

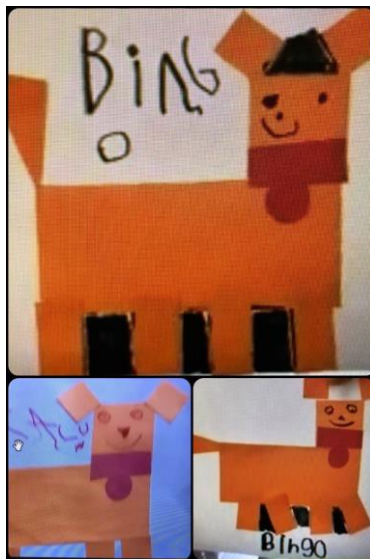
Friday, May 14, 2021

Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe.

**Please see below for our updates:**

**News from Ms. DeClute's Kindergarten Class**



The Kindergarten students in Rm 109 have been working hard during Remote Learning. This week we created a dog out of different shapes. We called it BINGO after the song we sing. – Ms. DeClute

**News from Ms. Rowan's Grade 3 Class**



In Social Studies we have been learning about life in Early Canada and especially how much the early settlers learned from the First Nations people. We had an opportunity to

participate in a live session from Science North in Sudbury to learn about the creativity and ingenuity of First Nations people. We have also been reading a lot and have now read over 2500 books on Epic! – Ms. Rowan

### **COVID-19 Child Benefit**

The new [COVID-19 Child Benefit](#) announced in the [2021 Ontario Budget](#) will provide direct payments to families and students to help with additional costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you received a payment through the Support for Learners program, you do not need to apply. Starting on April 26, 2021, the government will begin issuing additional payments of:

- \$400 for each child or youth up to Grade 12
- \$500 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs
- If you missed applying for the Support for Learners program, you will have the opportunity to apply for this new round of payment. Applications will open from May 3, 2021 to May 17, 2021.

### **Spelling Bee of Canada 2021 Competition**

[Spelling Bee of Canada](#) is pleased to announce that registration for its 2021 Competition is now open. Participation is voluntary and extracurricular. Students who join will be supported by their teachers, mentors and volunteer coaches, but we will also need a commitment from the parent/guardian to encourage their child/children to study on their own on a regular basis.

[Registration](#) is open from April 1st to May 31st, 2021 and the price per child ranges from \$40.00 for the basic package to \$85.00 for the expert package. Each registrant receives the official spelling E-study guide in pdf format for their age category and the opportunity to compete in the local virtual chapter spelling bee competition. Higher tiers also include additional study resources and access to coaching and events – the accompanying registration form gives each package’s full details.

Regional competitions will take place online during July and August 2021. Every child will receive a participation certificate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category will receive cash prizes and medallions. The 1st place winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Online Championship Final on October 3, 2021.

The Spelling Bee programme has three age categories: Primary (ages 6-8, born 2012-2014), Junior (ages 9-11, born 2009-2011), and Intermediate (ages 12-14, born 2006-2008). Students will be placed in one of the three categories based on their age as of December 31, 2020.

Every year the children are asked to nominate their unsung hero and write an essay, the topic for the essay this year is “How do you stay connected with friends, family and loved ones during the pandemic? The instructions will be listed in each e-study guide per category.

How to register? You can register for the 2021 Spelling Bee Competition at [www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration](http://www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration)

What are the Payment Options? Parent/Guardian directly registers their child online. See below:

1. Parent/Guardian visit: [www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration](http://www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration)

2. Parent/Guardian completes the registration steps as outlined on the website.
3. Accepted payment methods online\* Visa, Mastercard, PayPal, Debit.

\*Please note that if you cannot pay by the above options, please connect with SBOC headquarters (info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca or call 416-746-0072) to make alternative arrangements.

For any questions, please contact Julie Spence at [info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca](mailto:info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca)

### **Planning for Next School Year**

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of this school year and are beginning to plan for next year! As we begin to engage in planning, it would be helpful for us to be aware of our families, who may be moving to a new location. If your children will not be attending our school next year, please email our office administrator Lori Humber at [Lori.Humber@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Lori.Humber@tdsb.on.ca).

### **Elementary Summer School 2021 – Registration Now Open!**

The focus of the Elementary Summer School Program is to support student learning and engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus.

Thirty-eight programs are offered to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, from July 5 – 30, 2021 through virtual instruction.

Registration is now open! [Click here](#) for a full list of participating schools and registration information.

**Have a great weekend 😊**

Krishna Kumar