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Newsletter – December 2017

Principal's Message:

We have had a grand first semester at Guildwood P.S.! Our students come to school ready to learn and display proper respect towards themselves and others. The staff is working hard to create new learning activities for all our students. New classroom libraries books have been purchased to enrich reading programs. I have had the opportunity to observe many classrooms and interact with them and their learning. As a result of these experiences I have been able to see that there is quality education going on at the Guild. We will work hard to insure that this quality continues throughout all that we do!

In addition to providing a strong focus on the academics, we also work very hard at making our school a safe, caring environment for both our students and staff. While we continually get positive feedback regarding the climate and facilities in our school. Our goal is to create a greater awareness within our students, staff and parents as to ways to promote wellbeing and equity. Our academic focus is to improve students reading literacy. If you would like to volunteer at the school to read with our students please contact the office.

As parents you can support our efforts in the following ways: 1) Reinforce with your child that negative behavior is wrong and they need to treat all people with dignity and respect. 2) Contact school staff should you need clarification about our programs or should you have a concern or question. **We want to know about this information and we will do whatever we can to make this situation better.** We are also

committed to developing our students into exceptional global citizens and find ways to always be a **Winner**.

A winner says, "**LET'S FIND OUT!**"

A loser says, "Nobody knows."

When a winner makes a mistake, they say "**I WAS WRONG.**"

When a loser makes a mistake, they say "It wasn't MY FAULT!"

A winner works **THROUGH A PROBLEM**

A loser goes around it, but never gets past it.

A winner makes **COMMITMENTS**.

A loser makes promises.

A winner says, "**THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY TO DO IT.**"

A loser says, "That's the way it's always been done around here."

With students, staff and parents working together, great things will continue to happen for students in our school. I appreciate the opportunity to work with your children on a daily basis! The staff at Guildwood would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable Christmas holiday period and prosperous New Year.





Parking Lot Safety and Security

The parking lot located at Guildwood Jr. P.S. is for use for the Guildwood staff, T.D.S.B. personal and employees of the NYED Daycare. Parents are asked to use the street parking if they want to drive their children to school. We have had a few near miss accidents and need to ensure that our parking lot is safe and secure.

Beginning Monday, November 6, 2017 we will enforce this policy by locking the gate to the parking lot at 8:15 AM. Parents of daycare children are expected to use street parking after 8:10 AM to ensure that their car is not locked in the lot.

Here are some by-laws that you may not be aware of and do not require signage:

- obstructing the driveway;
- parking within 3 m of a fire hydrant;
- stopping within 9 m of a crosswalk.

Thank-you for your support in keeping our children and community members safe!



Good bye and Thank You:

Dear Guildwood family and community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making my 4 years at Guildwood Junior Public School such an amazing experience. When I think of community and strength, I think of Guildwood Junior Public. It was and has been my honour to be your Secretary. I enjoyed every day talking with all of you and our visiting with you. The students of Guildwood Junior Public school will always be a treasure that I will hold deeply in my heart. Always keep the chant and fire alive Guildwood, "**Go Guildwood**". Respectfully and always yours, Mrs. Bernasch.

If your child has an appointment during school hours, please call the office ahead of time and write a note in your child's agenda. The office will arrange for your child to be ready for pick up in the office.

Students arriving through the front doors after the second bell (8:45 A.M. and 12:35 P.M.) will be considered late and should report to the office for a late slip, and then will be escorted to their classroom by a staff member or student partner (JK/SK, Grade 1-2).

Please use **only** the front doors to enter the school and begin your visit at the office.

In colder weather, try to arrive closer to the bell time, to avoid the cold, rather than being in the north/south door stairwells – this creates safety issues at dismissal.

Character Trait of the Month – Kindness & Caring:

The character trait which we are focusing on at Guildwood for the month of November is **empathy**. Below are some ways to help your child demonstrate this trait.

Your child can show kindness & caring by:

- helping, and understanding how others in the family feel
- using words to describe how others may be feeling
- understanding, sensing, and sharing in the feelings and emotions of others
- showing love, sympathy, compassion, and encouragement speaking from "I" and owning his or her emotions

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What is empathy? How can we show empathy?
- What does it mean to be empathetic?

Projects to do together:

- Engage your child in volunteer opportunities, such as helping at the food bank or other community organizations.
- Develop a family project that is meant to help others.

School Reminder



- When reading or watching the news, encourage a discussion about how those involved might feel.

Encouraging empathy in your child:

- Encourage discussion, and expose your child to the language of emotions.
- Talk with your child about the importance of showing empathy through helping others.
- Share your own feelings with your child, providing him or her with the opportunity to be empathetic.
- Allow your child to express his or her feelings, regardless of whether they are positive or negative.



Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge:

The Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge is for elementary and secondary schools in the province of Ontario. If you want to do something great for the environment and have a chance to win great prizes for your school, you've come to the right place! The challenge officially launches October 16, 2017 and ends on April 20, 2018. Please bring in your old batteries to the school's main office.

To learn more, visit the [Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge](http://www.ontarioschoolsbatteryrecyclingchallenge.ca).



Lunchroom Program:

Students remaining at school for lunch **must bring their lunches with them in the morning.** This eliminates the number of visitors who are dropping off lunches to the school and it also eliminates the need to interrupt the office.

***Please note: classes will not be interrupted to deliver lunches as it distracts students away from their learning and interrupts teaching.**

We also do not allow fast food to be dropped off at the office.

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Guildwood JPS Newsletter:

Hot off the press, Guildwood JPS will no longer be sending the newsletter home. Instead, in order to keep our ECO Platinum status, we will be sending the newsletter via email. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please contact the office to make sure the office has your correct email address. Thank you for keeping Guildwood Junior Public School ECO status as Platinum. A copy of the newsletter will always be posted on our community board for your reference.

Thank you.

Spirit Days at Guildwood:

December: P.J. Day



January: Twin/triple day




February: Ugly Sweater Contest



March: Jersey Day



April: Crazy Hat Day 

May: Spirit Day – School Colours 

June: Beach Day



Folk Dancing:

We look forward to the return of folk dancing with the start of the New Year. All practices will take place in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:55 to 12:30 with our first session scheduled for **Tuesday, January 9**. Permission forms will be sent home at the end of November. Please return any signed forms by **December 15**. All interested girls and boys from grades one to six are invited to join and we welcome both new and experienced dancers. Members will dance, exercise and have fun as they learn the many dances they will be performing at the annual Folk Dance Jamboree in May.

Coaches: Mr. and Mrs. Rule



Girls' Soccer

Our Girls' Soccer Team was very successful this year! After practising, together with the boys' team, for several weeks, the girls finally played their tournament at Alvin Curling P.S. on Wednesday, November 8th.

The girls were amazing! Our goalkeepers Ella and Reyda kept the ball out of the goal. Our strikers Leah and Danylia ran up and down the field, our midfielders Melynda, Eva, McKenna, and Ella (again) played amazing offence and defence, and our Defence Destiny, Trisha, and Nova kept the ball away from our goal.

After a morning of soccer drills, and 5 games against some great teams from other schools such as Alvin Curling, Cliffside, North Agincourt, and Hunter's Glen, we ended up finishing 2nd overall.

Special thanks to all the players, Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Tetreault for their support in driving the girls to the tournament and cheering us on, and to the great coaches Mr. Halen and Mr. Wigmore.



Boys' Soccer

Our Boys' Soccer team was one of the best we've had here at Guildwood in a long time. The skills, the leadership, and the teamwork were excellent and the team performed very well.

Our tournament took place right here at Guildwood where we played against some amazing teams from Poplar Road, GP Mackie, HA Halbert, and Anson Park.

Many amazing goals were scored by Guildwood players led by strikers Cade and Matthew G. and incredible goal keeping from Finn kept us in every game. The team showed real promise with many of our younger players from Grades 4 and 5 contributed in a significant way.

Although we did not advance to the playoffs, Guildwood finished in 3rd place with a win and a tie.

Congratulations to all of the boys for working so hard at practice and during the tournament.

Team: Matthew G., Andre, Kurt, Daniel, Destin, Elijah, Michael, Jonathan, Finn, Cade, Joshua, Jaedan, Darshan, James, Mawan, Adel, David B., Owen, Austin, TJ, and Heru

Coaches: Mr. Wigmore and Mr. Halen



Co-Ed Flag Football

Our Co-Ed Flag Football team was amazing this year! Co-ed Flag Football consists of 5-on-5 football played by both boys and girls in Grade 6. This year, we traveled to JG Workman Jr. P.S. for our tournament. The competition was fierce! We played 4 round robin games, winning two, losing one and tying one. Our very close game vs. Poplar Road ended in a tie, but our better point differential (thanks to our amazing Defence) propelled us into the Semi-Finals and sent Poplar home early. In the semi-finals we were defeated



by the eventual champions from St. Margarets.
They were so fast I don't think Coach Halen or
Coach Wigmore could have caught them!
Congratulations to everyone involved for their
efforts and major thanks to Mrs. Sukhraj and Mrs.
Ball for providing transportation and cheers!

WE Scare Hunger

Our first major event of our ME to WE campaign
this year has come to an end. Our WE Scare
Hunger Food Drive has been incredibly successful!
Not only did Guildwood families donate non-
perishable food items to our school office, as well
as several monetary donations, but the Tetreault
family went above and beyond and collected food
on Hallowe'en as they trick or treated! Wow!

We will be donating all of the food next
Wednesday to a local food bank so that your
generous donations can go right back into the
community so that local families can benefit.

Thanks so much to everyone who participated and
put the WE before the ME this Hallowe'en.



Classroom Events at Guildwood:

Room 101:

In Kindergarten, it is important for us to get out and enjoy nature. All month, we have been having fun and enjoying the fall weather as we get ready to welcome the winter weather. The students have been raking the leaves and jumping in huge piles of leaves. The question, "How tall is our leaf pile?" came up. As a class, we thought about how we could measure the pile. We decided to measure to measure the pile with things that were available to us....sticks! We measured the pile and found that our pile was 6 small sticks tall!

This month, we have been busy creating our co-created number wall where the students have used pictures of their fingers, numerals, base 10 frames and illustrations to represent the numbers 1 to 10. We are also having a lot of fun with math games. The base 5 game is our favourite!

Next month, we will continue to build upon our math games and make our co-created alphabet!

Mrs. Nguyen

Library:

The Learning Continues in our Library November has us focusing on the Character Trait of Empathy. Simply put, Empathy is the ability to put yourself in others shoes, feel what they feel and view the world from different perspectives. In line with this character trait we have been reading the book "A Long Walk to Water" to our grade 3-6 students. The book follows the arduous journey of a young Sudanese boy named Salva as he escapes his country's civil war, trying to find a safe place for him and his people. The journey takes him hundreds of kilometers from his home, struggling for survival along the way, until they finally reach a new country that is neither welcoming nor accepting of these "Lost Souls". The events of "A Long Walk to Water" are based on a true story. It challenges us to think beyond ourselves and gain a small yet enlightening glimpse into the very terrifying and very real dangers that exist in other parts of the world.

Students have also been spending time learning about and exploring our **Virtual Library**. The **Virtual Library** is an online resource with many wonderful resources that support student's learning. The **Virtual Library** can be accessed online from anywhere at school and can even be accessed from home. Your child will be bringing home a letter that explains how to access the Virtual Library from home and a **2017-2018 Virtual Library Learnmark** that contains passwords your child will need to access some of the Virtual Library resources from home. Please take some time to explore this amazing resource with your child at home once you receive the instruction letter and **Virtual Library Learnmark**. Make sure you have your child show you how to get to BookFLIX. BookFLIX has wonderful ebooks for your child to read. The username and password needed for this site is listed on the **Virtual Library Learnmark**.

Mr. Ruggeri and Mrs. Cromien

Room 203:

November has been a very busy month in the Grade 1 & 2 classroom with lots of discovering and fun happening. Students have been learning about a variety of topics within the classroom. Our Co-op student, Jack interviewed a few students and asked them about some of their favourite things this month. Here is what they had to say:

I like Art because I love to paint. I have lots of paintbrushes and paint at home. We are painting like Tom Thompson right now. Zenasia Grade. 1

I like math because I like counting with the blocks and link-its. Stavros Grade. 1

I like the art because I like to paint. We are painting like Tom Thompson. Jordan Grade. 1

I like learning about Social Studies. We are colouring the different flags. We are learning about Mexico right now. Genivieve Grade. 2



I like Science because it's fun! We are learning about the water cycle. Emma Grade. 2

I like Science. I think it is cool that we are reusing the water from when the dinosaurs were alive. Maya Grade. 2

We are learning about Fiction and Non-Fiction books. I like Non-Fiction books better because I can start reading from anywhere in the book. Brayden Grade. 2

Keep up the amazing work Grade 1 & 2's!!!



Room 103:

Room 103 has been busy with exploring and questioning all the seasonal changes we notice with our five senses. Autumn means leaves on the ground and we've been busy counting and sorting. We painted them and pressed them onto paper to explore warm and cool colours. Luckily there was still some time to rake them into a huge pile and play with them! Parents of Room 103 are reminded to sign up for our website so we can start posting pictures of all our discoveries in the classroom. Our first movie made by coding and recording our singing has been posted.

Room 206:

Guildwood JPS held its annual Remembrance Day Assembly November 10, 2017 to honour those who have served and those who continue to serve our country. In preparation for this our Grade 4/5 class reflected on John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields. They examined how the poem makes them feel and why, what line was most powerful or impacted them the most and why this poem is so often read on Remembrance Day. They also worked very hard to perfect and deliver a meaningful performance of the song WE Will Never Forget.

Room 204:

Much like every other month, November was a hive of activity in Room 204. Aside from the great academics going on on a daily basis, we've had a great many experiential learning opportunities this month. Our class' favourite event in November was our trip to Harbourfront on November 2nd. This Fine Arts themed trip was called "Introduction to Hip Hop". After travelling all the way to Harbourfront on the TTC, via bus, subway, another subway, and a streetcar, we were introduced to our leader, Mike!

Mike is a local "b-boy" who is an aficionado of Hip Hop, and an amazing break dancer. He introduced the class to the roots of hip hop culture through Dance, Visual Arts, and of course, Music! He spoke to the students of the origins of Hip Hop in the Bronx, NYC and how this worldwide art form rose from poverty through the ingeniousness of the people who lived there.

Room 201:





Mr. Woolridge's Grade 3 class has been very busy working on technology through the IXL program. Our reading and writing skills are improving and we all are enjoying the challenges of learning new concepts. As we continue to practice, we are gaining much knowledge to prepare us for the EQAO test.

In Math, we just finished patterning and now ready for Numeration/Multiplication. We can't wait!

In Phys. Ed we are working on our basketball skills. This sport is one of the best! Every Friday we have a spelling quiz to help us learn new words. This is a great challenge! We loved making our Kandinsky's Circles in Art. Finally, our class is having a great time practicing our scripts for our individual fairy tale. Our class is eager to join the battery recycling program and help raise funds for the Sick Kids Foundation. We love working as a team and having fun!



December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 PA Day – No School	2
3	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4  Winter Concert  School Council	8 Day 5 Pizza Day 	9
10	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Recognition Assembly-PJ Day 	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas Break – Happy Holidays – No school					
31	<div>Days of Significance: 1 World AIDS Day UN, Mawlid-al-Nabi Islam, 2 International Day of the Abolition of Slavery UN, 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities UN, 3-24 Advent - Christianity, 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Canada, 8 Bodhi Day (Buddha Enlightenment) Buddhism, St. Clements or Ohrid Patrons Day Orthodox Macedonian, 10 Human Rights Day UN, 13-20 Hanukkah - Judaism, 13 Birthday of Imam Agakhan Islam, 18 International Migrants Day UN, 21 Yule Winter Solstice – Wicca/Pagan, Dec 25 Christmas Day, TBA Ashu Zarathosht's Death Zoroastrianism, 26 Boxing Day Canadian Government, Jan 01 Kwanzaa African Canadian & American</div>					
****Folk Dancing starts the first week of January 2018!****						