



Percy Williams' Post

April News

Everyone could not be happier with the arrival of spring and the return to warmer temperatures and longer days. It was a long winter and the abundance of snow and ice made getting outside sometimes a little challenging. February and March were busy months at Percy Williams. It was wonderful to see so many of our families out for our Junior Arts Evening before the break, our Cuddle up and Read evening in February, our Percy Williams' School Night at Chapters Indigo and finally the WUSHU Projects Lion Dance presentation at which we welcomed our new Trustee Yalini Rajakulasingam. This past Friday, we wrapped up the month of March with our Greek Heritage and Honesty assembly which featured traditional Greek dancing and a rap song about Greek Mythology. This month is Sikh Heritage Month in the TDSB and our character attribute is Co-operation. The upcoming months are shaping up to be even busier with a bustle of school activities and events underway. Rehearsals are ongoing for our spring Musical production of *Oliver Twist* which will be presented on May 15th & 16th. Our school track & Field Day will be held in late April for Grades 3-6 and our area meet at Birchmount Stadium is scheduled for May 13th. Also in May, our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be writing EQAO the last two weeks. There are also a multitude of classroom trips, school clubs and theme days coming as we move towards the end of the year. Speaking of next year, much planning at this time is in preparation for our September Start up, when students will return to school after the summer break. We are currently working on our 2018-2019 staffing model, which outlines how our classes will be organized for next year. The staff and the school council have input into the class organization which is determined by the number of students enrolled per grade, the provincial class size caps and the model that is the most conducive to student success. Typically, our model has a variety of both combined and straight grades. Also, we are still taking registration for Kindergarten next year so if you know any families in the areas that have still not registered their child remind them to do so. We will be hosting our "Welcome to Kindergarten Evening in late May, for any parents who have a child who has registered for Junior Kindergarten this fall.

A big thank you to our School Community Council for their support of our Arts evening and Chapters School Night. Our school council has a number of fundraising initiatives coming up in April including a Movie Matinee, another Pizza lunch and our much-anticipated School Dance-A-Thon coming on Friday, May 3rd. The Pizza lunches and Movie registration are all available on Cash-on-line. We have almost 100 percent of our families now signed up to this system. Thank you for your support of all our school initiatives and helping to make our school an engaging and active place to be. Remember to check our school Website regularly with an improved Calendar feature and a translate button at the top so that you can access the site in your preferred language. Just a reminder that the Easter weekend is later this year, Good Friday is April 19th and Easter Monday is April 22nd. Happy Spring everyone and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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Stay Informed

Walking Wednesdays

For the next four Wednesdays in April we are encouraging parents to walk your child to school on these days. Walking is a great form of exercise and allows you an opportunity to engage with the surrounding community and other parents. Also, when more parents leave the car at home we have less congestion, less pollution from idling cars and fewer incidents of cars illegally parking, completing U-turns or any other driving violations that potentially put our students at risk. If you must drive, please use the Kiss and Ride option to reduce traffic on the street. Let's all do our part to support the environment and ensure a safe place for all students.

EQAO

All Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be completing the standardized test the last two weeks in May in Math, Reading and Writing. The tests are a measure of student readiness at the end of the primary schooling (Grade 3) and at the end of their Junior years (Grade 6). The Grade 3s and 6s will be writing the week of May 21st and May 27th. Please try to make every effort to have your child in school for these two weeks. More information will follow. If you would like to find out more about the provincial testing please visit the EQAO site. <http://www.eqao.com/en>



Movie Matinee

We are holding our first Movie Matinee on April 11th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the gym for any students interested in attending. The movie featured is the **Incredibles II**. If your child would like to participate the cost is \$3.00 each. The price includes a drink and a snack. Students will be dismissed at 5:00 PM at their regular classroom door. Parents, please be on time to pick up your child. To sign your child up please go to the Cash on Line link.

<https://tdsb.schoocashonline.com>

Summer School

Summer school programs for the month of July will be offered at Macklin Public School and Brimwood Jr. Public school beginning on Wednesday, July 3rd. Applications can be found on our school's website, or you can stop by the office and pick up an application. All completed forms along with a copy of your child's most recent report card are to be returned to the office to be signed and will be forwarded to the appropriate school. For a full list of summer school locations throughout the TDSB go to

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>

Oliver Twist



Our Staff and students have been rehearsing twice a week since January preparing for the musical Oliver Twist. The production is coming together really well and we are excited to see the finished production. Information will be coming home soon about ticket sales. The production will be presented on Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th. Be sure to join us on one or both of those dates for an exciting and entertaining evening.

Pizza Days

We have three remaining Pizza Days in the year: Thursday, April 18th, Friday May 24th, and Friday June 14th. All orders are to be completed on the School's Cash on-line system. Money raised supports your school community council and their fundraising that directly supports the school.

Upcoming Dates

April 11th – Movie Matinee 3:30 – 5:00 PM
April 18th – Pizza Day
April 10th - Day of Pink
April 19th – Good Friday (Holiday)
April 22nd – Easter Monday (Holiday)
April 30th – Folkdance Jamboree
April 30th – May 2 – Dental Screening
May 3rd – School Dance-A-Thon
May 13th – Area Track & Field Meet (Birchmount)
May 15th & 16th – School Musical “Oliver Twist”
May 21st – June 3rd EQAO Grade 3s & 6s
May 30th – Junior’s trip to Harbourfront
June 7th – PA Day
June 25th – Report Cards Home
June 25th – Grade 6 Graduation (1:30PM)
June 26th – Senior Kindergarten Graduation
June 27th – Last Day of School