

# The Waterfront School

*Fall Newsletter*

*From Ms. Harvey, Principal*



## Important Updates

Oct. 30 - Photo Retakes

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade 12:35pm

Nov. 7 - Jump Rope for Heart

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 13 – Reports Sent Home

Nov. 14 – Parent Interviews pm

Nov. 15 – Parent Interviews  
No school for students

Nov. 18 – School Council Meeting 5-6:30 pm

Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 – Winter Break

Jan. 6, 2020 School Begins

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## Welcome to The Waterfront School

Welcome to a new year at The Waterfront School. We are so happy that you are part of the Waterfront School Community. A special welcome goes to our new families.

We are working on some new initiatives this year and one of them is to provide students with an enriched music program. This year every student will receive at least one class a week with our music teacher Ms. Sharma. We also have an Itinerant music teacher this year, Ms. Hunt who comes to our school once a week to co-teach with Ms. Sharma. She is instructing our students using the Orff method. This method was developed by the composer Carl Orff and it combines music, movement and percussion instruments into the lessons.

We are also so excited to also have Kwasi Dunyo at our school from September to December. He is teaching our students Ghanaian Drumming. We are planning a presentation for parents on December 10 by some of our students. Kwasi not only teaches the students music, he also integrates positive life messages into his lessons.



## Meeting Our Staff At Curriculum Night

Thank you for coming to meet our staff at our Curriculum Night. We appreciate you coming to find out about what is being taught and how it is being taught. We value your partnership.



*Our staff*



*Our Lunchroom Supervisors*



*Our ECEs*

## Terry Fox Run We achieved our goal!

We had the perfect day for our Terry Fox Run. We started with an assembly in the gym to talk about who Terry Fox was and the dream that he had. We had set a goal this year to raise \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We raised \$538! Thank you for your support. This is more than double what we raised last year.



## Our New School Council

Here are our new School Council Executive Members:

**Co-Chairs:** Magdalena Kinnear & Shikhsha Shah

**Treasurer:** Julie Hetherington

**Secretary:** Shahina Sayani

**Parent reps:** Lucy Galfo, Nero Persaud, Jitesh Varma, Amani Yagob

Remember all parents are welcome at our School Council meetings and we can't make things happen without your support so please consider coming to the meetings and volunteering some time on a project to help the students at The Waterfront School. Childcare is provided.

**Here are our meeting dates:**

**October 7 at 5pm**

**November 18 at 5pm**

**February 10 at 5pm**

**April 27 at 5pm**

## ECO Schools: We have our new plaque for Achieving Platinum Status

On October 16, we attended the Eco-Schools kick-off workshop. We are excited to be running the Eco-Club at The Waterfront School this year. We will be working with the students to put into place many eco-initiatives and help build on our environmentally friendly school and community! From Ms. Knezi and Mr. Djuricic



## Proud Waterfront School Student Water Bottles

It's not too late to get your Waterfront Water Bottle. Available from the classroom teacher for only \$3. This is one of our school initiatives to celebrate our pride in being a Waterfront student and it is part of our ECO initiative to eliminate non-reusable plastics from our school.



## 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/>

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

## Jump Rope For Heart

Last week, students attended the Jump Rope Kick-Off Assembly in the school. They learned some information about our hearts and how to keep them healthy. An information sheet and donation envelope went home for students to fundraise for this charity. On November 7, all of the students will be participating in our Jump Rope (Grades K-5), and Hoops for Heart (Grades 6-8) event. They will be having a wonderful time playing different activities to get their heart rates up! We hope that you will support us in this initiative. From Ms. Knezi

## Who is a Waterfront Student?

We are continuing to build on Our Waterfront Student Expectations that we created last year with students, staff and parents. These expectations were sent home again this year in our September package to all parents. We continue to set high expectations for all of our students and we expect students to follow these expectations every day. Our Staff provides support to students to achieve these expectations along with parent support at home. We expect all students to make positive choices every day.

## Are the agendas coming?

Our agendas have just arrived. There was a delay with the printing for all TDSB schools this year. We did receive our agendas a couple of weeks ago but many of the pages were missing and they had to be reprinted. The new ones are here and we will be sending them home for students in grades 1-8. Agendas are \$6.

## We hope that you can join us for our Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Parade will take place after lunch 12:30 pm on October 31. We plan to exit out of the front doors of the school, walk down to the lower playground in a circle and return to the school. If it is raining we will have the parade in the gym. Please join us if you can.



## 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.