



Park Lane Public School

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Issue 2

Dates to Remember:

November

- ❖ 1- Watershed on Wheels
- ❖ 10- Remembrance Day Assembly
- ❖ 15- Progress Reports Go Home
- ❖ 17- PA Day (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- ❖ 21- SST

December

- ❖ 8- Bell Choir
- ❖ 13- Winter Concert 10:00 am
- ❖ 20- Don Mills Collegiate Concert
- ❖ 22- Last Day of School
- ❖ 25-Jan 5- Winter Holidays
- ❖ Jan 8- First Day Back of School

Hernandez and Michelle Le Margueresse as parent representatives. This year, we would like to have one parent representative for every classroom on the council. This is an amazing opportunity to get involved, connect with other parents and have your input into the growth of the school. **We need you!** We welcome our parents to come with our classes when they go on fieldtrips, swimming and other special events. Don't be surprised if your child's teacher gives you an extra "nudge" to attend a swim trip, or special events this year – we hope you can join us whenever you can. Park Lane is such a unique place of learning. I believe we have a great responsibility to advocate for our students and their families to ensure equity of opportunity for our students' learning. Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback.

I invite you to our upcoming **Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th 2017 at 10:30am.**

Sincerely,
Esther

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to meet you during our Open House in October and celebrate the programs at Park Lane. I do hope this was a helpful opportunity to connect with other parents and some community agencies. We update our website on a weekly basis and endeavour to post helpful information for our parents. We are excited to welcome Jon Lasky to our School Council - he will be co-chairing with Jack Lenz, our alumni parent and community member. We also welcome Mindy Cash-Golosky (treasurer), Roccio



School Council Connection

We need you!!

Are you interested in providing feedback to your child's school?

Can you spare **ONE night a month** to come out and have an enjoyable time chatting with other parents?

- ❖ Child care is available
- ❖ Transportation can be subsidized
- ❖ Food is always delicious!

**Come out to our next meeting on
Wednesday, November 29th @ 7:00pm**

School Events

Open House (Hripsik Sarkissian)

What a warm and welcoming evening at Curriculum Night on October 18, 2017! Parents and caregivers were present at the opening of our newly revitalized Sensory Garden. Afterwards, they had an opportunity to connect with various community agencies in the Gym and collect much pertained information for their children.

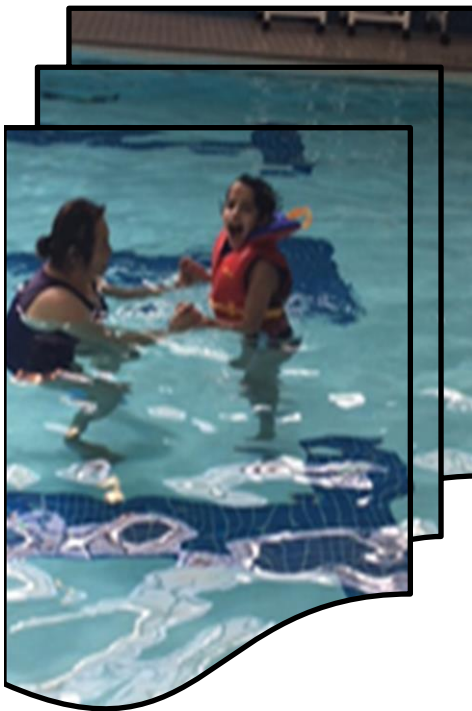
Our very dedicated staff participated eagerly in setting up and organizing the Open House. Some of them transferred the courtyard into an enchanting fall garden by decorating it with props, flowers and pumpkins. Some of them hosted the annual BBQ for the parents, visitors and staff and some of them set up the gym for Community agencies.

It was a well-organized collective effort to showcase our staff's strength and dedication to influence the learning and the wellbeing of our students. Thank you to the Boy Scouts of Canada for helping with the Barbeque.



Room 3 Swimming (Vicki A.)

Our school's swimming program at Bloorview, Sunnyview & Beverly has commenced and Room 3 couldn't be more excited! Students are riding the bus and enjoying sensory-packed swimming sessions at these locations. We look forward to many more!



Room 3 Integration Bedford Park (Vicki A.)

Room 3 enjoyed a Halloween celebration, of Art and Story-telling with our friends from Bedford Park. Reading Buddies sat in groups and read Halloween Stories, while Halloween Art was also completed and hung in the classroom. We shared stories of our spookiest costumes and our favourite treats! Happy Halloween!



Barrier Free Cross Country Meet (Dave C.)

On Friday, October 13th, a large group of Park Lane students and staff made their way down to Ashbridges Bay to run and roll in the annual Barrier Free Cross Country Meet.



Smiles and laughter was the recipe for the day, as Park Lane students raced while cheering fans encouraged them on! After the race, we had lunch down by the lake, and came back feeling exhausted but exhilarated from the day.

Mad Dog Scramble (Dave C.)

On Sunday, October 29th, 110 runners and their families descended onto Park Lane School to participate in the 26th annual Mad Dog Scramble, an 8 km trail run through Sunny Brook Park. Registration for the race began in our gym, followed by a warm up to music. Before the race, Dave Coutanche, a teacher at Park Lane, spoke to the runners about the students and staff at Park Lane, giving them an idea of what a special place our school is, and a glimpse into the intense nature of programming and care for our students. The XSNRG running club, who puts on the event, is looking to make a donation to our school.

Diwali Celebration in Room 5 (Anju P.)

Room 5 celebrated Diwali with Bedford School students by sharing the significance and ways to celebrate. The students made Rangoli design with a variety of coloured stencils and enjoyed the Bollywood music. We also shared and tasted Indian yummy snacks, such as "samosa" and "sweets". The staff and students were very happy and participated enthusiastically.

Fall Activities with Bedford School Students (Anju P.)

One of Room 5's teaching strategies is using theme based activities to understand the difference in different seasons, seasonal wears, celebrations and what seasons feel like. Fall is one of our favourite seasons. In the spirit of the season, activities were centered around apples, leaves and pumpkins. The students were involved and exposed to several special events such as, Thanksgiving and Halloween.



Our students, together with their peers from Bedford Park School, peeled apples to make apple sauce. They carved the pumpkin, felt the stringy pulp and decorated the pumpkin for the pumpkin contest. We played with the leaves, did arts and crafts activities, showed the colours and heard the crunching and rustling sounds. The amazing colours and sounds of leaves and the taste of apple sauce enhanced the beauty of the fall season!

Park Lane 2017 Halloween (Meera M.)

The day was filled with lots of candy, music and spooky pumpkins. The Parade started off the festivities followed by trick or treating with a dance in the afternoon. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to Halloween next year.



Winning Pumpkin!



Winning Student Costume!



Winning Staff Costume!

Room 2



Room 2 Staff

Interesting fact: Staff members organize their own birthday celebrations and supply the food. Joseph is always our invited guest.

Favourite School-Wide Activity

- Aida – Watching the holiday concert
- Cynthia - Dancing during African Heritage Month
- Diane – Creative movement during Asian Heritage Month
- Paula - I'm new and I can't wait to participate in upcoming celebrations!
- Tina - Any event involving food and dressing up

Preferred Classroom Activity

- Aida - Power walking around the school with Fatouma
- Cynthia - Strolling with Leon in the morning
- Diane - Delivering the attendance and flyers with Muhammed
- Paula - Feeding and socializing with Joy
- Tina - Stimulating Jacob and Anber in Snoezelen

What We Do In Our Free Time

- Aida - Put up decorations for special events and make flower arrangements
- Cynthia - Make calendars and grow flowers and vegetables in my garden
- Diane - Watch musicals and go for long walks with my son
- Paula - Relax, read the bible and sip coffee
- Tina - Eat new foods (e.g., cattails, raw chicken, whale meat and sea pineapples)

ECO kick off at Park Lane (Meera M.)

Park Lane's grand school wide ECO kick off was a huge success.

We all gathered in the open area, turning off the classroom lights and computers and came together for activities organized by Erica.

The focus this year is on Waste. We did a fun activity called "Where does it go?"



where students and staff had to guess which bins the different products went into. It was a friendly reminder to all. E.g. wipes go in the garbage.

We talked of our Clothing Drive to a company called bag2school, waste from an aboriginal perspective; First Nations and Inuit would often build their villages with biodegradable products and we finished off with our Cuban/ Brazilian drums.

Everyone had fun and learned something new as well.



A Trip To The Toronto Zoo (Dave J.)

On October 27th Park Lane staff and the students went to discover the Toronto Zoo. It was a gorgeous and sunny day; the perfect day for a walk around the zoo! Together with staff, students, and parent volunteers, we explored the many hills and valleys of the enormous Toronto Zoo.

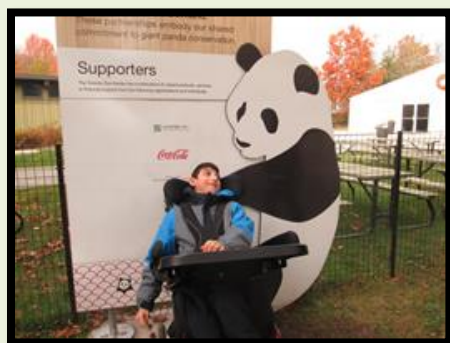


We saw fall decorations for Halloween, tigers, penguins, peacocks, gorillas, beautiful tropical birds, and lots of fish, reptiles, warthogs, zebras and a hippo resting in the water.

The most exciting moment of our trip was meeting the popular panda pair - Er Shun and Da Mao. We visited the Gorilla Rainforest as well.

We enjoyed lunch at the indoor picnic tables in a beautiful restaurant. Then we explored the zoo more until it was time to head back to Park Lane School.

Overall, it was a fantastic and memorable trip for everyone!!



Helpful Information for Parents

Access 2

The Access 2 card is for people of all ages and types of permanent disabilities who require the assistance of a support person at hundreds of participating entertainment, cultural and recreational venues across Canada.

<http://access2card.ca/>

A support person is an adult who accompanies a person with a permanent disability to assist with services that are not provided by the employees at the participating venue, such as assistance with eating, administering medication, communication and use of the facilities.

Trustee Community Coffee Get Together



You are invited to join Trustee Gerri Gershon & Parents and Friends of Schools in Don Valley West.

Wednesday, November 15th, 2017, Longo's on Laird (2nd floor) 9:15am

Join us for the first Community Coffee of the 2017-2018 school year.

Swimming with your Child

Hey Parents!

Why not pack your "swim gear" – and come swim with your child?

Both you and your child will have a grand time!!

