

# Park Lane Public School

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Issue 1

## Dates to Remember:

### November

- ❖ Hindu Heritage Month
- ❖ Indigenous Education Month
- ❖ 13 – Diwali (Hindu Festival)
- ❖ 11 – Remembrance Day
- ❖ 14-21 – anti-bullying awareness and prevention week
- ❖ 18th – Virtual Open House @ 1:00 pm
- ❖ 25 – Int'l Day for the elimination of violence against women
- ❖ TBD – Virtual School Council

The students have transitioned very well to coming back to Park Lane Public School, seeing the staff in all of our PPE, and logging into the virtual lessons while at home.



## Principal's Corner

Welcome back to a very special school year. We really took advantage of the beautiful weather in the fall and ran many lessons outside.



During September and October, we had a great time on community walks, participating in the Terry Fox walk, during Halloween, and being back at school. This newsletter will highlight some of the experiences our students have had over the last two months.

We look forward to many more great times together!

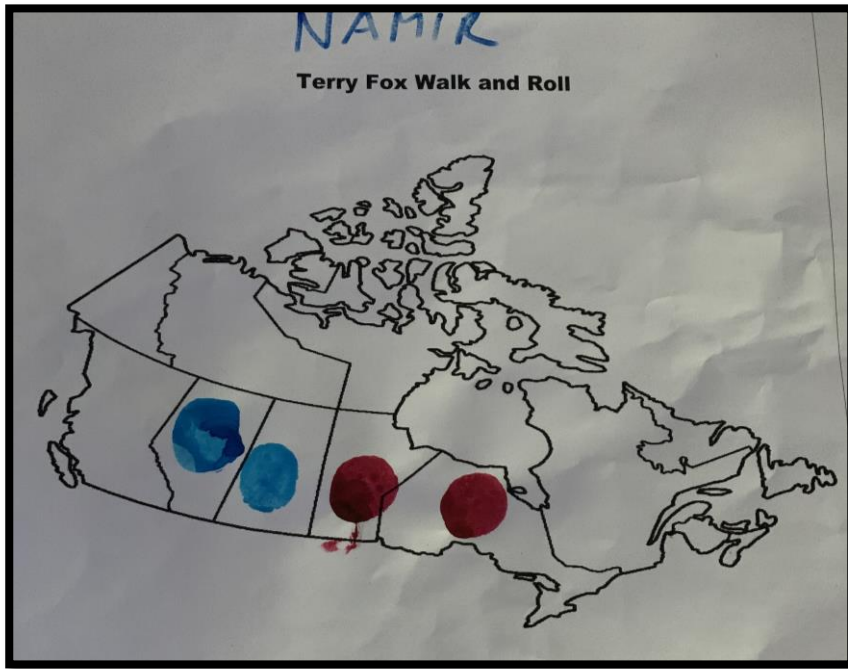
Check the Park Lane activities website:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/park-laneps-2020activity-site/home>

# School Events

## Terry Fox (*Anju P.*)

On a cool, wet Tuesday, October 14th morning, Park Lane Public School staff and students walked for Terry Fox. The students and staff walked around the school block and got stamps on the Canada Map for each province; kudos to those who did the full ten laps to get ten stamps. Our Principal and Vice-Principal, Lindsay Borden and Maria Ginis, were there to cheer and walk with the students. Thanks to Room 8 staff, especially Dave, for organizing this inspiring event and Tania for managing the lap stamping station.



## Online/Virtual learning (*Maxine J.*)

Virtual learning is a new way for the students and families to keep connected and learn during this unprecedented time. It happens every day from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Students can join a morning circle that is engaging and fun with many different types of activities.

Parents will receive a copy of the upcoming weeks activities every Friday to prepare and gather materials. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces.



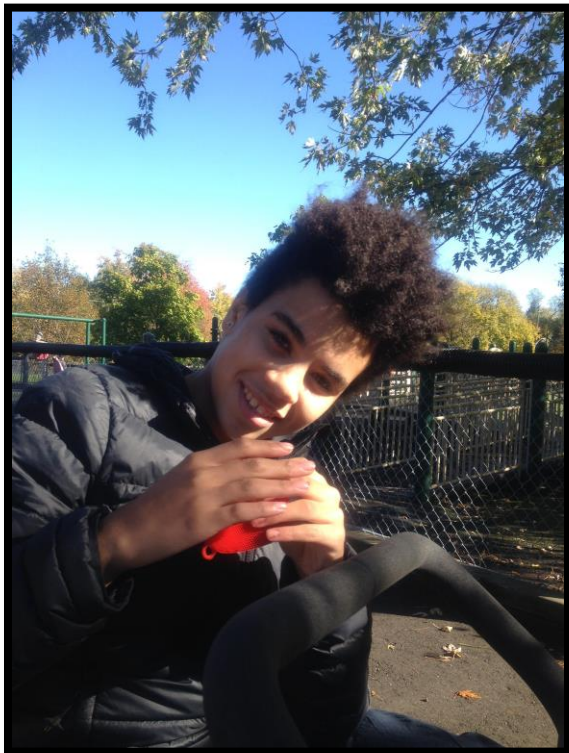
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## Room 10 Favourite Activities

*(Eleanor M.)*

We have had a busy few weeks in Room 10! We have three students who are new to Park Lane Public School and one student who was in Room 9 last year. Four of our educators have been at Park Lane for many years. Debbie and Seema were in Room 10 last year and Melissa and Fariba have joined us from Room 9. Eleanor is a new teacher at Park Lane.

We have had lots of fun so far! We've walked and biked to Edwards Gardens, in the community, and around the school grounds. We have made many works of art, made some colourful playdough together, celebrated a birthday, listened to lots of songs on the Interactive White Board, and busied ourselves with some interesting gross motor and fine motor activities, including beading, puzzles, and bowling. We're looking forward to discovering new activities to do together!



## Room 1 Favourite Activities

*(Dianne F.)*

Some of our favourite activities in room one are going for long community walks, arts and crafts, and listening to some of our favourite songs on the Smart Board while dancing along.



We have been practicing good hand hygiene by washing our hands along to one of our favourite songs/videos- "Wash your hands" by the singing Walrus.

We also enjoy our time playing the piano and relaxing in the comfy chairs and swings in the common area.



# Halloween *(Dianne F. & Paula B.)*

Park Lane celebrated Halloween on Friday, October 30th. In the morning, students enjoyed a costume parade around the perimeter of the school. We participated in a scavenger hunt along the field and the haunted playground area on our walk.

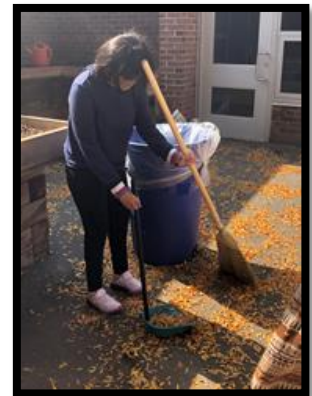
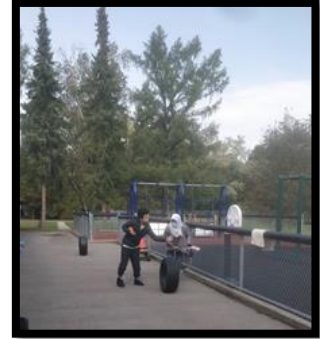
In the afternoon, we had lots of fun listening to Halloween music and creating Halloween crafts. We also had a pumpkin decorating contest, and all of our creations were displayed in the courtyard. Students were sent home with a special treat pre-packaged bag and the crafts they created to enjoy at home.



# Life Skills and Gym Check *(Meera M.)*

The students have been participating in many functional, sensory, and fun activities in gym and life skills. We have planted garlic, hyacinth, and tulip bulbs. We can't wait to see the beautiful flowers and garlic in the Spring. We also did yard cleaning, raking, and made bird feeders using pine cones. Gym included circuit activities, a sensory scavenger hunt, and lots of walking outdoors.

Here are some pictures of our activities:



# Room 1

**Room 1 staff:** Jonita, Stacey, Nusrat and Dianne

## Jonita



**Favourite foods:** Chipotle  
**Favourite movies:** Dirty Dancing  
**Countries we would love to visit:** Germany and Africa  
**Preferred past times:** Cooking, crafts and decorating

## Stacey



**Favourite foods:** Pizza and Manchu wok  
**Favourite movies:** Pitch perfect and Dirty Dancing  
**Countries we would love to visit:** Ireland or The Maldives  
**Preferred past times:** Cottaging, hiking, boating and music

## Nusrat



**Favourite foods:** Biryani Rice  
**Favourite movies:** Bollywood movies  
**Countries we would love to visit:** Bangladesh  
**Preferred past times:** Listening to music

## Dianne



**Favourite foods:** Mexican food and Italian food  
**Favourite movies:** Catch me if you can  
**Countries we would love to visit:** Italy  
**Preferred past times:** Hiking, cooking, listening to music, anything outdoors

# Room 2



**Members:** Diane, Aida, Muno, Tina, Ivana

## Preferred subject(s) in school

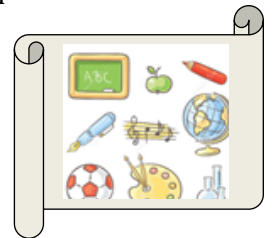
**Tina:** Family studies (cooking and sewing)

**Aida:** Art, Tagalog and English

**Diane:** History

**Ivana:** Biology

**Muna:** Group Quran class



## Favourite song(s)

**Tina:** Cantonese songs

**Aida:** *Perfect* (Ed Sheeran) and *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*

**Diane:** *If I Could Touch the Hem of His Garment* (gospel)

**Ivana:** *Ave Maria* (classical)

**Muna:** Old Somalian songs



## Favourite TV show(s)

**Tina:** *Amazing Race*

**Aida:** *CSI Miami* and *New York*

**Diane:** *Gauthier Brothers* (spiritual)

**Ivana:** *The Office*

**Muna:** Shows about world history



# Park Lane's New Additions

Hello Everyone, My name is Maria Ginis, and I'm delighted to begin my third year as Vice Principal at Park Lane.

Having been transferred from Seneca School, another Congregated school, I bring my knowledge and experience working with staff to support students with a variety of exceptionalities, including Developmental Disability.

With over 22 years of experience as an educator, my leadership passions include equity, innovation, and building strong, productive relationships with families in order to benefit our students.



My name is Shae. I'm a new Educational Assistant at Park Lane public school. I've heard so many amazing things, and I'm so excited to be a part of the Park Lane family.

I'm passionate about working with individuals with special needs. Although I teach individuals with special needs, I learn from them every day.

It has been my pleasure to have already met some of these incredible students. I look forward to getting to know the students I haven't yet had the chance to meet!

G'day Everyone,

My name is Matthew Duff, and I am the new teacher in Room 6 at Park Lane this year. As you can tell by my funny accent, I am not Canadian, but Australian. I have worked at lots of other schools, including Sunny View, Milne Valley and Forest Manor, and done lots of other things: in banking, finance, and retail.

I moved to Canada in 2013 because of a girl (who is now my wife) and to train as a teacher. I have three wonderful children, Emma, who is 4, Jacob, who is two, and Elizabeth, who is six months old; as well as a bear-sized dog called Yossarian.

I love music, travel, being a dad, comic books, video games, cricket, Australian football, and being a teacher. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone this year.



# Park Lane's New Additions

I am thrilled to be a new teacher at Park Lane Public School this year. I have been with the TDSB since 2013 and taught as an occasional teacher before joining Park Lane.

I enjoyed all the opportunities I had teaching at different schools and with many different students.

From those experiences, I discovered I am drawn to students with exceptionalities. I am really looking forward to learning from, and working with, everyone at Park Lane!

Teaching is my third career. Before I obtained my teaching degree, I worked as a developmental editor for Pearson Canada. I have also been a freelance editor for many years. Prior to my work in publishing, I worked with new Canadians in Edmonton.

I supported newcomers with their language, and education, and career planning. I live with my husband and two cats. In the summertime, we enjoy sailing and spending time at our trailer.



Hello Park Lane community,  
My name is Dianne and I am the new teacher in room 1. I am very excited to be a part of the Park Lane team!

I have always had a passion for working with children and Special education.

I started my career working at the local YMCA as a teenager in my hometown of Peterborough, Ontario.

After graduation, I moved to Toronto and got my diploma in Early Childhood Education.

While working as an ECE part time, I got my Bachelor of Arts in Children Studies, followed by my Bachelor of Education.

This will be my sixth year working as a teacher for the TDSB. So far the school year is off to a great start and I can't wait to make more memories here at Park Lane.