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The Trailblazer

Monthly Newsletter

May 2019

***Message from the Administration***

It has been a wonderful month of April with many exciting events. We enjoyed our Mental Health and Wellness Night (#MTM) which was organized by Ms. Hestick and her Wellness committee. It was so great to see our parents and students engaged in the various activities offered throughout the evening. We would like to thank Ms. Robinson-Petrazzini our Superintendent of Education and Mr. Patel, our area Trustee for attending. Our students also participated in the Military Trail Talks Speech Arts competition where students from the Junior and Intermediate grades competed to represent Military Trail at the TDSB Talks event on May 1st, 2019. Our spring sports have begun with the addition of the Blue Jays Care Foundation who, with the help of the Blue Jays, Military Trail will have a Co-ed baseball team that will play a variety of teams throughout the city. We thank the Toronto Blue Jay organization for helping train and coach our students. Other sports on the horizon, include Track and Field, Ultimate, Cricket and Flag Rugby. Our dedicated staff, volunteer their time to work with our students to bring these opportunities and we would love to see the support from the community when we play our games.

The month of May is shaping up to be as busy as April. We will be having an Asian Heritage assembly on the 15th, our Jump Rope for Heart event on the 17th and our EQAO testing will begin on the 21st. New events crop up regularly, so please refer to the school calendar on our website. We continue to wish for warm weather and we hope to see all of you out at our various events for the month.

Mr. Shaikh (Principal) and Mr. Lalonde (Vice Principal)Upcoming Dates in May:

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**Weekly Activities**

Monday:

Boys and Girls Club Mentoring Program @ 11:30am

Playground PALs @ AM recess

Tuesday:

Choir Practice @ 11:30am

Wednesday:

Playground PALs @ AM recess

Thursday:

Me to We @ 11:30am

Friday:

Playground PALs @ AM recess

May 1st – TDSB Talks Speech Arts Competition

May 3rd – Student vs. Teacher Basketball Fundraiser

May 8th – Grade 7 and 8 Student Vaccinations

May 10th – Track and Field East Qualifying Meet @ Birchmount

May 12th – Mothers’ Day

May15th – Asian Heritage Assembly

May 17th – Jump Rope for Heart Event

May 20th – Victoria Day- No School

May 21st – June 3rd – EQAO Testing for Grade 3 and 6 students

May 23rd – East Cricket Qualifying tournament

May 29th – Bicycle Safety Presentations

**Student Voices**

******TDSB Talks – Speech Arts competition

Presenting at speech arts was nerve wracking. Having to speak in front of an audience is definitely a beneficial yet frightening experience. It’s difficult to see that everyone is watching your every move, trying to pick out the mistakes you make but once I got up there and started talking, it felt natural. It’s an amazing experience and will help me be confident talking in front of any audience. Hearing my name being called for the winning speech was unexpected and thrilling but I could not be more happy. Thank you to all the teachers and peers that assisted me in preparing my speech. I received many tips and pointers that made my presentation as perfect as it could, without which I would not have succeeded.

Breanna Kathirgamanathan – Grade 8

***We are all very proud of Breanna and the rest of our Military Trail Speech Arts Contestants. They represented our school with dignity, class and we are very proud of them.***

**EQAO – Provincial Standardized Testing**

EQAO Standardized testing will be administered to the Grade 3 and 6 students starting the week of May 21st and continues for those following two weeks. This test focuses on the areas of Reading, Writing and Math. Ms. Alexander is currently providing an opportunity for students and their parents to attend weekly sessions to understand and work through some sample questions to help students prepare for the test. The EQAO after school family sessions, on Thursdays from 3:30-4:00 pm, will be continuing until Thursday May 16, in room 113 (Adult ESL room).

**WaterDocs @ School Action Projects**

**8A Runners Up for Best Project**

    This year Grade 8 science students participated in a documentary film making project with the goal of raising awareness about a water issue in their neighbourhood.  The groups devised projects around trusting tap water, walking more often, and taking shorter showers. One group received an honourable mention at the Film Festival for their project about eating less meat.  In addition to learning all about how our water systems work students felt the opportunity to create their own documentary film was great for learning how to film, edit and capture sound. Congratulations to MeatNoMore for being recognized at the festival.

**RoboGirls**

Our Robogirls have been developing their coding skills during the past few weeks. They are gaining confidence programming robots and learning that communication skills are the key to success. We are excited to see what the girls will do in the final weeks!

**Month – Cooperation**

**The following students received this month’s Character Trait of the Month Certificate for Cooperation.**

**The character trait for the month of May is Integrity.**

JSK – Ms. McGimpsey: Aaliyah Osman, Saran Sanjithan

JSK Ms. Burton: Safiyya Karim, Avinas Kavithasan

JSK – Ms. Figueroa: Mohamad Al Aslan, Muhammad Khan

Gr.1 – Ms. Majchrzak: Saieshan Thiruvarudselvan, Isabella Rodriguez

Gr.1 – Ms. Hestick: Dima Ali, Taleen Al Khateeb

Gr. ½ - Ms. Jacob: Davina Edohen, Lekha Subramanyam

Gr.2 – Ms. Theiv: Abigail Gutierrez, Idosia Larmond

Gr.2/3 – Ms. Ghabour: Elianna Levermore, Lilaf Bilal

Gr.3 – Ms. Maricar: Sawban Chowdhury, Kaemonia Bailey-Shallow

Gr.3 – Mr. Herbert: Theshan Ninthakaran, Sai Shriyesh Ramanathan

Gr.3/4 – Mr. Murphy: Samuel Yetayew, Suruthy Sanjeevkumar

Primary ESL – Ms. George Alexander: Samir Fasel

Gr.4 – Ms. Storrod: Abdullah Mujahid, Athaliah Shaw

Gr.4/5 – Ms. Giza: Tashfia Rahman, Kerlon Bailey-Shallow

Gr.5 – Mr. Deslandes: Ahsan Jamil, Aiyana Walker

Gr.5/6 – Ms. McGroarty: Ashwin Anuraj, Thipesh Jeyabalan

Gr.5/6 – Mr. Sharma: Abeer Sheikh, Nevaeh Joudry

Gr.6 – Ms. Nelson/Mr.Johnson: Twaha Ahmed, Triniti Oluwole-Grant

Gr.7 – Ms. Jackman: Hamza Mund, Adrien Roopal

Gr.7/8 – Mr. Gad: Dhiman Sarkar, Chris Singh

Gr.8 Mr. Johnston: Ajeen Jeyakumar, Sharaniya Santhikumaran

Jr. HSP Ms. Pellet: Keon Allen, Kaleb Downey-Gibbons Int. HSP Mr. Johnson: Arielle Glean McDonald

ESL – Ms. Luther: LEAP Ms. Khan:

French – Ms. Nelson: Sofia Randhawa, Jahniah Nakeda Jackson