

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL & JEAN AUGUSTINE GIRLS' LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

**BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS**

Every month we have a Recognition Assembly and 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!

NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT: EMPATHY

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Please dress our students for the cooler temperature. We welcome November and much cooler weather. The Fall is a beautiful time of year with red, orange and multi coloured leaves blowing all over. Thank you to our Chief Caretaker, Mr. V. for taking such good care of our grounds and our school.

Thank you to the parents and guardians that took the time to attend our Primary and Junior/Intermediate Family Literacy Nights. Some families came out twice and learned how to access Read and Write Gold at home and also learned about some literacy games they can play at home. There were many door prizes and everyone went home with a few books.

Some of you know that Ms. Pang has left our school. We wish her all the best at her new school. Ms. Maragh also left our school to work as an E.C.E. and we wish her much success in her new role. We miss them both very much.

We welcome Ms. Oliveira who joined our staff in October to replace Ms. Maragh in the afternoons.

We continue to aim for 100% punctuality. Students are encouraged to arrive at school for 8:30 a.m. A bit of fresh air before entry is good for our children.

Have an awesome November!
Mrs. S. Lai

UPCOMING DATES

November 11- Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11 - Interim Report Cards Go Home

November 12 – 20 – Book Fair

November 13 and 14 - Parent Teacher Interviews

November 14 - P.A. Day – No School for Students

November 18 - Scientists in Schools Ms. Mattison and Ms. Gupta

November 24 - Forest Valley – Ms.Colby and Ms. Smith

November 28 – Prologue Storyteller Rukshana Grades 3-8

December 5 - P.A. Day – No School for Students

December 18 - Winter Concert

December 19th - Last Day of School

December 29 to January 2 - Winter Break

January 5 - Back to School



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program is open from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. A donation is requested by all participants. There is no set fee. We are very happy to announce that we now have four new tables in the Breakfast Room. The purchase was made possible by the support of fundraising done by the School Council's Bake Sale and Fun Fair as well as Fundraising lunches organized by staff.

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PARENTING FAMILY LITERACY CENTRE (PFLC)

Program Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

We invite families with young children to come and visit our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre. This free TDSB 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 and caregivers to make connections, discuss issues relating to children and learn about other resources in the community. For more information please call 416-394-2104.

Please join us in the PFLC in Room 113 anytime during program hours.

Enter by walking down the south parking lot to the rear of the building.

Please do not park in the Staff Parking Lot as there is limited space for the school staff. There is parking available on the streets. Please obey the parking signs.

Jessica Chen, Parenting Worker, PFLC



LIBRARY NEWS FROM Ms. Zhang

Dear Parents of HHJPS & JAGLA community, November is a busy month for our staff and students as there are many great events to look forward to! It is my hope that students and staff see the library as a community hub in our school. Right now, we have established rules and routines with all students for choosing appropriate books, book exchange, book circulation and library help. I know that our students enjoy coming to the library to search for new books that they would like to read and also make use of the technology that we have available for them (e.g. laptops, SmartBoard). By working together, we can all make our library as accessible to everyone as possible!

To make all the operations and transitions run smoothly, I am thankful to have an enthusiastic and hard working group of library helpers! I look forward to working with them in the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair! This year's Book Fair begins on **Wednesday, November 12** and ends on **Thursday, November 20**. There will be an exciting new selection of books included in the book fair. This year's theme is the "Kingdom of Reading" and our students are very excited for its arrival! Parents are invited to visit the Book Fair with their children during Parent-Teacher Interviews this coming Thursday and Friday. We hope that we can count on your support as part of the profit from the Book Fair comes right back to our library as new books!! Students have been provided with flyers to take home as a preview for the Book Fair. There is also a **Family Event Door Prize** where if your ballot gets chosen, your child wins **\$25 worth of books to take home** and another **\$25 for their classroom!** Don't miss out on this fantastic event!

Please stay tuned for more exciting updates! See you all at the Book Fair!

Sincerely, Ms. Zhang
Teacher-Librarian

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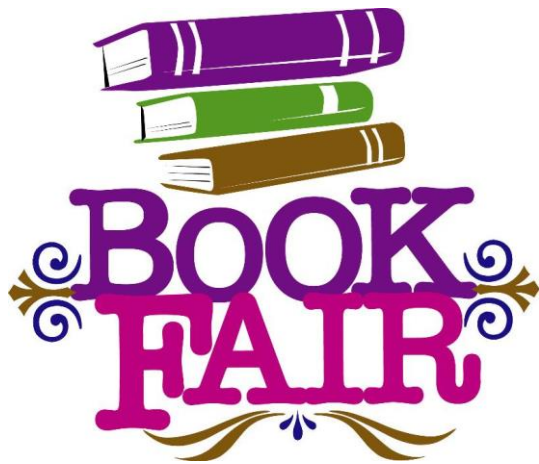
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Ms. Wetzels Class on October 31 in fun costumes showing their artwork.



Wednesday, November 12
to
Thursday, November 20, 2014.

GUIDANCE NEWS FOR GRADES 7 AND 8

For parents of Grade 7 and 8 students:

myBlueprint Education Planner

(www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb) is an exciting education planning resource available for grade 7-12 students within the TDSB. It lets your child create an engaging and interactive Education Plan. They can build customized high school course plans, instantly identify the post-secondary options that are available to them and explore valuable information about apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace opportunities across Canada! Grade 8 students will additionally be using the Course Selection feature – to access the course descriptions and to choose their grade 9 courses.

Grade 8 parents and students, be sure to visit www.tdsb.on.ca/goingtohighschool for high school information. If you were unable to attend the 'Choices for Nine' Information evening on Oct. 28, 2014 at John Buchan, click on Guidance>Choices on the "going to high school" landing page and you will find the PPT there!

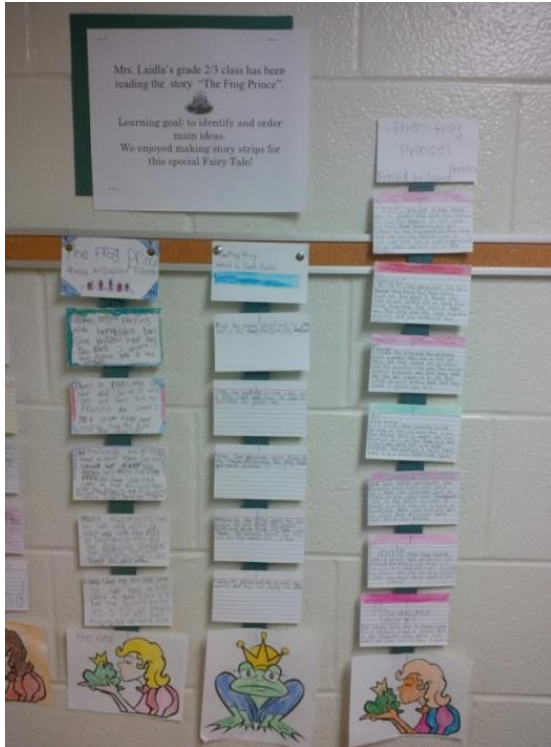
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Ms. Laidla's Students' Story Strips

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Everyone!

It's Rakhi Henderson and Naureen Khan and we are the 2014/2015 Co-Chairs of the School Council for Highland Heights Junior Public School & Jean Augustine Girls Leadership Academy. The School Council is formed to act in the best interests of the students. Some of the things we are working on this year is fundraising for school equipment and events and partnering with the School to have educational seminars. We also watch out for the health and safety of the children.

The School Council Executive for 2014-2015 are:

Co-Chairs: Rakhi Henderson and Naureen Khan

Treasurer: Omar Ha-Redeye

Secretary: Amy Virgin

We are a very small group and we welcome parents and care providers to join us! Our school council meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the School's Library.

The meeting dates for the 2014-2015 year are :

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- January 19th, 2015
- February 23th
- April 13th
- May 11th
- June 17th

Getting involved in your child's school is a rewarding experience. Come and join us! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

AUTOMATED CALL-OUT SYSTEM

A new Automated Call-Out System is at the TDSB and will be coming to Highland Heights and Jean Augustine GLA effective December 1st, 2014. This system will mean that you will be contacted more quickly than is currently possible with a manual system. It is always very important to call the school (at any time) to advise us if your child will be late or absent from school. Please look out for a letter that will be sent home to you next Wednesday for full details of this great new system.



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