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# DECEMBER 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of our 2019 calendar year, we would like to reflect upon the successes of Tom Longboat's commitment to improving student achievement. Staff have been working together since September to deliver rigorous, aligned curriculum expectations that challenge our students in all subject areas. They have met regularly in divisions to discuss student well-being and its impact on achievement through the collaborative inquiry process.

We would like to thank all families who joined us for our parent-teacher conferences last month, and who continue working with our children each evening with their daily homework. Communication between home and school is an essential element of student success. We appreciate your ongoing involvement in your child's education, the time spent communicating through agendas, and the regular conversations held with staff.

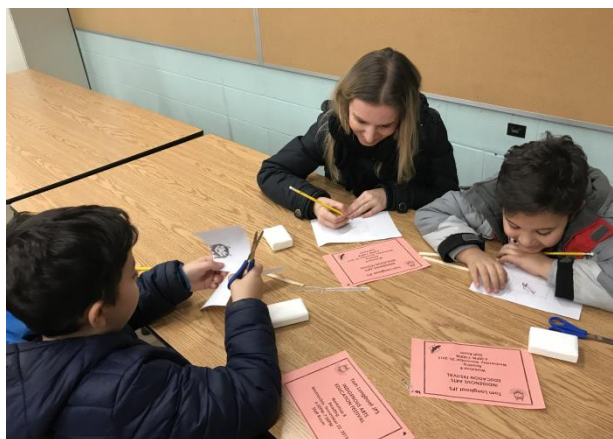
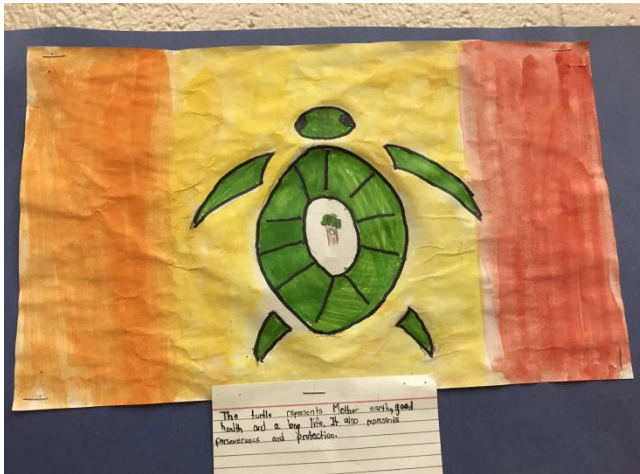
Our school, as always, is buzzing with excitement this month. Back by popular demand, Jungle Sport is once again returning to Tom Longboat! From December 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> we are excited to have our students practice skills in physical education that they would otherwise not have the opportunity to utilize. We have our annual Heart to Hand Pancake Day scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Here, students are invited to fill their tummies with delicious and nutritious treats at this annual event. In addition, our **winter concert** will be held this **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. All families are invited to attend.

The holidays are fast approaching, and we would like to remind everyone that December 20<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school prior to the winter break. We will be starting back to school in the New Year on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:40 a.m. sharp. These holidays are a wonderful opportunity for our students to enjoy all that the great Canadian outdoors has to offer in winter. Encourage your children to play outside, build snow forts, skate, or go tobogganing. Remember to ensure your children are dressed appropriately with a warm coat, snow pants, snow boots, a hat, scarf, and warm mittens. The warmer our students are dressed, the longer they will play outside, and the better they will sleep at night!

On behalf of Tom Longboat, I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season with your families.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Chisholm  
Principal

# INDIGENOUS ARTS EDUCATION FESTIVAL!





## MORE INDIGENOUS ARTS EDUCATION



### Student Reflections

We learned that Indigenous people have a very rich culture and heritage. Students and their families got to experience important Indigenous arts and activities. People that came learned more things about indigenous people. It was a great evening. People had a chance to experience Soapstone carvings, beading, creating Benjamin Chee Chee art and taking a tour of the giant C3 map that showed us where Indigenous people live in Canada. Mithula, Grade 5 Ms Tessler

We learned many things about the Indigenous people. People had a chance to do different art activities that give us more information about Indigenous people. Students and families were very excited to participate in these activities. I was in the Benjamin Chee Chee station and saw how much fun people had making a beautiful art piece that they can hang in their homes. We had more activities like the Giant map that tells you where indigenous people live around the world. I watch how people made beautiful beaded jewelry and Soap stone carvings. Many people who came to the Indigenous Arts Education festival said that they enjoyed the arts and crafts that they did.

Hafsah, Gr. 5 Ms. Tessler

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Did you know?

Students who miss 13.5 days of school every year from JK to grade 12 will miss **1 full year** of learning by the time they graduate! You can make a difference on your child's absences going forward. We appreciate your help.

Congratulations to the following students for having perfect attendance in the month of **November!**

Student	Class	Teacher	Student	Class	Teacher
Aiden	JKSK1	Ms Samnani	Amsan	1/2C	Mr Mark
Anas	JKSK1	Ms Samnani	Aryaa	1/2C	Mr Mark
Harsha	JKSK1	Ms Samnani	Eshal	1/2C	Mr Mark
Hooriya	JKSK1	Ms Samnani	Harish	1/2C	Mr Mark
Kaleb	JKSK1	Ms Samnani	Jaylen	1/2C	Mr Mark
Kapishan	JKSK1	Ms Samnani	Kavisan	1/2C	Mr Mark
Aabriella	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Kishor	1/2C	Mr Mark
Aajanan	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Naomi	1/2C	Mr Mark
Amerie	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Ranumi	1/2C	Mr Mark
Christabel	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Yaqub	1/2C	Mr Mark
Diara	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Abiran	2/3	Ms Stephen
Elin	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Ahishan	2/3	Ms Stephen
Hasan	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Arin	2/3	Ms Stephen
Markus	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Athena	2/3	Ms Stephen
Mira	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Charlie	2/3	Ms Stephen
Stephanie	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Garaniga	2/3	Ms Stephen
Vithuushan	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Kelina	2/3	Ms Stephen
Akchay	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Maram	2/3	Ms Stephen
Ariana	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Melanie	2/3	Ms Stephen
Athisha	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Rayyan	2/3	Ms Stephen
Evangeline	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Sahl	2/3	Ms Stephen
Jaswin	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Adrianna	3	Ms Bonnell
Lisharan	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Anousheh	3	Ms Bonnell
Shahanaa	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Archaya	3	Ms Bonnell
Varshyga	1/2A	Mr Maskerine	Harishitha	3	Ms Bonnell
Aksharah	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Joshua	3	Ms Bonnell
Ariana	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Luka	3	Ms Bonnell
Haniya	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Risigan	3	Ms Bonnell
Jayanee	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Sajin	3	Ms Bonnell
Jayda-Sky	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Saruyan	3	Ms Bonnell
Kavisa	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Sathurshaa	3	Ms Bonnell
Mustafa	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Ajay	4/5	Ms Tessler
Saathana	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Anushgaa	4/5	Ms Tessler
Zacheriel	1/2B	Ms Sawyer	Mithula	4/5	Ms Tessler

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE continued.....

Student	Class	Teacher	Student	Class	Teacher
Mriam	4/5	Ms Tessler	Shagata	5/6A	Ms Williams
Sahana	4/5	Ms Tessler	Shanthosh	5/6A	Ms Williams
Shaista	4/5	Ms Tessler	Shanujah	5/6A	Ms Williams
Shoumi	4/5	Ms Tessler	Sonali	5/6A	Ms Williams
Sowmiya	4/5	Ms Tessler	Varshanaa	5/6A	Ms Williams
Vaithiyanathan	4/5	Ms Tessler	Zakeyyah	5/6A	Ms Williams
Vraj	4/5	Ms Tessler	Aaruksha	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Zayan	4/5	Ms Tessler	Addison	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Anhthy	5/6A	Ms Williams	Chao	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Asiya	5/6A	Ms Williams	Emnet	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Bijino	5/6A	Ms Williams	Jashvihaa	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Emmanuella	5/6A	Ms Williams	Kavinayan	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Hareny	5/6A	Ms Williams	Keyara	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Illijah	5/6A	Ms Williams	Kishaaney	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Jenahan	5/6A	Ms Williams	Nithula	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Jimmy	5/6A	Ms Williams	Rithan	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Mathusan	5/6A	Ms Williams	Sina	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Mithila	5/6A	Ms Williams	Thenuka	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Ranudi	5/6A	Ms Williams	Thiebika	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Rhian	5/6A	Ms Williams	Yusuf	5/6B	Mr Birta & Ms Riding



## LOOK AT OUR LONGBOAT LEADERS...

### CHARACTER TRAIT FOR NOVEMBER – EMPATHY

Student	Teacher	Class	Student	Teacher	Class
Pavanis	Ms Samnani	K1	Tristan	Ms Stephen	2/3
Tamseel	Ms Samnani	K1	Adrianna	Ms Bonnell	3
Christabel	Ms Yung	K2	Saruyan	Ms Bonnell	3
Tyrique	Ms Yung	K2	Shenuka	Ms Tessler	4/5
Alvan	Mr Maskerine	1/2A	Myles	Ms Tessler	4/5
Safiyah	Mr Maskerine	1/2A	Anhthy	Ms Williams	5/6A
Haniya	Ms Sawyer	1/2B	Cieran	Ms Williams	5/6A
Zacheriel	Ms Sawyer	1/2B	Sajeena	Ms Williams	5/6A
Saajana	Mr Mark	1/2C	Destiny	Mr Birta & Ms Riding	5/6B
Summer	Mr Mark	1/2C	Jashvihaa	Mr Birta & Ms Riding	5/6B
Melanie	Ms Stephen	2/3	Sina	Mr Birta & Ms Riding	5/6B

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2-5 – JungleSport  
 Dec 6 – PA Day NO SCHOOL  
 Dec 9 – Pediculosis Check  
 Dec 11 – Pizza Lunch  
 Dec 12 – Heart to Hand Pancake Breakfast  
 Dec 18 – Winter Concert – 6:00-7:00pm  
 Dec 20 – Longboat Leader Assembly – 9:00am  
 Dec 23-Jan 3 – Winter Break  
 Jan 6 – School Resumes 8:40am  
 Jan 7 – Pediculosis Check  
 Jan 15 – Pizza Lunch  
 Jan 17 – PA Day NO SCHOOL  
 Jan 28 – Rocks & Rings Tournament  
 Jan 31 – Longboat Leader Assembly – 9:00am

### HEART TO HAND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We are happy to again have the volunteers from Heart to Hand returning on **Thursday, December 12** to serve us an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast. Juice and a piece of fruit will also be served at the breakfast. **If you prefer for your child to not participate in the breakfast, please note in your child's agenda for December 12.**





Parents, please note that the driveway at the side of the building is for Staff Parking ONLY.

**For safety reasons,  
the staff parking lot/driveway  
is not to be used  
for student drop off and pick up.**

Thank you.



# FRENCH PROGRAMS APPLICATION DEADLINE

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process.

At this time, we guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2020 are:

- **Applications for Junior Extended French** which begins in Grade 4 must be completed online between January 6, 2020 and January 31, 2020. Please note that this will be the last entry class for this program as it will be transitioning out - Grade 4 Immersion Program will continue.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note that families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

**Please also note that transportation for French programming is currently being reviewed and there may be reduced bussing offered for all in French programming from 2020 and onward. Please note there may be uncertainty at the time of the application.** For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french).



## DECEMBER GIVING

We are accepting donations from December 2, 2019 to December 18, 2019 which will be donated to Juliette's Place.

Donations we are accepting:

**Canned goods;  
New Toys;  
New Winter Clothing, including Coats, Socks, Gloves,  
Scarves & Slippers.**

Donations can be brought to the lobby of the school. Thank you for your donation.

*Juliette's Place*





# WEATHER GUIDELINES

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. Conditions warranting indoor recesses (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold. (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing. (c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September. Alerts are posted on the Web site [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health) or available by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.

Other conditions: Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's [www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca](http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca) or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information.

During these extreme weather conditions, students may wait inside entry doors starting at 8:30am and 12:15pm.

Longboat students wear SNOWPANTS!!!



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019 – We remember.....





## KINDNESS CHAIN

In Room 210, Ms. Tessler's students thought of an idea to have a kindness jar contest. We wanted to show how much kindness Tom Longboat has. Each class had a jar and paper. If somebody did something kind, the student had to write down what it was. At the end of the two weeks, we wanted to see how many kind comments there were. The class with the highest number of kind comments would win a jar of candy.

In the Primary grades, Ms. Bonnell's class had 120 kind comments. In the Junior grades, Ms. Tessler's class had 153 kind comments! Tom Longboat had 433 kind comments in total!

After we counted the comments, we decided to make a kindness chain. We linked each comment together. Our chain covers the entire front hallway of the school! We hope you can come to Tom Longboat and take a look at our Kindness Chain. Keep up the kindness!

By: Mithula and Shoumi, Room 210





ONTARIO'S JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN  
STUDENTS (BORN 2015) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR....

# EYE SEE...EYE LEARN®



Children in JK qualify for a complimentary pair of glasses

**DID YOU KNOW THAT 80% OF LEARNING  
IS VISUAL?**

**Ensure your child has clear vision and healthy eyes.**

Book your child's OHIP -covered eye exam with a participating Eye See...Eye Learn optometrist before June 30, 2020.

For more information and to find a participating optometrist near you visit: [www.eyeseeeyelearn.ca](http://www.eyeseeeyelearn.ca). Participating doctors will have "Eye See...Eye Learn doctor" beside their name.

This program is made possible by our participating Eye See...Eye Learn optometrists and exclusive eyewear partners Plastic Plus Canada and Modern Optical Canada.

