

# THE WATERFRONT SCHOOL

September 2018 Newsletter

From Ms. Harvey, Principal



## Important Updates

- Oct. 1 Picture Day  
School Council 5pm
- Oct. 4 Curriculum Night  
6:00 -7:15pm
- Oct. 5 P.A. day
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov. 14 Reports go home
- Nov. 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews

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## Welcome to a new School Year!



I am very happy to be at The Waterfront School and starting a new school year with you. The Waterfront School is a great place to be. Thank you for the warm welcome. Here are some of the things that are happening at our school.

We have some special visitors at The Waterfront School. Our kindergarten students were the first to see the Toronto Mounted Police unit when they stopped by for a visit.

## Reorganization

As a result of changing student enrolment at our school, we were allotted an additional teacher to create smaller classes. We opened a new grade 5/6 classroom and lowered the numbers in all of our grade 1 to 8 classes to best support our students. Our grade 3/4 class changed to grade 3. In creating our new classes our teachers took time to ensure that we moved as few students as possible and ensured that all classes were balanced in academic and social strengths and needs, as well as gender. We took the time to consider many factors so that each child was set up for success. Our students are settling into their new classes nicely and we thank you for your support. We are happy to welcome Ms. Tulsieram to our school as the grade 5/6 teacher.

## Join us for Curriculum Night

Thursday, October 4 at 6pm

We hope that you will join us on **Thursday, October 4** at the school to visit your child's classroom and to meet the teachers. Our teachers will explain what your child is learning and how they are learning it. They will share some of the ways that you can work together to support your child's learning. Please come on Thursday so that we can be partners in your child's learning.

### Here is the schedule:

- 6:00 Parents arrive and go to classrooms
- 6:05 First Teacher presentation
- 6:30 Parents move to the next classroom
- 6:35 Second Teacher presentation
- 6:55 Parents move to other classrooms
- 7:15 Finish

## Arrive On Time

Thank you for making sure that your child arrives on time to school. Students in grades 1-8 start at 8:40 am and our Kindergarten students start at 9:00 am. Arriving on time helps set students up for a successful day of learning. We want this for all our students. Students arriving late disrupt classroom learning and have to catch up on missed information. If your child arrives late, they need to get a late slip from the office before going to class. This will prevent the automated phone system calling you to say your child is absent. If you know your child will be absent please call safe arrival at 416 393-8500 to report the absence.

## Terry Fox Run

We had the perfect day for our Terry Fox Run on September 27. There is still time to donate money if you haven't done so. Please send it to your child's teacher this week or you can donate online at <http://www.terryfox.ca/TheWaterfrontSchToronto> on our school's fundraising page at [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org). The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation with 82 cents of every dollar going directly to cancer research. Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer.



## School Council

Our first School Council meeting took place on Monday October 1. Thank you very much to the members of the Election Committee who helped to organize the election of this year's School Council. Your support was greatly appreciated. The School Council works in partnership with the Principal sharing the same goal of student success. Parent engagement and collaboration is an important part of our school.

### Here are our Executive Members:

Krishna Bhoutika	Co Chair
Butaina Labani	Co Chair
Neromanie Persaud	Ward Representative
Saydeh Sakr	Secretary
Gaurav Singh	Treasurer

### The dates of our next School Council Meetings are:

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 5-6:30pm  
Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 5-6:30pm  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5-6:30pm  
We hope that you will join us.

## Cross Country Team

The students on our Cross Country Team have been training in the mornings to prepare for their meet at Ashbridges Bay on Wednesday. Thank you to the coaches Ms. Jostiak and Mr. Earl along with Mr. Manhue who will be helping with the meet. We also want to thank the many parents who came out to the morning practices and also ran with the students. We wish all of our runners good luck!



## Nutrition Morning Meal

We know that children who are hungry have difficulty focusing on learning. We are very lucky to have a morning meal program. This program is funded through grants and donations from parents. **Please consider donating \$10 per child/month so that we can continue this program. We also need volunteers to help prepare the morning meal.** Please call the school if you can volunteer an hour in the morning help prepare the food for our students.

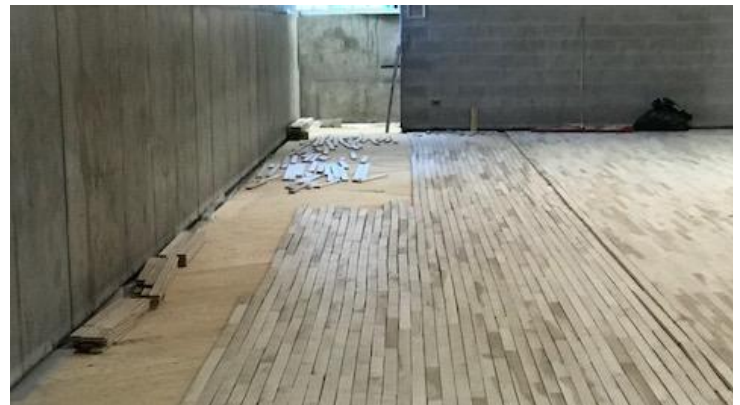
## Other News

Our grade 1/2 teachers will be working with our Speech and Language Pathologist to identify the needs of their students and to use specific strategies to help their students develop oral language and literacy skills. We know that this is an important time for our young learners to become fluent in reading and writing and we are excited to be part of this special project. We will be sharing more information with you about how you can support your child at home.



## New Gym Floor

Our gym floor was damaged when Toronto experienced flash flooding in August. It is a big job to repair it. We are looking forward to using the gym again soon.



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