

The Waterfront School

December Newsletter 2019
From Ms. Harvey, Principal



Important Updates

Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 – Winter Break

Jan. 6, 2020 School Begins

Jan. 17 – P.A. Day, No School for Students

Feb. 10 – School Council Meeting 5.p.m

Feb. 12 – Reports Go Home

Feb. 13 pm & 14 am- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Feb. 14 – P.A. Day, No School for Students

Feb. 17 – Family Day, School is closed

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Holiday Greetings

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday full of great memories with the ones that you love. I am looking forward to celebrating Christmas with my family and enjoying a few more hours of sleep. I wish you happy celebrations with your family and friends. I want to thank you for making The Waterfront School such a great place to be. Have a wonderful, relaxing break and we will see you back at the school on Monday January 6, 2020!

Season Greetings to you from The Waterfront Staff. (Can you see that we are ready for some sleep?)



Remembrance Day

We joined together with students from City School for our Remembrance Day assembly. It was lovely to have some of our parents join us. Our special guest speaker, Reserve Officer Kevin Vuong, of HMCS York, spoke to us about his role and the role of HMCS York in keeping people safe. We were very lucky to have a student from City School play the last post on his trumpet. Each class reflected on peace and their actions to promote peace. Students created wreaths to share their thoughts and actions.



Kindness and Caring; Surpassing our goal



Officers from 14 Division came to pick up all of the food donations that were brought into the school. We had set a goal of 500 items. Our final total was 770 items. Amazing! We know that this will help a lot of people. Thank you so much for your support. The office brought in the most food per person but we deferred the prize to the next highest class which was Mr. Earl's grade 4/5 class. They brought in an average of almost 12 items per person. They will have the opportunity to have a friendly game of dodge ball with the officers from 14 Division. Congratulations everyone for making a positive difference.

Coat Donations

Thank you for all of the donations that you sent in of gently used coats. We had a tremendous response. Officer Gribbon came by to collect them and take them to give to people who need them. We know that they will be used to keep others warm.

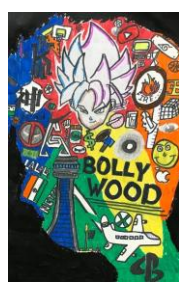


Winter Holiday Concert

Our students and staff were so proud and excited to share their presentations with parents and the community at our Winter Holiday concert. It was a pleasure to have our guest musical instructors attend as well. Mr. Kwasi Dunyo led our 7&8 students in some traditional drumming and dancing from Ghana. Ms. Renata Hunt our Itinerant Orff Music Teacher led the students in several numbers using instruments.



We also had on display student artwork which was inspired by the theme of identity. Thank you so much to all of the families that joined us for this wonderful evening to celebrate with music our students' success.



Who is a Waterfront Student?

At our final assembly of 2019, we joined together in the gym to sing some holiday songs and to recognize students who are leaders in demonstrating the skills of a Waterfront Student. Two students from each class received a certificate for their outstanding work. We look forward to recognizing more students in the new year for their positive leadership.

Bicycle Safety

We were so happy to welcome Officer Gribbon to our school to teach some of our younger students how to ride a bicycle and all about bicycle safety.



Digital Library

Remember that your child can access great resources for learning on the TDSB Virtual Library. You can reach this site from the Toronto District School Boards web page.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/>

Junior Extended French (Gr. 4 Entry) Parent/Guardian Information Sessions

This year, there will be two virtual (online webchat) information sessions for parents/guardians interested in the Junior Extended French (Gr. 4 entry) application process. Please note the following dates/times of the Virtual Information sessions below:

Session	Date	Time
Virtual (online webchat) Information Session	January 16, 2020	7-8pm
Virtual (online webchat) Information Session	January 28, 2020	10-11am

For more information, please contact:
FSL Program Coordinator, Kirsten Johnston at kirsten.johnston@tdsb.on.ca
Centrally Assigned Principal, Angela Caccamo at angela.caccamo@tdsb.on.ca

School Council

Our School Council is organizing a **Chess Club** for students during lunch. This will start January 22, 2020 and run for 8 weeks. See the attached flyer. [Chess Club Information.](#) You can email the School Council at SC.TheWaterfrontSchool@tdsb.on.ca if you need more information.

A reminder about FlipGive. If you haven't finished your Christmas shopping this is a great idea for purchasing gift cards and at the same time raising money for our school. When you purchase a gift card from FlipGive, the school receives a percentage to use to purchase needed items. Follow the links from the FlipGive site or through the App (download the app [here](#)). Click [here](#) for a list of brands that earn donations with each online purchase through FlipGive.

We are starting **School Cash Online**. This is an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips. For more information and to sign up, click on the attached link. [School Cash Online Information.](#)

The next School Council Meeting is February 10 at 5pm

Nutrition Program Volunteers Needed

Can you spare an hour or more in the morning to help prepare the morning meal for our students? Please call the office if you are available.

Supply Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

Are you interested in being a lunchroom supervisor? This is a paid TDSB position. Please call the office if you are interested.

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