



Highland Heights Jr. Public School &
Jean Augustine Girls' Leadership Academy
NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 2015

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe that January is coming to an end so quickly. We have had only a few indoor recesses due to the inclement weather, a definite reduction from last year.

The new Board's implementation of the computerized Synervoice safe arrival system is in full implementation at HHJPS & JAGLA. Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent. We will do our best to update the computerized call out so that you do not get a call from it. We continue to strive for punctuality. Staff are on supervision duty at 8:30 a.m. Please aim to have your children at school by 8:30 a.m. We also have a Breakfast Program that opens from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. All students are welcome and we ask for a donation of 50 cents per day.

The Grade 8's at Jean Augustine GLA went on a trip to Ottawa on January 27th. They arrived at the school at 5:00 a.m. We are very appreciative to Honourable Jean Augustine for making this opportunity available for our students.

The Grade 5/6's are preparing for their four day outdoor education trip to Scarborough

Outdoor Education Centre, also known as Kearney. This is a trip that all students talk about when they are in high school and as adults. I've attended Kearney as a teacher many times and I remember the activities that my students participated in which included predator and prey games, maple syrup tapping and of course the delicious meals. It is an excellent learning experience where character traits such as co-operation, respect and teamwork are further developed. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

On February 3rd all students will be going to the Ontario Science Centre. Each teacher has selected a program for their class and has tied it to the Science Curriculum. Thank you to Ms. Jaswal and Ms. Colby for taking the lead in organizing this school wide trip for both schools.

We have been very busy this month with visits and presentations by Scientists in Schools and the Police Community Liaison Officers.

With the Lunar New Year beginning on February 18th I would like to wish all those families who celebrate it a very Happy

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Lunar New Year. Families are invited to see the Lion Dancing in the West Gym on February 17th at 9:00 a.m.

February is Black History Month which will be celebrated across TDSB. An African Drumming Presentation followed by drumming workshops is scheduled for March.

If you have any questions on the great “happenings” at Highland Heights and Jean Augustine GLA please give us a call.

Have a great February!!

**FEBRUARY IS KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION MONTH**

Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed at the Toronto District School Board. At the TDSB, we know early learners learn best through doing; so our four and five year olds are introduced to math and science through play as part of K-12 STEM programming. To inspire a love for learning,



**FEBRUARY IS
AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

African Heritage Month is a time for TDSB staff and students to learn about and pay tribute to the many ways in which Black Canadians and people of the African Diaspora have helped shape our society, and to recognize the invaluable contributions they have made to our province, country and world. Throughout the month of February, TDSB schools will engage in local initiatives, and participate in a variety of community events that reflect this history of a people and the countless triumphs and struggles they have experienced over hundreds of years. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca to see what schools are doing to reflect, celebrate and bring to life the rich legacy of the African Diaspora for our diverse local school communities.



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BREAKFAST PROGRAM

All students are welcome for a healthy breakfast, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. We ask for a donation of 50 cents or more each day.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Breakfast Program. Please contact the office if you are available one morning a week.



PARENTING FAMILY LITERACY CENTRE

We invite families with young children to come and visit our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre. This free T.D.S.B. program is located in room 113 and is for parents and caregivers with children from birth to 6 years of age. Daily activities include story and music time, art, sand and water play, gym time and a nutritious snack. Please visit the centre whenever you can and participate in an enjoyable play based program where

your child will learn school skills that will help prepare them for kindergarten. A great place for parents to make connections, discuss issues relating to children and learn about other resources in the community.

For more information please call 416 396-6335

Please join us in the PFLC in room 113 at any time during program hours.

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UPCOMING DATES

School Wide Trip to Ontario Science Centre
– February 3rd

Recognition Assembly – February 6th

Pizza Lunch – February 6th

Beach Day – February 6th

Report Cards Go Home – February 10th

Parent/Teacher Interviews

– February 12th – PM

– February 13th – AM (P.A. Day)

P.A. Day – February 13th

Family Day – February 16th

Lion Dancing – February 17th 9:00 a.m.

School Council Meeting – February 23rd
6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration – February 23rd
and 24th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Grade 5/6 Kearney Trip – February 27th to
March 2nd

FAMILY DAY

There will be no classes on Monday, February 16, 2015 to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.



Visit the TDSB public web site at
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calendar.

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