



Park Lane Public School

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Dates to Remember:

December

- ❖ 4 engage ARTS – Dance Mentor
- ❖ 6 Staff Meetings
- ❖ 8 Bell Choir @ 10am
- ❖ 8 Community Basket-Wrapping + hot chocolate @ 12:30-2:30pm
- ❖ 13 Winter Concert 10:00 am
- ❖ 15 Hannukah Concert
- ❖ 18 Jacob's Family Musical Holiday Party 1-2:30pm
- ❖ 19 SST
- ❖ 20 Don Mills Collegiate Concert @ Park Lane – 10:15am
- ❖ 22 Last Day of School

December 25 – January 5 Winter Holidays

- ❖ *Jan 8 - First Day Back of School (Term 2)*

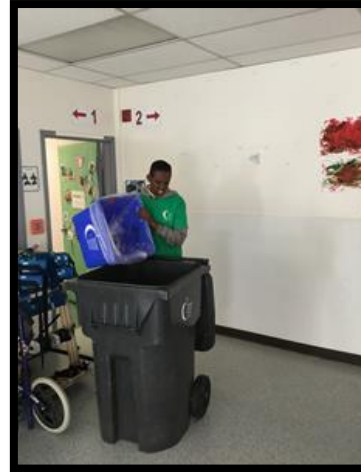
Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of November has been a busy one filled with learning, conversations, and trying new things. For 5 days this year, we have Janice Pomer, our artist-in-residence in the engageARTS Dance program who has been working with students from every class on dance and movement.

This amazing activity will be documented for our students and parents. Our students are also engaged with our Integration Best-Buddies Program with Bedford Park. Our friends from Bedford come over to Park Lane once every week to visit and learn with our students, in gym, art, circle-time, life skills and music.

Beginning in the middle of November, Park Lane started an "Enviro-Team of student workers", who have the responsibility of assisting with the recycling and green bin program.



This is part of our Experiential Learning-Work Skills program at Park Lane to help promote and teach work skills for Post-21 Independence.

More and more, you may receive photos and video documentation

from our staff capturing the many activities during the school day. We hope this will help to connect our parents with the action at the school as well as an excellent form of authentic assessment of our students' learning goals. Our students have been enjoying their swimming trips regularly. It is often the best part of their week. Throughout the week, there are numerous events and activities that our parents can get involved in.

We really encourage you to get involved, come swimming, visit and volunteer on trips. On November 29th, we had an amazing school council meeting, where parents came up with ideas to help with our Winter Holiday Concert.

Join us as we devote an afternoon for basket-wrapping, concert preparation and HOT CHOCOLATE on Friday, December 8th @ 12:30-2:30pm. And of course, don't miss our Winter Concert on Wednesday December 13th @ 10am!

Sincerely,
Esther

School Events

Watershed on Wheels (Tina F.)

In November, room two had their monthly activity where they invited the Watershed On Wheels program to Park Lane. This is a free community outreach program provided by the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority that ties in with our school's eco-initiatives. The presentation topic was "Needs of Living Things" where activities focused on animals using their five senses to survive in the wilderness. Students were divided into 3 small groups to maximize their time with the presenter. Activities included smelling flowers, hearing bird calls, feeling animal pelts, touching stuffed birds and watching a music video of the "Green Grass Goes All Around" song. Students learned the concept of habitat through dramatizations and dress up. There were costumes of birds and bees that students took turns wearing. The birds would take turns flapping their wings and sitting on a nest (brown bean bag chair). Students that wore the bee costumes would buzz around the gym to various locations to forage for food from flowers, go into a huge tunnel for shelter and taste a bee product (honey).



Remembrance Day (Debbie Y.)

On Friday November 10th, 2017 both staff and students gathered in the gym to hold a Remembrance Day ceremony.

Before the assembly took place two local mounted police came to visit the school. Students had a chance to take pictures and touch the horses.



Each class then took turns presenting about an animal that was significant during the war. The ceremony also included songs, poems and placing a poppy on a mural.



This mural was later picked up from the local legion, as well as the money that was collected from the poppies.



Room 3



Room 3 Staff - (left to right: Jean, Demetra, Kathryn, Vicki, Yan – (front)

Favourite Day: Day 1 because our students love Snoezelen Time & Music Appreciation at the Piano. We also have fun integrating with Bedford Park students every Day 3.

Favourite Activity: Our students enjoy the sensory stimulation of the great outdoors by going for walks around our lovely school grounds.

Favourite School-Wide Event: The Holiday Concert & Lunar New Year celebrations are always a good time!

Eco Corner (Erica D.)

Ecoschools had its official Kick-off earlier this month. We held an Earth Hour Power Down assembly, turning off all unnecessary electricity – extra lights, smartboards and computer monitors.

Students and Staff played a game of WHERE DOES IT GO?



By placing items that often get confused into the correct waste bin. Did you know plastic bags can go in recycling and wax paper cups need to go in the garbage? OY The headache! Have no fear sits like The Waste Wizards are here:

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/waste-wizard/>

Just type in any uncertain item to say where it goes. We also announced our recognition of November 24th as Buy Nothing Day, focusing our efforts on reusable materials such as Clothing.

Did you know that almost 100% of clothing is reusable, but up to 80% of unwanted clothes winds up in Landfills? OY VAY!

We are teaming up with Bag2School by hosting a Clothing Drive.

PLEASE SEND IN UNWANTED:

Footwear, mittens, towels, backpacks, outerwear, scarves, purses, soft bags, hats, belts, handbags, linens EVEN IF THEY ARE RIPPED

WE ARE ACCEPTING CLOTHES UP UNTIL DEC.13th @ 4:30 PM

Experiential Learning Program (Dave C.)

On Friday, November 24, we began an in school work program for a selected group of students. The program consists of Recycling and Green Bin collection on Days 1, 3 and 5. Work hours are from 1:30 to 2:00pm, whereby students, along with his/her supervisor, travel from classroom to classroom collecting bins. To simulate a work environment, students sign in and punch out for their work shift, and they wear a green TDSB t-shirt to be identified as a worker.

The purpose of this program is to simulate a work environment to prepare for future community opportunities. This pilot project will expand to greater tasks which will involve a greater number of our students.

We appreciate everyone's support in this pilot project. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

