

# The Waterfront School

June 2019 Newsletter

From Ms. Harvey, Principal



## Important dates

Sept. 4 – School Starts @ 8:40 am

June 28 - P.A. Day

June 27 - Last day of school for students

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## Principal's Message

I have really enjoyed my first year at The Waterfront School and getting to know the wonderful students and parents. Our partnership with the School Council has helped us to plan many events for our families including the lovely summer picnic we celebrated together last Friday. All of the students have grown so much over the year and they are ready to move up to the next grade in September. We had lots of opportunities this year to celebrate student learning, most recently at our Spring Concert and Musical.

I wish you a wonderful summer with happy memories of sharing experiences with your children. I also want to wish our grade 8 graduates all the best as they move onto grade nine in September. Congratulations! Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you on September 4 for the first day of school. Class lists will be available on the first day of school and our staff will be in the school yard to welcome you and your children back.

Have a wonderful summer!



## Staff Changes

Some of our staff will be leaving The Waterfront School and we have some staff returning from a leave. We are saying good bye to Ms. Sum, Ms. Persichino, Ms. Baird, Ms. Tulsieram, Mr. Low-Ring, Ms. Petrelli, Ms. Michalski and Ms. Prince. We will be welcoming back to our school, Ms. Cedeno, and Ms. Mirali. Ms. Moin will be joining our staff as an ECE in September. We want to thank all of our staff who are leaving for their contributions to The Waterfront School and wish them all the best in their new schools or future endeavours.

## School Hours next year

Next year all of our students will be starting school at the same time. Our Kindergarten students will start school at the same times as the rest of the school at 8:40. They will be able to participate in our morning announcements and this will make it better siblings dropping off their younger brother or sister. There is no change to the school times for students in grades 1 to 8. **School starts at 8:40 and dismissal is at 3:15 for all students at The Waterfront School next year.**

## Master Chef Champions

Our students, who are part of the cooking program with Toronto Police Officers, had a busy night on Wednesday cooking up some healthy meals for the judges. They were competing in the grand finale of the Master Chefs 14 program. Our students competed against the other top school at the George Brown Cooking School. It was a tough competition. Our students were thrilled to learn from the judges that they were the winners. The trophy will be engrave with our school name and displayed in the front hall of our school. Congratulations to our Master Chefs; Rachel, Anna, Evan, Jarius, Kya and to Amelia who filled in when someone was absent. We also want to thank Officer Gribbon for giving our students this opportunity.





## ECO Schools: The Waterfront School Achieves Platinum!

We are pleased to announce that The Waterfront School staff and students have once again achieved the highest award for being eco-friendly and implementing initiatives that raise awareness about the environment. Yes, it is no less than the ECO Platinum award! Congratulations! The Eco-club would like to thank our students, staff and parent community for their cooperation and support of the many new projects this year. Notably, they include the Bag2 School drive and the "I am a proud Waterfront student" water bottle project. These required your support to be successful and to spread the message of reducing waste and our carbon/water footprint. We also continued with our Energy Conservation and Waste-free Lunch initiatives that were student led and helped our students acquire leadership skills by making presentations, announcements and activities to explain their message. Once again we express our appreciation for student and parent participation and dedication to making the Waterfront School a place where students learn about living with the environment in a sustainable fashion.

From Ms. Sharma and the Eco-Club



This is a picture of some of the potatoes and garlic grown by the students in the ECO-club in Ms. Sharma's class.

## Ballet Creole & Cliff Ojala

The students at The Waterfront School were thrilled to enjoy two musical performances. Ballet Creole presented a dance called "The Heart of Cuba." The performers were very energetic and presented choreography that was familiar to some of our students. Cliff Ojala and his band entertained the Waterfront students and took us on a musical journey around the world.



## SNAP

Do you know what SNAP stands for? The students at The Waterfront School do, thanks to Ms. Lee. SNAP means – Stop Now And Plan! If there is a problem or conflict and a student feels they are getting angry, they can use the SNAP strategies to calm down so they can focus on their learning.



## Digital Library

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

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

## 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.

This newsletter is available on our school website at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/thewaterfrontschool/>



