



Park Lawn JMS Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Thank you to all of the members of our Park Lawn community who turned out for our first Pot Luck event. It was wonderful to see so many families sharing food and getting to know each other. We definitely need to make this an annual event!

Parent Volunteers are such a big part of what makes Park Lawn a wonderful school. We truly appreciate all of the parents who help us out by preparing, delivering and cleaning up our daily snack - the students love it! We also appreciate the parent volunteers who participate on field trips, during special class activities, and at full school events. By giving some of your time to our school, you help us provide exciting opportunities for all of our students.

Our Lost and Found bins are overflowing with a variety of clothing items, lunch bags, and boots. Please drop by the school and have a look in these bins if your child is missing some clothing items!

Daylight Savings Time begins during the first weekend of the March Break. Clocks must be turned ahead 1 hour in the early morning of Sunday March 10th.

Our March Break begins on Monday March 11th and ends on Friday March 15th. There will be no school that week, but we will see all staff and students back at Park Lawn on Monday March 18th!

- Lisa Handiak

School Advisory Council

Our first ever Community Potluck was a great success. The food was the delicious and the company was fantastic. A big thank you to Deirdre Cleveland for her hard work. Thank you to the staff for all of their help and to all those who participated.

The Dance-A-Thon took place on February 9th, and once again, the support of our school community was amazing! The fundraising portion of the event was incredible with over \$8000.00 collected. The money raised will continue to improve our children's experience at Park Lawn, and so we thank all of you! A special thanks to those who donated prizes (big and small), to the student council, Mr. Wilks, Ms. Flemming and Ms. MacKendrick! It would not have been a success without you.

On Tuesday April 23rd from 6:30pm-8:00pm, we will be hosting a parent workshop on "Managing Meanness by Cultivating Kindness" put on by Arts Express. A student workshop on the same topic will take place during school hours. The date has yet to be determined.

Park Lawn Palooza will be held on Friday, May 24th. This is a huge event, which requires many volunteers. If you are interested in helping (even for an hour), or donating to this amazing event, please contact: Laina Taylor (lainataylor@hotmail.com) for volunteers and Tomiko Taylor (tomikotaylor@gmail.com) for sponsorship/silent auction.

There will be no SAC meeting in March, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm in the Library. As always, if you have questions or comments, please email either one of us at the addresses below. We hope everyone enjoys their break in March, see you in April!

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High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation. As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

TDSB Earth Hour 2019

On Friday, March 29th, schools across the TDSB are recognizing Earth Hour from 2-3pm. Schools are asked to reduce their electricity usage for one hour.



During Earth Hour, our school will be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, and gyms. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend.

More information is available on the EcoSchools website at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools>.

Dates to Remember - April 2019

April 2: SAC Meeting @7:00

April 10: Badminton Tournament @JSB

April 19: Good Friday (no school)

April 22: Easter Monday (no school)

April 23: Parent Workshop (see information above in SAC article)

April 24: Pizza Day