

# Thorncliffe Park PS News

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## Vice- Principal's Message

We are now at the end of May and we have only 1 more month to go until the end of the school year!

There were many events and activities that took place in the last few months. Please see inside for more information.

Please join us on June 14 for Thorncliffe Park's Talent Show. Our first show is at 9:30 and the second show is at 1:00.

We look forward to seeing some spectacular talent.



On Thursday May 30 students wore their Raptors colours to support our Raptors heading into the finals of the NBA for the very first time! **Go Raptors Go!**



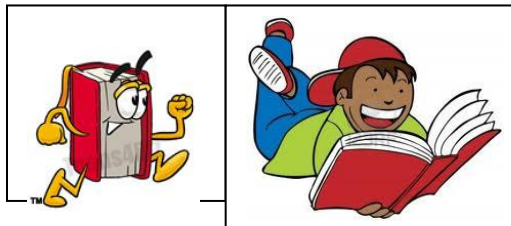
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## Summer School at Thorncliffe Park K-5.

Elementary summer programs increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 3 - 26, Thorncliffe Park will be opened for summer school.

Students will be learning math skills through the Arts. Visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/summer](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer) for a registration form. Please drop off the registration form no later than Friday, June 7.



## Continuing Education – Improve your English with us

Adults are welcome to join the many English as a Second Language classes offered at various locations across Toronto. In addition to classes throughout the year, summer school will be offered from July 8-31. We offer a wide range of levels, from beginner to advanced, to help you build your language skills and to help you reach your life goals. The Adult ESL program is free for eligible learners.

For more information, visit [www.ESLtoronto.ca](http://www.ESLtoronto.ca) or call 416-338-4300. @TDSB\_ConEd

**Recognition Assembly for Gr. 5 students is on Wednesday, June 26 at 12:45pm. More information to come!**



**VP-K. Kandankery**

# SCHOOL NEWS



## Thorncliffe Park Eco Club

Congratulations to our Eco Teams! Through the hard work and dedication of members of the Eco Club, the Climate Congress, the Planting Club and all classes who learned about and implemented environmental awareness activities, Thorncliffe Park Public School has been awarded Bronze level certification through the EcoSchools Certification process.

Below are some of the highlights that the EcoSchools auditors noted in their report.

*“The young student leaders of Thorncliffe Park Public School are the heart of the EcoSchools program! The passion and enthusiasm of the students is inspiring, evidenced by the climate change neighbourhood walk, the school ground clean-up and planting initiatives, and the flash mobs that raise awareness about climate change.”*

*“These students are key contributors to promoting events and eco-initiatives through posters, announcements, and classroom presentations.”*

*“It is clear that ecological literacy is a priority at Thorncliffe Park.”*

*“Congratulations on creating various therapeutic zones throughout your school (indoors and outdoors). It is evident that student mental health is a priority as evidenced by the zen space in the library and the Zones of Regulation bulletin board.”*



Calming Corner-How do we learn strategies to relax and self-regulate? Thank you Ms. Hernandez for creating a Safe Space in your classroom.



## Plastic Bag Grab Challenge

Thank you to everyone who promoted, supported, and participated in the 2019 Plastic Bag Grab Challenge. Our school collected **1512 bags** that were brought to a local Walmart for processing and recycling within North America. During this challenge, students learned about the importance of reusing plastic bags, how long it takes plastic to decompose, the environmental impacts of plastic waste, and easy alternatives that can be used that are more environmentally friendly.

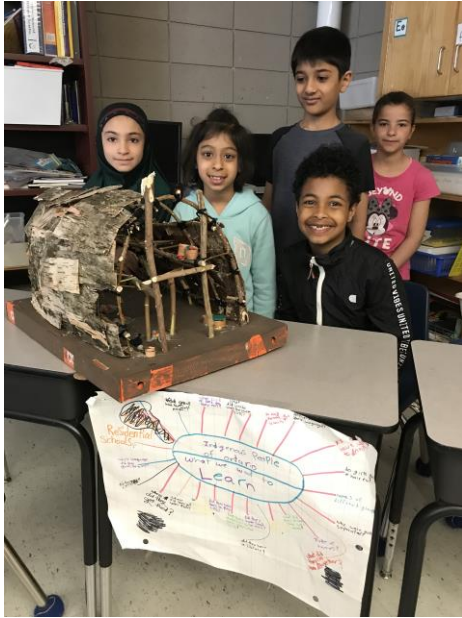


## School Clean-up Week

Our School Clean-up week was held between Thursday April 25 to Friday May 2. Classes signed up to clean various areas around the school, such as the Blue and Red climbers, the field, and the front playground. A great job was done by all to help keep our schoolyard clean.



# Longhouses!

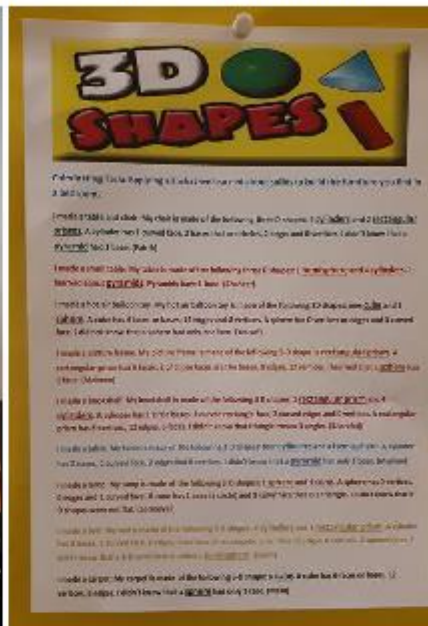


Mr. C. Mitchell's class are learning about First Nations. They made longhouses from birch bark and twigs. They invited other classes in to see their work and learn about First Nations and Indigenous People. We integrated strong and stable structures into our investigation about indigenous cultures.



### The LEAP/ESL Classes 3-D Culminating Task

This month the students learned about 3-D shapes. They were able to identify solids from their nets and their number of edges, faces, and vertices. They also identified the attributes of pyramids and prisms. The students created miniature models of real objects found in bedrooms and the living rooms from 3-D shapes. They also described what they built.

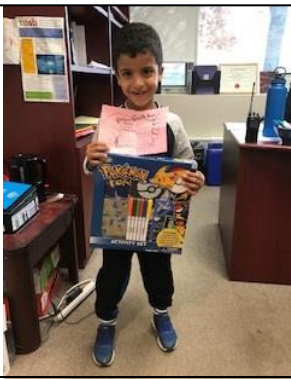




## April Award Winners-Co-operation



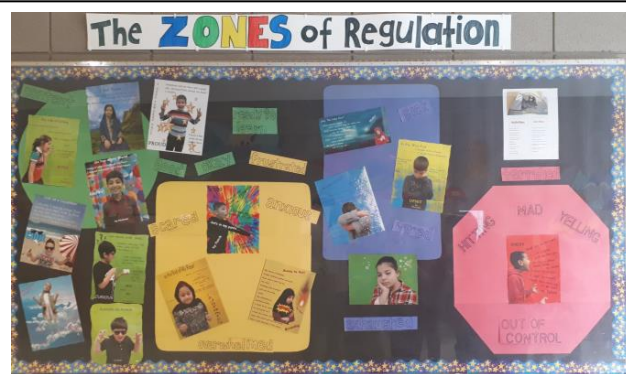
**Gotcha Caring Winners!**







Our Student Leadership Team of PALs and Lunchroom Helpers taught all the students in the school about the Toronto Public Health's Kids Health key messages. At the assembly they used interactive games with elaborate spinners to teach everyone that it is important for kids to have 10 hours or more of sleep, 5 servings or more of vegetables and fruit, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 or more hours of moderate to vigorous physical activity, 0 sugar sweetened drinks. The leadership team had a great time presenting and the students loved it too. They gave teachers a magnetic poster to reinforce the message!



## Mental Health Week!





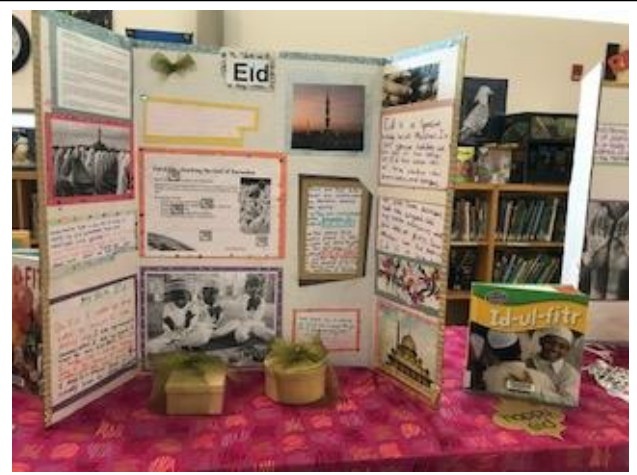
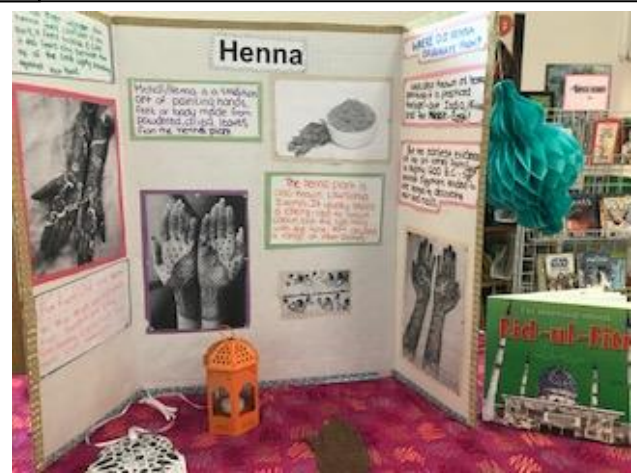
# Ramadan: May 6/19 to June 4/19

Most members of the Thorncliffe community began fasting for Ramadan on May 6 and will end fasting on June 4 (depending on the sighting of the moon).

Ramadan is the 9th month of the lunar calendar which is approximately 10 days shorter than the Gregorian calendar. Ramadan begins at the sighting of the new moon.



Many Muslims in Canada fast during the daylight hours in the month of Ramadan. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam. It is a time of self-examination and increased religious devotion. The fast is broken with prayer and a meal called the iftar after sunset.





## *Door Contest during Latin American Month*

Door contest. Classrooms were invited to decorate their classroom door with a Latin American theme. Students showed their creativity and the doors looked colorful and artistic. The winner class will get a piñata /zumba party. A big thank you to the participating classes and to the judges *Mrs. Kandakery-Sanchez, Mr. Kotyk, Ms. Girardin, Mr. Mouratidis and Mrs. Moretti* and to *Mrs. Canizales* for leading the Zumba. Good job Thorncliffe!



**Picture books by Hispanic authors and books translated into Spanish were displayed in the library. Thank you Ms. Williams!**

Grade 5 Modabira Ilhami's art work was one of the 7 shortlisted works to win "The Universal Language of Art" contest at TDSB. Her work is based on Argentinian artist Raquel Forner. *Buen trabajo, Well done, Modabira!*



This Spring, the *Junior Choir* had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to sing at Roy Thompson Hall for the 133rd TDSB Spring Music festival featuring students from grade 4 - 8 in schools across the TDSB .

Our School was part of the *Massed Choir* of over 600 voices. We sang *Oh, Canada* to open the show, *Yo Puedo* (a Spanish Song) and finished the Night with *My Shot* from the musical *Hamilton*. These last two songs were also sung by the Choir as part of our school Spring Concert.

It was a long night for our students but they enjoyed being in the beautiful Roy Thompson Concert Hall and performing for all the parents who attended. We thank all the parents from Thorncliffe who came to support their children and helped make this a memorable occasion.

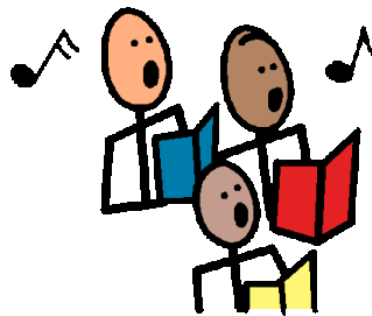
The next day was the Choir's end of year party where we all enjoyed Halal hot dogs, chips and cake. Thanks to the Choir for a great year.

Ms. Rainsberry Parker and Mr. Kotyk





**CHOIR**



# Breakfast & Conversation

*Join Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin as we celebrate the end of the 2018-2019 School Year and the wonderful work of the school councils in Don Valley West.*

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

Bessborough Drive Elementary & Middle School - Library  
(211 Bessborough Dr.)



Drop in any time between 8:00—10:30am