

Thorncliffe Park PS News

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Vice-Principal's Message

“Spring has finally Sprung!” It is so nice to see the arrival of the warmer weather. Although eight months have already passed, we still have more learning ahead of us. As you flip through the pages of our newsletter, you will see examples of some of the co-curricular clubs and special events that have happened recently at our amazing school.

At Thorncliffe Park, we believe that providing co-curricular activities for our students deepens their engagement and promotes the joy of belonging. Whether it be lego, art, or skipping club, choir, badminton, cricket and floor hockey or the variety of after school remediation sessions that occur, our staff is dedicated to offering our students many experiences beyond the classroom.

Please ensure you leave a message on the safe arrival line if your child is going to be absent prior to 8:30 am. The safe arrival line can be used 24hrs a day.

A friendly reminder that toddlers and preschool children are not allowed on the climbers during school hours. Young children are climbing on the climbers and are not being properly supervised. Some of the children are falling and getting hurt.

EQAO reminder:

And finally, from May 21st to 24th our Grade 3's will participate in the EQAO testing for this year.

Classes will continue to get ready for this reading, writing and mathematical assessment, by practicing test-taking skills.

The assessment will take place over 4 days. Letters regarding the testing will go home in early May.

Please follow the link to the parent information quick link site.

<http://www.eqao.com/en>

K. Kandankery
 Vice - Principal



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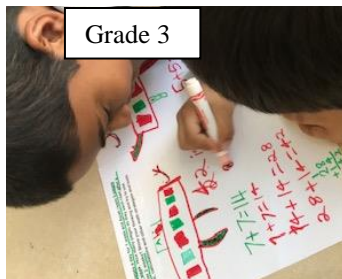
Please note the **STAFF PARKING ONLY** signs in our parking lot. We ask that you are respectful of the parking lot. There are still some parents who are driving in to drop off and pick up students. I ask that you discontinue this practice as it is a safety issue. Also, please do not leave your cars parked in the loop, as it is a bus loop. There is short term parking at the mall or you may choose to park further away and walk with your child. Thanks for your co-operation.



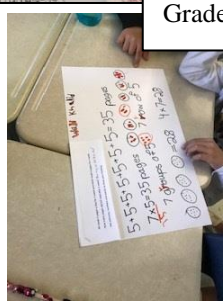
Community News

3 Part Math Demonstration!

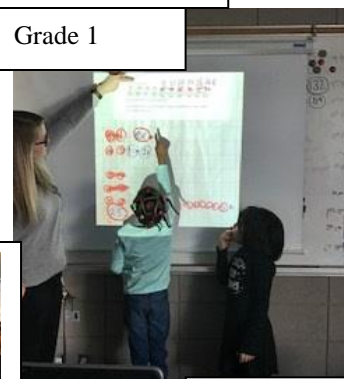
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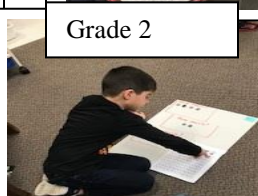
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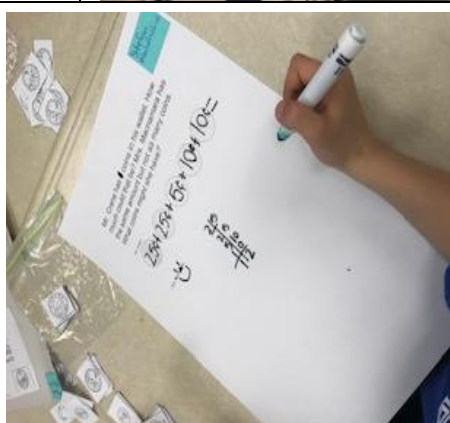


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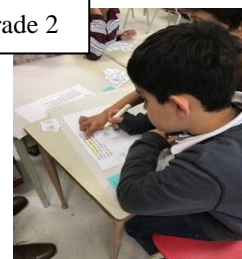


Our Gr. 1 to 5 teachers had the opportunity to spend some time with their colleagues learning about 3 part math. When students and teachers learn together they build knowledge and skill. Teachers learn new information that assists them in planning for their students. They learned that using problems with different entry points will assist students in feeling confident that they can tackle a problem and solve it by using their prior knowledge and adding that knowledge to their new learning. When problems are authentic, with a variety of concepts, students learn to apply their thinking and in the process develop their critical thinking skills.

Grade 2



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Thorncliffe Clubs

Badminton



Floor Hockey



Skipping

Art
Running and Reading
Lego
Girl's Book and Leadership Club
Dodgeball
Folkfest
Eco-Club
Agents of Change
Choir

Honesty Winners



Visiting Canadian Baroque Orchestra!



Two hundred students went to downtown Toronto on April 17 to attend a concert given by award winning Canadian Baroque orchestra, Tafelmusik. We learned how violins, violas and cellos are made as well as many interesting facts about the composer J.S. Bach. We also heard some beautiful music. Thorncliffe children were excellent and enthusiastic audience members and travelled safely to and from the concert. Let's do it again next year!

Robyn Wynberg



At Thorncliffe Park we stand up to bullying!

Get Caught Caring!

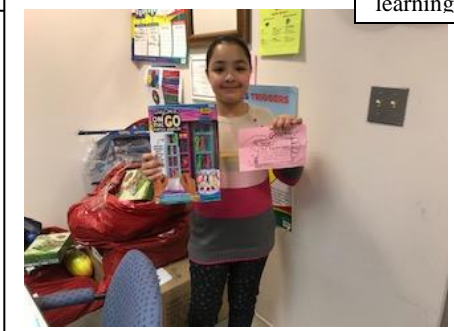
Jana was caught caring for a student who was lost and couldn't find his mother. Let's all get caught caring for one another!

International Day of Pink

On April 10 we celebrate The International Day of Pink. A day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.

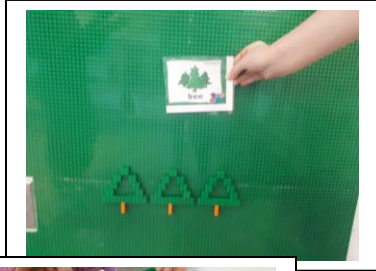
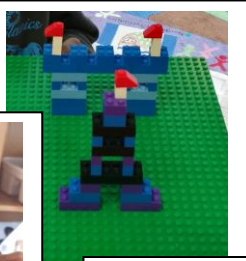
The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other.

Gotcha Caring Winner!

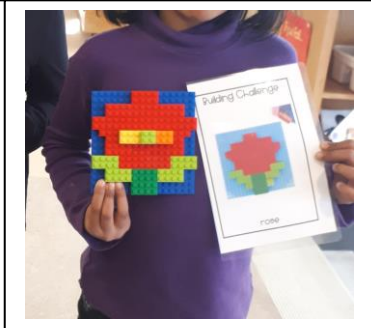




Lego Club



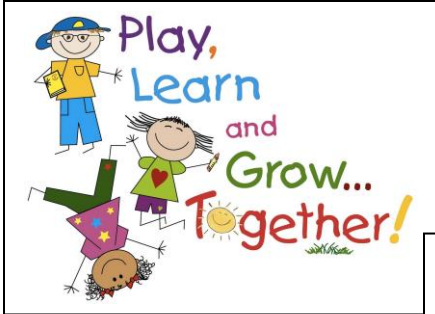
Ms. Roshni and Ms. Williams have teamed up to launch their Lego Club for grades 1 & 2 this month. This club runs at lunch time, and allows students to explore their natural curiosity to build and create new things. Students are provided with a wide range of task cards that allow them to choose a challenge that is just right for them. With the support of the grade one and two teams this club has been running successfully for the month of April. This club will continue until the end of June.



Our PALs students have completed their training and started working in some Kindergarten classes at Fraser Mustard on March 26th. Our Proud Activity Leaders are excited to be helping twice a week during lunchtime.



Proud Activity Leaders



Spring Concert!

We would like to thank Ms. Rainsberry-Parker, Mr. Kotyk, Ms. Reid, Ms. Wynberg, Ms. Hopkins and Mr. Gittens for the extraordinary work they have done with the **Junior** and **Primary** Choir. What a fantastic concert!

At the end of the year Ms. Rainsberry-Parker and Mr. Kotyk will be retiring so this was their last Spring Concert. We would like to thank them for their years of dedication to our music department. We wish them all the best on their retirement.



Ms. Wynberg and Ms. Reid thank the students of this year's **primary choir** for their hard work and enthusiasm. There was an incredible interest in joining the choir this year. Our weekly practices became bi-weekly practices after the winter break with a dedicated 125 students attending regularly. We worked tremendously hard to learn three songs for this year's spring concert. One of our songs was particularly challenging as it was partly in Arabic. It is a song based on the traditional Islamic song "Tala Al Badru Alayna", which was sung to the Prophet Muhammad when he arrived in Medina. The arrangement we sang, "Live, Love, Share", was originally sung by a Canadian children's choir in 2016 to welcome the first Syrian refugees to Canada. For our performances, we were lucky to have Bereket join us on the piano and Mr. Gittens on the djembe drum. We also thank Ms. Thibodeau who came out to our later practices and then recorded the piano accompaniment to our songs before her maternity leave. Well done primary choir. The passion you brought to all three of your songs this year was outstanding!





Safety News



High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes

The **ECO-Team** has been busy with green initiatives. We have been learning about litterless lunches, decomposing materials and started a vermicomposting. We got involved with the Lights Out Campaign on March 29th, and encouraged classes to conserve energy. We also started planting this month a variety of plants and vegetables including marigold, sunflower, carrots. We have paired up with the Horticulture and Planting team to start cleaning up our gardens and prepare the grounds for further flowers to bloom!

Thanks,

Eco-Club Team

Katy, Fatima, Hanna, Pearl and Omar



Latin America History and Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations at TPPS



During the month of April, TPPS has had different opportunities to learn about the culture and history of Latin America and Spanish speaking countries. Many thanks to the organizing committee and to everyone who participated in all the activities.



Irma Bejarle, a Mexican visiting artist led a workshop to Mrs. Kwong and Ms. Hernandez students about Latin American art. The students enjoyed experimenting with colors and forms. Many of the students' works were submitted to the TDSB art contest! Well done everyone! Thanks *Koffler Centre for the Arts* for your support.



¿Dónde estan Juanita and Pepito? Where in the world are Pepito and Juanita? Every Monday *Juanita and Pepito*, have been placed in different parts of the school. Students are on a quest to find these two characters and write the name of the country they were "visiting" on that day. Information about the country is shared with everyone at TPPS the following day. Thanks to Mrs. Floros, Ms. Gircys and Mr. Lobo for leading this activity!

Hablo español! Every week, everyone at TPPS is learning a word or phrase in Spanish. The "new Spanish speakers" are encouraged to use it three times during the day. Thanks to Mr. Mouratidis and his amazing group of readers we know the meaning of *gracias*, *buenos dias*, *hola* and *buen trabajo*!

Autism Parent Support Group

Offers parents an opportunity to gather and share information, experiences and advice with other parents.

Feeding Issues



Thursday, May 2, 2019

9:00am - Meet & Greet 9:15am - Start

Location: TNO Youth Centre

(next to EarlyON Child and Family Centre)

Language support and child-minding as needed

**Please register at thorncliffe.collaborative@gmail.com or
call 416-577-7595**

**Presented by Thorncliffe Collaborative for Muslim Families and Children in
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FREE Workshop

Social Understanding



This **3 part** workshop will help parents identify social goals for their children and assess how to prioritize what skills to teach and when. Parents will leave this workshop with information and strategies to use in order to increase social awareness in their child's life.

Date: Thursday May 9, 16, & 23 **Time:** 9:00—11:15am

Location: Fraser Mustard School- 82 Thorncliffe Park Dr.

Language support and child-minding as needed

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Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin invites you to

DON VALLEY WEST
COMMUNITY COFFEE



Tuesday, April 30, 2019

9:15 - 11:30am

Leaside Longo's

(93 Laird Drive, in the Leaside Village Plaza)