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### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 2– Curriculum  
Night

Nov. 11–  
**Remembrance Day**  
Assembly

Nov 15-19– Bullying  
Prevention Week

Nov. 17– Progress Re-  
ports Go Home

Nov. 18– Parent/Teacher  
Interviews, virtual

Nov. 19– Parent/Teacher  
Interviews AM (virtual)/  
NO School/PA Day

Nov. 26– Future Aces  
Assembly (PM)

Dec. 9– School Council  
Meeting (virtual)

Dec. 16– Special Treat  
Day

Dec. 17– Last day of in-  
struction

Dec. 20– Jan. 2– Winter  
Break

Jan. 3– School Resumes



# Topcliff Public School

## Watch Us Soar!

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## Principal's Message

Thank-you to all of our parents who joined us at the first School Council Meeting on October 28th. By acclamation, our elected representatives are:

Thuy Dam– Chair

Ajanthiny Thiyagalingam– Co-  
Chair

Syed Ali– Treasurer

We look forward to seeing our parents at our next school council meeting on December 9th.

As well, we had a fantastic parent turn out for Curriculum Night this year. We hope parents will be able to meet their child's

teacher on November 18 & 19 for Parent/Teacher interviews. Thank-you for your ongoing support as we partner together to help each child be successful in their learning.

The week of November 15th is recognized as Bullying Prevention Week. Here are some useful sites that parents may use at home with your child:



<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>

<http://www.prevnet.ca/bullying/parents>

Are you looking for additional learning resources that you can use at home? Please visit the : <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library>



There are a variety of online books and videos in English and French.

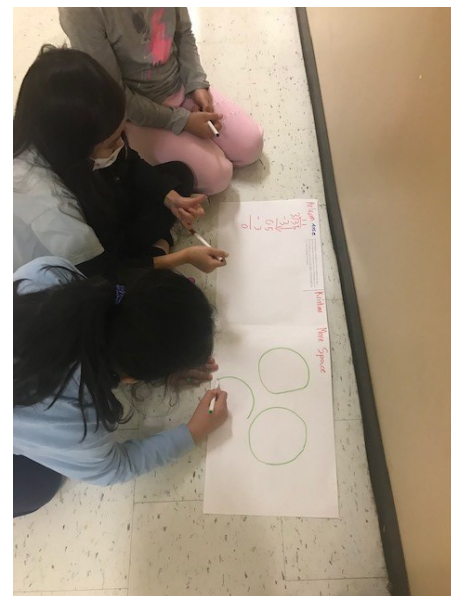
-Z. Valerio

## Safe Arrival Program

When your child is absent from school, please call the school before 8:30am. at 416-395-2940 and leave a message with your child's name, classroom and reason for absence. This voice message system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



November is Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB. This month provides an opportunity to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, histories and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, and resistance.

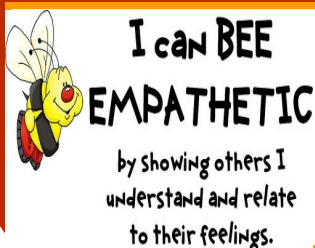


Ms. Bent's grade 4 students problem-solving a math question and communicating their mathematical thinking.

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## November is Hindu Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during the month of November as the Board of Trustees voted to pass a motion in April 2018 to mark this time. On December 8th, 2016, the Province of Ontario passed the Hindu Heritage Month Act by declaring that the month of November in each year is proclaimed as Hindu Heritage Month.



## Pumpkin Fun!

Classes had great fun decorating pumpkins and investigating pumpkins as part of their Science and Math learning. Congratulations to Ms. Bhamra's grade 1/2 class for winning the "guess the number of chocolates in the jar" contest and Mr. James' grade 3 class for naming the spooky tunes contest.



## French Program Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK and SK, for September 2022 only) and Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2022 are:

Early French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between November 1 and November 26, 2021.

Middle French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between January 3 and January 28, 2022.

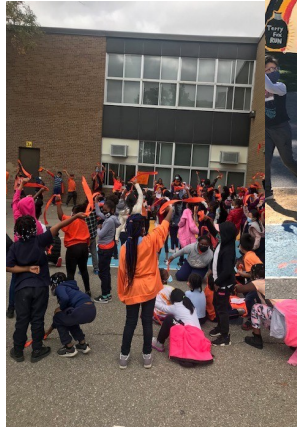
For more information about the **Virtual Information Sessions**, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions).

For more information about French programs, the application process and important dates, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french) or click on Application Process.

**Empathy: "We must understand before we judge."**



## What's Happening at Topcliff?



## Thank-you Joyce!

Joyce Raymond loves to volunteer! She donated 34 hand-knitted sweaters for our JK and French SK students. They're gorgeous! Just in time for winter!!!



## SickKids Rapid Testing School Program

The *Hospital for Sick Children* is pleased to provide [COVID-19 Saliva Testing Program in partnership](#) with Topcliff.

Under this program, the *Hospital for Sick Children* offers FREE COVID-19 saliva test kits for symptomatic staff, students, and household members, or those who have been identified by Toronto Public Health (TPH) as a high risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case.

A non-symptomatic family member can pick up a kit from the school office. The saliva test is simple to do at home. Just complete the form that is included in the kit and return it with the kit back to the school. The drop-off station is at the front doors of the school.

If the results are positive you will receive a phone call from Toronto SickKids. With your child's OHIP number, you can access the results online.

This is a great strategy to control the spread of the virus in the community.



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Helen Fisher

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Pictures Above: 1) Gr.4 vs Gr.5 soccer game...2) Orange Shirt Day led by Grade 5s...3) Terry Fox Walk

4) Gr.1-5 School-wide Drumming Circle...5) Reading in Kindergarten...6) Still life painting