



Highland Heights Jr. Public School &  
Jean Augustine Girls' Leadership Academy  
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Some exciting news to share with you, Highland Heights has a website that is now live and so does Jean Augustine GLA. Please visit our websites at: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/highlandheights> and

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/jeanaugustine>. Also, follow us on Twitter @TDSB\_GLA and @HHJPS\_JAGLA.

With the weather improving please consider walking your children to and from school. The traffic in front of the school is very congested. Please be reminded to abide by the signs posted on the street. If children are driven to school please drop them off on the school side of the street. Only staff vehicles are allowed in the staff parking lot as there is no room for safely dropping off your children.

Please come to our STEM Fair on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The students will be working diligently on their projects to showcase what they've learned. The School Council will be hosting a Bake Sale before the STEM Fair. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

We continue to take Junior Kindergarten registrations. If you have a child or have neighbours with children who were born in 2011 then it is time to register for JK. Pre-school children and their parents/guardians are welcome at the Parenting Family Literacy Centre (PFLC) from Mondays to Thursdays from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Letters will be sent home early May asking if you will be moving over the summer. Please complete these and return them as we are planning for September 2015.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the STEM Fair and Bake Sale!

## **Highland Heights Jr. Public School & Jean Augustine Girls' Leadership Academy – Newsletter**

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### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY – Ms. Zhang**

It has been a busy few months at Highland Heights Jr. P.S. and Jean Augustine Girls' Leadership Academy. The library continues to be a busy place that is a learning commons for all staff and students. Students are regularly encouraged to share different types of books that they are interested in reading. Many new books have been purchased this school year and our students have been excited to sign them out! We hope to purchase more very soon! Students and parents are reminded that it is a privilege to have books to take home to read and share with their loved ones and that it is important that books are taken good care of and come back in excellent condition for other students to take home as well. Books are expensive to buy and we hope to keep our books in as good shape as possible. Let's work together to ensure it stays that way!

Our library is kept in tip-top shape with the help of many hard working library helpers that come on a regular basis to shelve, maintain and organize the books. It is truly a team effort and I commend them for their dedication and enthusiasm for making the library a welcoming space for all!

The Silver Birch Club started shortly after the New Year and our students have been actively reading away! As usual, our Silver Birch Express books were a hit right away and students got their hands on titles like "The Fly" and "Kung Pow Chicken" and have been checking books off their list right from the beginning. Some popular non-fiction titles includes "Zoobot: Wild Robots Inspired by Real Animals" and "Annaleise Carr: How I Conquered Lake Ontario to Help Kids Battling Cancer". The fiction novels are typically longer, deeper reads, but there are always stories filled with adventure, suspense and excitement! Students who have picked these books up enjoyed having conversations about them with



their peers and teachers.

Students who participate in the Silver Birch Book Club meet every Wednesday at lunch to exchange and talk about books that they have read. It has been a fantastic couple of months of reading and reflection and we're nearing the end! Students and teachers will get the opportunity to vote for their favourite titles on April 22, 2015! In May, our students will take part in a trip to the Harbourfront Centre to celebrate with other students, teachers and authors that have written or participated in the Forest of Reading program! Stay tuned for more information regarding the Festival of Trees trip!

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Everyone is welcome to the Breakfast Club which is open every day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. We serve a healthy breakfast as recommended by the Canada Food Guide.

**GRADE 1/2's**

Mrs. Jaswal and Mrs. Wetzel's classes made djembe drums with paper mache. The students are learning that STEM works in conjunction with Music and Art.



**UPCOMING DATES**

May 4th - Folk Dance Jamboree at Albert Campbell Square, 140 Borough Drive

May 7th at 6:30 p.m. - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fair

May 7th at 5:30 p.m. – Bake Sale

May 11th at 6:30 p.m. - School Council Meeting

May 15th – Pizza Lunch & Spirit Day – Sports Day!

May 28th at 6:00 p.m. – Welcome to Kindergarten

June 24th – HHJPS Grade 6 Graduation

June 24th – JAGLA Grade 8 Graduation

**CHARACTER EDUCATION** Every month we have a Recognition Assembly and we highlight the TDSB Character Trait of the month. Although one character trait is celebrated for the month Highland Heights

recognizes how important it is to always remember to be kind and caring, responsible, helpful, respectful, persevere, be honest, have integrity, demonstrate empathy, be co-operative and play fair. . . every day!

**APRIL CHARACTER TRAIT: CO-OPERATION**

In the long history of humankind (and animal kind too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed. Charles Darwin

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**SAFE ARRIVAL – To report a student's absence please call 416.396.3303 and press 1**