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# **FEBRUARY 2020**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Our school continues to be an active centre of learning for all students. This learning is extended to ensure there are plenty of student leadership opportunities throughout each month of the year. In February, we celebrate African Heritage Month. Throughout the month, we share facts about African Heritage and pose inquiry questions for students to research on a daily basis over the announcements. This year, the students Ms. Bonnell's Grade 3 class created all of the facts and inquiry questions. Students research the questions and then bring their answers to the office where it is shared over the announcements the following day. We encourage all students to participate and learn about a vital piece of world and Canadian history.

We have been celebrating students' perfect attendance for the past year. We have noticed that the number of students with perfect attendance has increased steadily each month. Our students are excited to receive their monthly certificates and are very proud of their achievements. This year, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is on February 10<sup>th</sup>. As was initiated last year, we will be giving additional certificates to students who have had perfect attendance for 100 days. Every day counts!

A reminder that our pizza lunch deadline for Term 2 is February 4<sup>th</sup>. All purchases for pizza lunch are made on School Cash Online. The funds raised from our pizza lunches benefit our students directly either through excursions or special events at the school. We hope as many students as possible will be able to participate this term.

February continues to have unpredictable weather. Please ensure that your child comes prepared with the appropriate outdoor clothing to school, as we will be going outside every day. Please refer to the Weather Guidelines on page 8 of this newsletter to see what kinds of clothing children should be bringing to school, and the temperature at which we have indoor recesses and/or lunch. Snow pants are essential to ensure our children's indoor clothing stays dry. When playing outside, children easily fall to the ground while engaging in a variety of activities with peers, and we want to ensure our children stay warm and comfortable.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Chisholm  
Principal

# **TDSB CELEBRATES!**



**February is...**

**African Heritage Month  
Chinese Heritage Month  
Black Queering Month**

For more information, please go to [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

# 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 **January!**

Student	Class	Teacher	Student	Class	Teacher
Hooriya	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Karshiga	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark
Kephas	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Naomi	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark
Mazin	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Ranumi	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark
Mirunan	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Saajana	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark
Pavanis	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Yaqub	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark
Racina	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Ahishan	2/3-AM	Ms Stephen
Sophia	JKSK1	Ms Shnayderman	Ali	2/3-AM	Ms Stephen
Aabriella	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Kelina	2/3-AM	Ms Stephen
Aajanan	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Sahl	2/3-AM	Ms Stephen
Arya	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Adrianna	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Diara	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Archaya	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Faithleen	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Joshua	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Saaruharsh	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Laila	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Stephanie	JKSK2	Ms Yung	Risigan	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Akchay	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Sajin	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Ariana	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Saruyan	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Ayomipo	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Sharleez	3-AM	Ms Bonnell
Evangeline	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Achsayan	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Safiyyah	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Ajay	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Shahanaa	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Anushgaa	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Sharika	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Fiza	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Varshyga	1/2A-AM	Mr Maskerine	Madujan	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Ariana	1/2B-AM	Ms Chui	Myles	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Athulan	1/2B-AM	Ms Chui	Sahana	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Jayanee	1/2B-AM	Ms Chui	Shaista	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Noemi	1/2B-AM	Ms Chui	Shoumi	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Thivyan	1/2B-AM	Ms Chui	Vraj	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Amsan	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark	Zayan	4/5-AM	Ms Tessler
Eshal	1/2C-AM	Mr Mark			

Student	Class	Teacher
Anhthy	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Asaad	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Ashley	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Emmanuella	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Hareny	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Illijah	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Jenahan	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Jimmy	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Mandy	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Mathusan	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Mya	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Ranudi	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Sajeena	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Shagata	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Shahid	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Shanthosh	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Shanujah	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Sonali	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Varshanaa	5/6A-AM	Ms Williams
Ashaa	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Emnet	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Fennel	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Kavinayan	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Kishaaney	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Raihaan	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Rithan	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding
Taranis	5/6B-AM	Mr Birta & Ms Riding



## LOOK AT OUR LONGBOAT LEADERS...

### CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY - TEAMWORK

Student	Teacher	Class
Ali	Ms Shnayderman	K1
Sophia	Ms Shnayderman	K1
Harsy	Ms Yung	K2
Aajanan	Ms Yung	K2
Ayomipo	Mr Maskerine	1/2A
Declan	Mr Maskerine	1/2A
Jayanee	Ms Chui	1/2B
Zurain	Ms Chui	1/2B
Leo	Mr Mark	1/2C
Amsan	Mr Mark	1/2C
Ali	Ms Stephen	2/3
Arin	Ms Stephen	2/3
Anousheh	Ms Bonnell	3
Risigan	Ms Bonnell	3
Mriam	Ms Tessler	4/5
Preethika	Ms Tessler	4/5
Mithila	Ms Williams	5/6A
Ranudi	Ms Williams	5/6A
Varshanaa	Ms Williams	5/6A
Sam	Mr Birta & Ms Riding	5/6B
Sina	Mr Birta & Ms Riding	5/6B

### BOOKMARK CONTEST

We received so many fabulous entries for the Bookmark contest.

Two entries from each division were selected and presented with a prize at the Longboat Leader Assembly on January 31. Congratulations to the following students: Racina K1, Joseph K2, Aksharah 1/2B, Archaya 3, Hareny 5/6A and Thenuka 5/6B. We will be printing copies of the winning bookmarks.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 4 Last day to purchase Pizza lunch for February, March, April & May**

Feb 4 Kindergarten Registration – 9:00-11:00am

Feb 10 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Feb 12 Pizza Lunch

Feb 14 PA Day – No School

Feb 14 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Feb 17 Family Day – No School

Feb 24 Sight & Sound Clinic

Feb 25 Kindergarten Registration – 9:00-11:00am

Feb 26- Wheelchair Basketball

Mar 4

Mar 9 Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day

Mar 12 Spirit Day: Emoji Day

Mar 11 Spirit Day: Celebrity Day

Mar 12 Spirit Day: Olden Days Day

Mar 13 Spirit Day: Super Hero Day

Mar 23 Spirit Day: Pediculosis Check

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child was **born in 2016**, they may enter kindergarten in September 2020. Registration is now open. Two options for registration:

- Online Registration
  - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>
- In Person (Feb 4-9:00-11:00am; Feb 25-9:00-11:00am)

If you miss the in person dates, please proceed to the Online Registration. Once the online registration is completed we will call you to come in with your verification documents.





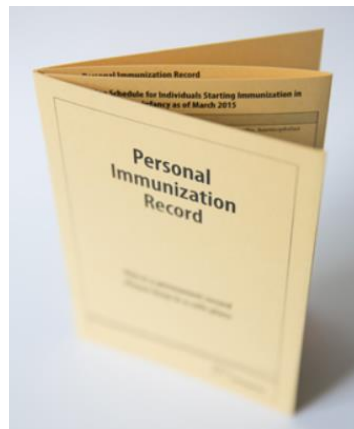
# IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Throughout the month of February 2020, Toronto Public Health will be contacting parents regarding any students who have outstanding vaccinations/immunization.

Please ensure you contact Toronto Public Health should you receive one of these letters.

Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires parents of children attending elementary and secondary school provide their local health unit with proof of their child's immunization against the following designate diseases:

Measles	Mumps
Rubella	Diphtheria
Tetanus	Polio
Meningococcal	Whooping cough (pertussis)
Chickenpox ( <i>only applies to kids born on or after 2010</i> )	



All the vaccines needed for school are free. Make an appointment with your healthcare provider if your child needs any of the above vaccines.

Note: It is the parent's responsibility to update their child's immunization record or provide a valid exemption form to Toronto Public Health.

## Avoid School Suspension

Students without the required vaccines will receive two notices asking for updated immunization information. To avoid school suspension, please report your child's immunization, every time they receive a vaccine or booster.

## SECONDARY PROGRAM REVIEW & OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible. As part of the [Secondary Program Review](#), the TDSB is reviewing the **Optional Attendance** policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address.

A public consultation process for both the Secondary Review and P013 started in November 2019. Please visit the TDSB website for more information and opportunities to provide feedback: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>. If you have any questions and/or comments, please email [SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca)

# 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.





## VISIONS OF TURTLE ISLAND: TRIBAL VISION DANCE

On Friday, January 24 we had the opportunity to see a performance *Visions of Turtle Island: Tribal Vision Dance*. This included live singing, dancing, and video and image presentations to help explain the dances and illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada. Some students were also offered the opportunity to participate in the dance.





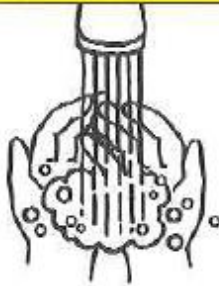
## ROCKS & RINGS

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020 students in Grades 1-6 had the opportunity to learn and experience Curling. Students were extremely enthusiastic and had a lot of fun with a great introduction to this sport.



## TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY

# Hand Washing



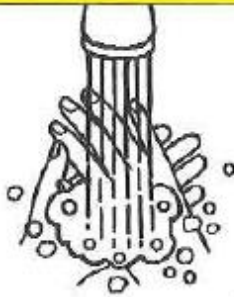
1. Wet hands.



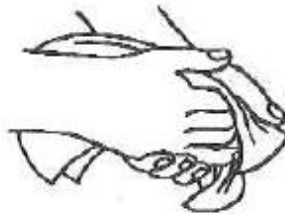
2. Apply soap.



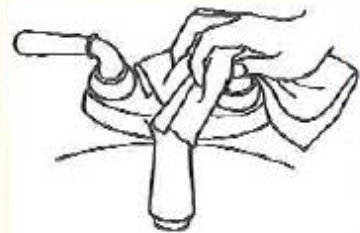
3. Lather for 15 seconds.  
Rub between fingers,  
back of hands,  
fingertips, under nails.



4. Rinse well under  
running water.



5. Dry hands well with  
paper towel or hot air  
blower.



6. Turn taps off with  
paper towel, if  
available.

## Stop the Spread of Germs

### Always Wash Your Hands

#### After you:

- Sneeze, cough or blow your nose
- Use the washroom or change diapers
- Handle garbage
- Play outdoors

#### Before and after you:

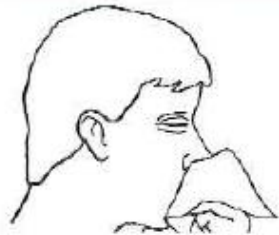
- Prepare or eat food
- Touch a cut or open sore

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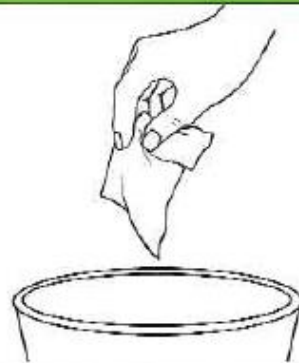


## TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY

# Cover Your Cough



**1. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough, sneeze or blow your nose.**



**2. Put used tissue in the garbage.**



**3. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not in your hands.**



**4. Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (minimum 70% alcohol-based).**

## Stop the Spread of Germs

### Always Cover Your Cough

- Covering your cough or sneeze can stop the spread of germs
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Keep your distance (more than 2 metres/6 feet) from people who are coughing or sneezing

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