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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The fall at Tom Longboat Jr. P.S. has been filled with excitement once again. Like the changing colours of the leaves, we are constantly improving upon our instructional and assessment practices in order to improve student achievement. This month we started up our inquiry buddies once again. This time we focused on Indigenous Canadian Art. November is Indigenous Education Month in the TDSB, and students are preparing for our Indigenous Education Arts Festival here at Tom Longboat on November 20th. We look forward to seeing as many families join us that evening as possible.

Our Ultra Neutron Move-A-Thon was held on October 31st. Our students moved and grooved all afternoon with Professor Jamz! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all of our families for helping us raise money for JungleSport which is coming back to Tom Longboat after popular demand in December. Together we raised over \$2250! We look forward to welcoming Professor Jamz back again next fall.

Our Progress Report Cards will be distributed to families on November 13th. This gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the learning that has occurred to date and what next steps we will be focussing on for the rest of Term 1. We encourage all families to attend the Parent-teacher interviews being held on November 14th in the evening, and November 15th in the morning. Please be sure to return your interview request forms.

Finally, we are excited to welcome two teacher candidates from OISE Master of Teaching Program for the month of November. These teacher candidates will be co-teaching with their host teacher and then teaching some lessons individually over the next four weeks. Welcome to Ms. Hallarn in Mr. Maskerine's class and Ms. Ratnasingam in Ms. Stephen's class.

We are looking forward to seeing positive examples of student achievement over the next month, and to see our students demonstrating November's character trait of empathy.

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



November is...

**Hindu Heritage Month
Indigenous Education Month**

For more information, please go to 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 **October!**

Student	Class	Teacher	Student	Class	Teacher
Kaleb	K1	Ms. Samnani	Charlie	2/3	Ms. Stephen
Mirunan	K1	Ms. Samnani	Garaniga	2/3	Ms. Stephen
Athiran	K1	Ms. Samnani	Nuha Fatima	2/3	Ms. Stephen
Armaan	K1	Ms. Samnani	Kelina	2/3	Ms. Stephen
Racina	K1	Ms. Samnani	Laila	3	Ms. Bonnell
Pavanis	K1	Ms. Samnani	Adrianna	3	Ms. Bonnell
Kapishan	K1	Ms. Samnani	Ivan	3	Ms. Bonnell
Arya	K2	Ms. Yung	Luka	3	Ms. Bonnell
Mira	K2	Ms. Yung	Saruyan	3	Ms. Bonnell
Diara	K2	Ms. Yung	Joshua	3	Ms. Bonnell
Markus	K2	Ms. Yung	Risigan	3	Ms. Bonnell
Harsy	K2	Ms. Yung	Archaya	3	Ms. Bonnell
Aabriella	K2	Ms. Yung	Myles	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Aajanan	K2	Ms. Yung	Aruran	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Akshay	1/2A	Mr. Maskerine	Madujan	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Varshyga	1/2A	Mr. Maskerine	Simran	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Jaswin	1/2A	Mr. Maskerine	Vraj	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Evangeline	1/2A	Mr. Maskerine	Zayan	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Jada-Sky	1/2B	Ms. Sawyer	Anushgaa	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Haniya	1/2B	Ms. Sawyer	Hafsah	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Aksharah	1/2B	Ms. Sawyer	Shoumi	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Saathana	1/2B	Ms. Sawyer	Mithula	4/5	Ms. Tessler
Kavisa	1/2B	Ms. Sawyer	Emmanuella	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Athulan	1/2B	Ms. Sawyer	Illijah	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Karshiga	1/2C	Mr. Mark	Jimmy	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Ranumi	1/2C	Mr. Mark	Jenahan	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Zayan	1/2C	Mr. Mark	Ashley	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Abiran	2/3	Ms. Stephen	Shanujah	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Arin	2/3	Ms. Stephen	Shahid	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Rayyan	2/3	Ms. Stephen	Mandy	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Ahishan	2/3	Ms. Stephen	Hareny	5/6A	Ms. Williams

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Student	Class	Teacher
Anthy	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Mya	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Sonali	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Shanthosh	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Kirish	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Sajeena	5/6A	Ms. Williams
Thenuka	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Fennel	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Yusuf	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Rithan	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Kavinayan	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Kishaaney	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Addison	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Nithula	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Taranis	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Sina	5/6B	Mr. Birta
Thiebika	5/6B	Mr. Birta



LOOK AT OUR LONGBOAT LEADERS... CHARACTER TRAIT FOR OCTOBER – RESPECT

Student	Teacher	Class
Abinash	Ms Samnani	K1
Brianna	Ms Samnani	K1
Aabriella	Ms Yung	K2
Diara	Ms Yung	K2
Jaswin	Mr Maskerine	1/2A
Shahanaa	Mr Maskerine	1/2A
Thivyan	Ms Sawyer	1/2B
Kavisa	Ms Sawyer	1/2B
Aryaa	Mr Mark	1/2C
Ammar	Mr Mark	1/2C
Garaniga	Ms Stephen	2/3
Abiran	Ms Stephen	2/3
Tafida	Ms Bonnell	3
Sajin	Ms Bonnell	3
Fiza	Ms Tessler	4/5
Madujah	Ms Tessler	4/5
Sonali	Ms Williams	5/6A
Jayden	Ms Williams	5/6A
Sina	Mr Birta	5/6B
Theibika	Mr Birta	5/6B
Aaruksha	Ms Riding	HSP

PROGRESS REPORTS / PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled throughout the year after report cards are sent home. Teachers will be conducting interviews Thursday November 14, 3:15-7:00pm and November 15, 8:30-11:30am.

These interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues. In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly.



As a token of appreciation, PIAC invites you to join us for a day full of knowledge exchange, council capacity building and networking. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee appreciates the work the School council members & community put into the schools to enhance the learning environment for our children.

Date: Saturday November 16, 2019

Time: 9:00 am-3:30 pm (Registration starts at 8:00 am)

Location: Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Avenue North York, ON

RSVP at:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/PIAC-2019-Event>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am
- Nov 12 – Photo Retake – AM
- Nov 13 – Pizza Lunch
- Nov 13 - Progress Reports/KCLIO Go Home
- Nov 14 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-7:00pm
- Nov 15 – Parent Teacher Interviews 8:30-11:30am
- Nov 15 – PA Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov 20 – Indigenous Education Arts Festival 6:00-7:00pm
- Nov 27 – Parent Council Meeting – 9:00am – Conference Room A
- Nov 29 – Longboat Leader Assembly – 9:00am
- 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

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.**



Room 210 Rocks!

Tom Longboat has implemented the use of community circles in each classroom as a way to honour student voice and promote students' feelings of belonging and well-being.

In Room 210, they took this initiative to a new level. They created a song that they sing together as a class each time they meet in a community circle. This month, they also shared their song with the entire school on the morning announcements!

We Love 210

We love 210,
It is our classroom.
We love 210,
It is our home.

We love 210,
It is our classroom.
We love 210,
It is our home.

Hi, we are 210,
We are so kind;
We never bully;
We always include.

We always listen,
We never judge.

These are our voices,
We're always heard.



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 Early French Immersion** which begins in SK (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between:

November 4, 2019 and November 29, 2019

- **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.

Professor Jamz Ultra Neutron Move-A-Thon



REMEMBRANCE DAY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

On Monday, November 11th, students and staff at our schools and across the city will mark Remembrance Day with classroom activities and school assemblies. For Remembrance Day, teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.

As a point of interest, TDSB's Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute has the recognized distinction of having the greatest number of students, graduates, teachers, and other staff enlist in the military during the Second World War than any other school in the British Commonwealth.

In Flanders Fields

By Canadian Physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



**INDIGENOUS ARTS
EDUCATION FESTIVAL
Tom Longboat JPS**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2019
6:00-7:00PM**



Parents, Guardians and Families are invited to come out for an evening of activities displaying the Indigenous Arts.