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Fall Y'all



# Park Lane Public School

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**Issue 1**

## Dates to Remember:

### November

- ❖ 8- Jazz Concert
- ❖ 11- Remembrance Day Assembly
- ❖ 25- SST AM
- ❖ 12- Progress Reports go home
- ❖ 15- PA Day (Parent Teacher Conferences)

### December

- ❖ 5- Winter Concert 10:15 am
- ❖ 6- PA Day
- ❖ 19- Don Mills Concert
- ❖ 20- Last Day of School
- ❖ 24- until Jan 4- Winter Holidays
- ❖ Jan 6- First Day Back to School

We started off the school year taking advantage of the good weather. In addition to working on our school routines, students enjoyed going for walks and playing with bubbles. As we moved into the fall, we raised money for Terry Fox, went to Ashbridges Bay for Cross Country, and celebrated Halloween with our integration buddies from Bedford Park Public School.

Coming up, we are looking forward to our Remembrance Day Assembly and Winter Concert. We know it can be hard for parents and guardians to visit the school, but we encourage you to come join us at these events as well as others; the students enjoy seeing family members at school.

## Principal's Corner

First, I want to welcome back returning families and offer a welcome to new families. We know how busy the first term can be with all the paperwork and getting back into the school routine, and we appreciated your prompt responses.



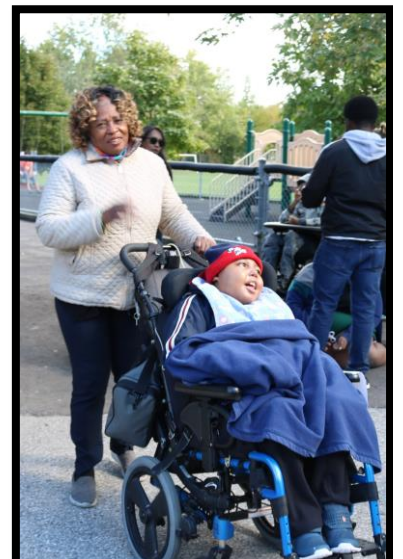


# School Events

## *Terry Fox* (Dave J.)



On October 4<sup>th</sup> the staff and students at Park Lane walked and rolled around the perimeter of the school for our annual Terry Fox fundraiser. For the past 15 years we have kept the memory of Terry and his legacy of hope for cancer patients and survivors alive. It was a great day for the event and everyone involved put in an extraordinary effort for an even greater cause.





## Park Lane 2019 Halloween (Meera M.)

Both staff and students had fun dressing up and participating in the Parade and Trick or Treating in the morning. Some classes were joined by their Best Buddies from Bedford Park. In the Afternoon the festivities continued with the students' boogying down in the gym to a mixture of Halloween and dance music.



## Barrier Free Cross Country Meet (Meera M.)

It was a blustery day on Thursday, October 17th, when 4 classes from Park Lane made their way down to Ashbridges Bay via Wheel-Trans to "walk and wheel" in the annual Barrier Free Cross Country Meet.

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



# Room 1

Meera, Ada, Stacey and Jonita, (Trichanne is currently on Maternity leave)



## Favourite foods:

Meera: Punjabi  
Ada: Sea food  
Stacey: Popeyes  
Jonita: Chinese

## Favourite Author/book:

Meera: Karin Slaughter  
Ada: Jin Yung  
Stacey: newspaper/magazines  
Jonita: *Ghost Boy*

## Favourite movie:

Meera: *Madame X*  
Ada: *Sound of Music*  
Stacey: *Pitch Perfect* and *Dirty Dancing*  
Jonita: *When a Man Loves a Woman*

## Countries we would love to visit:

Meera: India  
Ada: U.K  
Stacey: Ireland  
Jonita: Africa

## Pet Peeves:

Meera: Insincerity  
Stacey: People who talk too much  
Jonita: Pretentious people

# Room 2



**Members:** Muna and Diane  
Aida and Tina, Bill (absent)

## Preferred Pastimes



Tina: Binging on food and Hong Kong dramas  
Aida: Word searches, music, eating and watching TV  
Diane: Word searches, music and yoga  
Muna: Somalian music

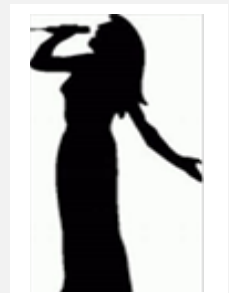
## Favourite Foods

Tina: Anything ethnic and exotic  
Aida: Mild foods  
Diane: Spicy foods  
Muna: Basmati rice



## Alternative Career Choice

Tina: Accountant  
Aida: Artist of handicrafts  
Diane: Singer in a musical  
Muna: Chef



## Places I would like to visit:

Tina: Bhutan and New Zealand  
Aida: Philippines and New Jersey  
Diane: China, Greece, Spain and Paris  
Muna: Somalia





# Experiential Learning program at Park Lane (Anju P.)

Park Lane started off the recycling and seasonal jobs program Wednesday, October 28 Day, so the students can have more job embedded opportunities. Four classes (Rooms 1, 5, 8 and 9) have signed up for the program; Classes will have their own classroom chart and will decide which student will take part in the recycling program.

The goal of all four classes is that we want our students to be engaged and independent to their full potential. These job embedded activities will meet the goals for communication and other subject area. The recycling program will run throughout the year along with other seasonal jobs: Winter, shoveling the driveway, throwing the salt, spring, cleaning the yard, planting and watering the plants.

Room 5; also designed a program for the students to manage in the community to increase students' self-regulation and social skills (e.g., TTC training and life skills beyond school and community recreation opportunities). By participating in the Experiential Learning Program, students will be more familiar with community services (e.g., TTC, libraries, malls, grocery stores and bowling alleys) which will increase students' functional academics, self-regulation, social and communication skills.

The students will demonstrate how to cope in different social settings by accessing the community services. They will learn to demonstrate appropriate behaviour when taking the TTC, using tokens, eating in the food court, making a grocery list, locating items on shelves, choosing grocery items from the list and exchanging money to buy the items. The next day students will participate in a cooking program by learning food preparation and cooking their lunch.



# Park Lane's New Additions



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Hello Park Lane community, my name is **Jessika Hopkins** I am the new Child and Youth Worker of room 8. I knew from an early age I wanted to work with children and I was able to accomplish my goal when I graduated from Sheridan college advanced CYW program in 2012.

I have had many experiences since college and look forward to sharing these experiences with the team and students of Park Lane public school.

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My name **Ran Bartholomew**. I am new to the Park Lane Public School family. I am currently working as a Child and Youth Worker in Room 9. I am a graduate of the child and youth care bachelors program, and have been working a child and youth worker for 8 years. **Fun Facts:** I am a second cousin to Malcom "x" little.

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My name is Maxine Ioannides and I want to wish all of our families at Park Lane a warm welcome back. I am the Room 9 teacher at Park Lane; I was previously the gym teacher at Park Lane in 2017/2018 school year.

The Picture to the right shows my young family, my husband, my 4 year old daughter, 17 month old son and I. I have just returned to Park Lane from maternity leave and wanted to let you know about myself. Besides being a proud parent, I have been working with the Toronto District School Board for 6 years as a teacher.

I have always had a great interest in child development and Special Education. I obtained my B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Ryerson University, and later went on to attain my B.Ed at York University.

I am excited about the opportunity to work in Room 9 at Park Lane and have thoroughly enjoyed the first couple of months at the school!

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