunch hour and should remain in the classroom.

Cell phones must be powered off until the end of the day. If you need to reach your child before the end of the day, please leave a message in the office.

Student Safety in the Yard

Fairglen JPS has a gate along Pharmacy Ave. that opens directly into the school yard. This gate is the most direct route into the yard if you are walking along Pharmacy. **Please ensure you close the gate behind** you in order to assist in keeping our students safe in our school yard.

New! Student Dress Policy

The TDSB has adopted a **new** that now applies to all schools across the Board. The Student Dress Policy, formerly the Appropriate Dress Policy, has been revised and approved by the Board. The policy will apply to all TDSB schools to establish fair and equitable standards and practices for student dress across the Board.

The new policy was developed to provide students with learning environments that are safe, equitable, welcoming and inclusive and recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and economic factors and are personal and important factor's to a person's well-being and health. To find out more information and review frequently asked questions please visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Your-School-Day/Student-Dress/Questions-and-Answers>

Home-School Communication Through Social Media

In an effort to engage our community through social media, we have 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.

Sincerely,
Ms. Zwicker



Fairglens JPS School Council

Meet the 2019-2020 Executive Members!

Co-Chairs: Joanna Hodson & Manasvi Sharma

Secretary: Eleni Papakonstantinou

Fundraising Representative: Monica Chu

Thank You!

To all of you who participated in our Curriculum Night Pizza fundraiser, and our first Snack Shack! We appreciate it!

Coming this month...

Our first Fun Lunch is happening on Thursday, October 10th. We are starting this year with a patty lunch!

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 Fairglens a great school for our kids!
Consider being involved. New parents are always welcome!

Kilometre Club

For two weeks in September, Ms.Kerr's class organized Kilometre Club. At morning recess, all Fairglen students run around the field to get healthy, fit, and have fun. Every time a student finishes a lap they get a Popsicle stick. Teachers recorded the number of Popsicle sticks each student got and the class with the highest number of laps got the Golden Boot award.

This year, the primary class with the most laps was Ms. Johnson's Gr 1/2 class with 464 laps. And with 604 laps for the juniors was Ms. Wilson's Gr 4/5 class. The student with the most laps in Primary was Felipe with 62 laps in 8 days and Phillip with 62 laps in the junior division. They both received a stop watch as a prize.

Our class will now graph the data on a computer spreadsheet, analyse the information, and report our findings to each class.

By Ananya and Juliet







On Friday, October 4th, 2019 a group of 34 students represented Fairglen Jr. PS at the TDESAA-North *Cross Country Running* qualifying meet at Earl Bales Park. All of our runners competed with spirit and pride as they tested themselves and the competition on a challenging two kilometre course that weaved its way through a forest and up and down hills. A big congratulations goes out to all of our runners for participating in such a fun and healthy event. We are extremely proud to announce that Chyi-Ruey Norris (9th place), Malak Farraj (15th place), Kyra Barnes (26th place), and Chyi-Miin Norris (26th place) will be moving on to the Conference Finals in their respective events.

Your Fairglen Jr. PS 2019 Cross Country runners are: Daniel Tian, Ryan He, Abiya Bilal, Koby Bolton, Thamrah Al-Kisadi, Soroush Foroutan, Elaheh Foroutan, Vaishnaa Sankirthan, Betty Chen, Chyi-Ruey Norris, Chyi-Miin Norris, Alex Mei, Anastasia Tsiopelas, Micah McBean, Elaine Zhang, Preston Babbington, Malak Farraj, Xinyi Yu, Anthony Dimitrievski, Emily Wang, Joyce Chen, Jason Garnes, Rebecca Tse, Ethan Chen, Boris Chan, Eva Wu, Polly Wu, Stephen Li, Hayat Sheikh, Manuja Sharma, Cicy Chen, Kyra Barnes, Ambrosia Collington, Phillip Byers.

FAIRGLEN JPS – RESPECT STUDENT of the MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2019

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| Mnatzakanian/Yin | Korac / Nitsotolis | Munir | Cutting | Johnson |
| Eunice P. Aubtyn | Charlotte Alvin Rina | Jesus Jannah | Naima Kevin | Jasmine Benjamin |
| Whitmarsh | Wilson | Kerr/Yee | | |
| Deborah Soroush | Bisma Gloria Alvin | Chyden Ryan Z. | | |
| Hart | Polichronopoulos | Robinson | McWatters | Luborsky |
| Chyi-Ruey Vyom | Boris Scarlett | Kelly Vaishnaa | Aulin Chyi-Miin | Anastastia Bowen |
|  | | Thiang | Elbl | |
| | | Anastasia Preston Chloe | Michael Z. Shanyah M. Chyi-Ruey Norris | Sena G. Kaylee Y. |



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Dates to Remember

October 17: Ukulele Kids Assembly for grades 2 – 5

October 18: Student Vote

October 25: Student of the Month Assemblies – primary 8:50am / juniors 12:40pm

October 25: Pizza Lunch

October 27: Diwali

October 31: Halloween Parade – 9:00am

November 3: Daylight Savings – back to Standard Time – clocks go back 1 hour

November 8: Sight & Sound Clinic

November 11: Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11: Report Cards sent home

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

Lisa Zwicker

Principal

Twitter - @FairglenJrPS

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

Ian Allison

Superintendent

Manna Wong

Trustee

