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TDSB's PARENTS AS PARTNERS CONFERENCE

Please join the TDSB's Parents as Partners Conference on **Saturday, March 30, 2019!** This all-inclusive conference is organized by TDSB parents for TDSB parents, guardians and caregivers. Participate in workshops, network with parents and community agencies and learn new strategies to support your child's success. Register early, as there is limited space in each workshop!

WHO: ALL parents/guardians/caregivers of TDSB students are invited and welcome to attend.

WHAT: Parents as Partners Conference 2019 is a FREE conference. Whether your child is just beginning on their educational journey in elementary school or closer to graduation and planning for the future, there are informative and empowering sessions for parents/guardians/caregivers of students of all ages and stages of education.

WHERE: Beanfield Centre (formerly named Allstream Centre) 105 Princes' Blvd., Toronto. Bussing is available and can be chosen when you register online. Pickup at each bussing location will be at 8 a.m. View a map of the Beanfield Centre.

WHY: The Parents as Partners Conference 2019 is planned by parents, for parents and they are so pleased to be able to offer a selection of sessions that cover a broad range of topics to provide parents with useful information and resources to help your child improve their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

ACCESSIBILITY: All seminar rooms are wheelchair accessible and reserved seating will be available. Please identify yourself to conference staff for assistance in locating wheelchair accessible entrances and washrooms. Feel free to contact us in advance of your arrival if you have any concerns.

DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN: A free day camp is available for children ages 4 to 12 to support conference participants. Children will participate in a camp at nearby Parkdale Jr and Sr P.S. More details will be available at registration.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – KARL SUBBAN: Karl Subban is a former Toronto school principal and the father of five children, including three NHL players. He's dedicated his life to helping others reach their potential. In his powerful talks he explores teamwork and leadership and offers a fresh take on what it means to succeed.

OOOPS STATE OF MIND: An Exploration of the Global Competencies in our Community

Please mark your calendars for this special event which is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11 – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.** All students (K - Gr. 6) will be showcasing their work and sharing what they are learning and inquiring about. We hope that you will all attend this school-wide celebration of learning!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation (for newly registered Kindergartens for September 2019) will take place on Thursday, May 9th at 9 a.m.

MARCH BREAK

This year's March Break will take place from March 11th to 15th. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

SPRING FORWARD

Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10th.

DENTAL SCREENING

Toronto Public Health's Dental Team (dental hygienists) will be visiting OOOPS between March 26-28 to identify students with oral health problems. The hygienists will use sterilized instruments and assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs. Only parents whose children require dental services will be notified and a note to that effect will be sent home with your child(ren). Students who do not have dental insurance and who cannot afford to pay for dental care may be eligible for services offered by Toronto Public Health. If you do not wish your child to be screened, please contact our school office. Please see attached letter.

DANCE-A-THON

Our Dance-a-thon was a **huge success** – we had such fun! Thanks to your generous pledges, we raised over \$6500 for the school which will go towards guest speakers (African Heritage Month; Anti-Bullying Presentation), additional programming (X-Movement K-2) and purchasing additional technology. Congratulations to Room 15 for raising the most funds – they will be treated to a pizza party.

EXTRA CLOTHING If your child has outgrown his/her pants, please consider donating them to the office (sweat pants and leggings work especially well as they are stretchy). These come in handy to lend to students when accidents occur. With the wet weather upon us, extra socks would be appreciated too!

INSPIRATIONAL MATH!

What do you get when you add 308 students to 21 staff, and multiply by 5 weeks of activities like Finger Trails, Place Mat, Making Trains, Yogurt Toppings, Foot Parade, Pixel Art, Crossing a Rectangle, Finding Patterns and Penny Collection? **INSPIRATIONAL MATH!!!** Collaborating and problem solving in teams, participating as a whole group, watching YouCubed videos, attending math assemblies and solving math problems in the classroom are some of the activities that our students have participated in over the last 5 weeks. We hope our students will always remember the Inspirational Math Key Messages:

- **Struggling is important; mistakes are good!**
- **Speed is not important.**
- **Believe in yourself.**
- **Math strategies (draw it out, ask a friend, use tools...).**
- **Our brains grow and change**

Thank you to all students and staff for a hands-on, lively, fun and educational five weeks of Inspirational Math!

OOOPS' ATHLETICS – submitted by Mr. Koumentakis

It has been a great year so far at OOOPS for athletics! Since September, students have been sharpening their skills and competing against different schools around the city in various tournaments including Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Ball Hockey. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the coaches and parents who volunteer their time to enable our students these memorable life experiences. Looking forward to the spring season where students will get the opportunity to participate in Co-ed Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and Track & Field. Go Ospreys!!

GROUNDS RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING – Please mark your calendars!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 pm at OOOPS. The TDSB Central Accommodation Committee has approved our application and we are now working through the Design Phase of the Terms of Reference. Very exciting times!

ABSENT OR LATE – PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL

Parents, please remember to phone the school if your child will be absent or late. This helps us to account for absent students and focus our attention on students who are missing and unaccounted. Thank you to everyone who diligently calls on a regular basis.



LOST AND FOUND

Please take a minute to go through our lost and found items and claim your belongings. Anything left over will be donated to charity over the March Break.

PANFEST

Our Grade 4 students will be performing in this year's PanFest on March 19th in the morning, under the direction of Mr. James Gregoire. All Grade 5 and 6 students will be attending PanFest as audience members. Parents with current Police Reference Checks are welcome to join their child's class as we walk to and from the Bickford Centre.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH ASSEMBLY

Our African Heritage Month Assembly took place on February 28th in our gymnasium. Students led the assembly, sharing inspirational stories about African Canadian Change-Makers, performing dance, poetry, spoken word, and singing and playing steel pan. We thank all of our student and staff participants for a most vibrant and inspirational assembly!

COMING EVENTS *(subject to change)*

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| March 11-15 | March Break – no school |
| March 21 | Grounds Restoration Committee Meeting |
| March 26-28 | Dental Team |
| March 28 | Pizza Day |
| March 30 | TDSB's Parents as Partners Conference |
| April 5 | Anti-Bullying Show – a.m. |
| April 11 | OOOPS State of Mind; An Exploration of the Global Competencies in our Community |
| April 17 | School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. |
| April 19 | Good Friday – no school |
| April 22 | Easter Monday – no school |
| April 25 | Pizza Day |
| April 30- May 2 | X- Movement – JKSK – Gr. 2 |
| May 3 | Track and Field Meet |
| May 9 | Welcome to Kindergarten at 9 a.m. |
| May 14 | BIG Dig |
| May 20 | Victoria Day – no school |
| May 21- June 3 | EQAO |
| May 30 | Pizza Day |
| May 31 | We Walk for Water – more info. to follow |
| June 6 | Volunteer Tea |
| June 7 | P.A. Day |
| June 14 | Fun Fair |
| June 18 | Kindergarten Celebration |
| June 20 | Pizza Day – last one |
| June 21 | Talent Show |
| June 25 | Grade 6 Graduation |
| June 26 | Report Cards sent home |
| June 27 | Last day of school |
| June 28 | P.A. Day – no school |