



December 2016

Park Lane Public School

60 Park Lane Circle, M3C 2N2

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<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/parklane>

Dates to Remember:

December

- ❖ 6 - Music Concert Sonya 10:00am
- ❖ 9 - Earth Hour 1:30-2:30pm – Open Area
- ❖ 15 - Winter Concert 12:30-2:30pm
- ❖ 16 - Leo Baeck/ Jacob's Aunts Hannukah Concert – 1:00pm
- ❖ 20 - Don Mills CI Concert (am)
- ❖ - Santa Arrives 1:30pm
- ❖ 21 - Chanukah 10:15am
- ❖ 23 - Last Day of School
- ❖ Jan 9 – School Resumes
- ❖ Jan 17 – School Support Team

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents/ Guardians and the Park Lane Community,

We are about to embark on a couple of weeks of celebrations, rest and family time. We have had a term filled with the arts & science learning. The celebrations at Park Lane are always beyond our imagination –

every year, there is new creativity and the flow of new ideas. From an interactive concert with the choral voices of Bayview Glen School students singing a tune that our own parent wrote, to a group of Grade 11's and 12's dancing with our students to jazz music, our school is really taking root in the community

around us. We are so proud of our students and their positive influence on everyone they meet. A big thanks



to all our staff, who with their unique gifts, are able to bring out the best in our students and for all the support that we get from our wonderful parents. I wish you an amazing holiday, filled with memories, laughter, love and relaxation! Happy New Year – and see you all in 2017!
Happy Holidays!

Esther

School Events

Room 6 trip to The Clay Creation! (Erica D.)

Class 6 has been very busy elves studying Celebrations and Family for the holiday season. Students created their own clay celebrations for Diwali, Chanukah, and Christmas and then hit the streets to see how clay and porcelain is used at the Gardiner Museum for Ceramics. There, the students also got to tour the 12 Trees of Christmas with this year's Eco Theme "Goods of the Earth" in which each tree taught us about the importance of Re-use, reduce, recycle. Room 6 wants to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and may there be peace on Earth.



Room 3 Sensory-Packed Field Trip (Vicki A.)

Room 3 enjoyed a fun-filled, sensory-packed field trip to Scarborough Town Centre this month. We explored all the beautiful decorations of the season & even met Santa!



Concert by Jacob's Family and Friends (Tina F.)



A holiday concert was held by Jacob's aunts (Stacy and Jennifer) and Leo Baeck (Jewish private school). Together, they sang a variety of celebratory Hanukkah and Christmas songs that Gloria has taught our students. The performers encouraged students to dance and move their bodies to the beat of the music with some assistance from staff. Jacob's extended family and Leo Baeck

had an opportunity to learn more about Park Lane students by watching our students perform two holiday concert songs for them in return. Ellen brought sufganiyot (Jewish powdered sugar donuts) for all the students to eat at the end of the



performance. We thank our thoughtful guests for coming during this busy season and they will be back in the New Year.



Chanukah 2106: A Musical Celebration (Gloria G.)

On December 21st, our students gathered in the gym to learn about the story of Chanukah. This annual presentation highlighted the historical origins of Chanukah, its customs and practices. Led by several of our staff members, there was a demonstration of how Jewish people celebrate with candles, the menorah, dreidels, latkes, songs, poems and youtube videos. The students and staff sang several songs that they had learned, during music appreciation at the piano, in two languages! One of our students, Allan, was able to repeat the last line in two Hebrew songs.



The program concluded with a lively Chanukah circle dance, accompanied by the rhythm of the tambourines, played by our students. Following the presentation, Jacob, one of our students, distributed Chanukah gelt (chocolate coins) to the students and staff. It was especially wonderful to welcome a parent (Shari, Cory's mom) and a grandmother (Ruth, Dylan's Nana) to our Chanukah celebration! Bailey, a former

Park Lane graduate (of 7 years ago) attended the Chanukah Assembly with her mom. And did I mention that Shari danced with the staff in our Chanukah dance? Awesome! Even a former Pet Therapy leader, Deena, attended the presentation as well.



In closing, we would like to extend a special "thank-you" to Sharon, our Orff Itinerant music teacher, for singing several Chanukah songs, playing the guitar.

Don Mills Collegiate Institute – Enjoy the Music!

(Gloria G.)

On December 20th, the Don Mills students visited Park Lane and appeared on our stage to demonstrate to our students the fun of being in a jazz band, a jazz band combo, a ukulele band and an "a cappella" choir! The music teacher introduced many of the instruments (such as the



trombone, saxophone, cowbell, drums, and bass guitar) prior to the concert. It was wonderful to see so many high school students performing and sharing their music with us! We were also invited to dance to the jazzy rhythms – and dance we did!

It was easy to see how much the Park Lane students enjoyed the concert --- some had smiles on the face

and others were swaying to the beat. As is common among friends, we have been invited to go to Don Mills Collegiate for their Show Choir Concert in April, 2017.



Room 4

Team: Carral, Efrosiny, Perla, Hyacinth

Room 4 has many favorite activities but one of our favorites is swimming.

We have gone to Bloorview, Sunnyview and Beverley this year. We absolutely love being in the water and swimming around.

Renz loves to tap the water with his hands.

Jessica loves to move her hands and legs back and forth through the water.

Stephanie, Zarina and Yujin like to socialize with their classmates. They also love to laugh and enjoy music.

Natalie loves to move her arms and legs around too.

The last time we went swimming she was so happy that she was tapping her tray all the way back to school. She was so happy with smiles and laughter to express her joy. We love swimming so much and have so much fun that we can't wait until our next visit in February.



2016-2017 Annual Holiday Concert (Tony G.)

We would like to thank the entire Park Lane Concert Committee coordinated by Seema Hasnain and Paula Brown for organizing this wonderful concert and all of our Staff for their

dedication and hard work in teaching our students. We would also like to thank our caretaking staff, Sam, Xiomara and Andrew for all of their efforts. In addition we want to recognize all of our parents for their support and donations of the baked goodies and gift baskets. The event was an overwhelming success in every way.



collected non-perishable food items in support of the North York Food Harvest!



We were joined by our Trustee Geri Gershon, and the Bayview Glen Grade 5 School Choir who sang a song written by our very own Parent Council Chair, Jack Lenz. Park Lane was able to raise approximately \$1,400 dollars through our Silent Auction and the purchasing of holiday cards, student art and gift items. In addition to raising money for our own school programs we also



School Council

Our School Council meets once a month.
Please join us on

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

@ 6:00 PM in the Life Skills Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Child care is provided. Please take this opportunity to meet Esther as well as other parents and staff from the Park Lane community.