

Les Nouvelles

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Winchester

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Happy February Winchester Families!

Hard to believe we are already 6 months into the school! February is a short but might month, filled with celebrations that include, Black Heritage Month, Valentines' Day, and of course Family Day! February's Character Trait is Fairness.

February is also a time to celebrate learning. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Friday, February 14. Please ensure to contact your child's homeroom teacher for a time to chat about progress. Thanks for working together to ensure students are successful. Have a happy February.

Winchester Happenings

Peer Mediation

St. Stephenson's Community House will be working with Grade 7-8 students on Peer Mediation. The Winchester students will be trained in Peer Mediation and Conflict Management and receive a certificate at the end of the program. The goal is to have our trained peer mediators will train younger students and provide peer mediation with their agemates.

January Wellness Week: Teamwork Focus

Teamwork Challenge! In class students took time to discuss what teamwork looks like and created a class rubric. Staff watched for the criteria then submitted a ticket to the office when students were caught in the act of teamwork. During Wellness Week, each day students' names were drawn. Students had a chance to win a bike and helmet generously donated to our school by Square Circle, a non-profit organization in Regent Park.

Daily Workshops! Skylark and MLSE were in on Tuesday, January 28 they worked with a variety of age groups Grade 2-8 on teamwork. TurningPoint joined us on Wednesday, January 29 and worked with Grade 7-8 on stress management. On Thursday and Friday York Student Nurses worked with Grades 4-8 on Social Media. A great week of Wellness was had by all!

February is Heritage Months:

As a school, we value the importance of Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy. The students began 2020 by exploring identity. For African Heritage Month, we have some exciting things planned as we celebrate and honour the histories and contributions of the people from the African Diaspora. From motivational speakers, Anansi storytelling, daily affirmations, historical references and a Black Professional Educational Career Fair.

February is also Chinese Heritage Month. Classes have been learning about Chinese Heritage and celebrating Lunar New Year. Classes cooked with Winchester Families, made traditional crafts and read books about Chinese Heritage.

Mr. Long's Guidance Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 students, we are nearing the end of the high school selection process. In preparation for making a final decision, students need to prepare course plans for all potential schools (this includes a home school and any schools they've applied to). Course planning is done on myBlueprint and students have been provided with a Course Selection Package and instruction to help them with this process. If your child has not yet shared the Course Selection Package with you, please ask them for it.

Immediate Action Required - Students at Winchester are asked to submit ALL course plans by Sunday evening (they've had since Monday to work on them). Submitting course plans simply means they are selecting their courses and submitting them to me on myBlueprint for my review. I check them over for mistakes and follow up with students who have errors in their plans. Given the number of students I support, this requires time so I appreciate your cooperation in submitting your child's course plans this weekend. If you wait and submit them later, I cannot promise your child will be pre-registered to a high school on time.

Once the course plans are correct, they are printed and sent home for a parent signature. Your official high school selection is made by signing and returning ONE course selection plan for the secondary school of your choice. This signed course plan MUST be for a school/program your child has been accepted to and it is due to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 21st (your child has already been accepted to their home schools and if they have applied to TDSB schools, they will hear from them between February 3-14. If you do not hear from a school by February 14th, please contact the high school directly and inquire about the status of your child's application). On the 21st of February, I will collect all submitted course plans, process the forms and pre-register students at their selected schools.

Should you have any questions, you are always welcome to email me at chris.long@tdsb.on.ca.

Chris Long
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Mabels Labels

Just a reminder to anyone ordering from Mabel's Labels (personalized labels for stuff kids lose!) that 20% of any sales goes back to the school as an ongoing/year-round fundraiser!

It's simple:

Go to: www.mabelslabels.ca

Click: three bars in top left corner

Choose from drop down menu: SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER

Select: Winchester Junior & Senior (Toronto)

** 20% of any purchase goes directly back to Winchester to support various programs for the students**

Reminders:

School Buses

If you have made alternative arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the day, please send a ClassDojo message to your child's teacher and notify the Office (phone: 416-393-1270 or email dita.petr@tdsb.on.ca). Verifying arrangements at the end of the day can impact our safe dismissal routine and can cause delays. If a child will not be taking the bus home, and is being pick-up by an adult, please sign them out in the Main Office. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!

Cancellation of Buses During Severe Weather

Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the director of education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day (usually 6:30 a.m.). Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information or visit www.tdsb.on.ca. If buses are cancelled in the morning that will mean that they are cancelled for the day and you will need to make arrangements to get your child to AND from school.

School Bus Zones

Parking Enforcement monitors our school bus loading zones and parking is strictly enforced. Please be mindful not to stop or park in loading zone. The loading zone is located on Rose Avenue beginning at the delivery dock to half-way down the block. If you are picking up your child, please leave your **vehicles on Prospect, Ontario or Winchester streets.**

Recess During Cold Weather

Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -20C and -28C.

THE LEACOCK FOUNDATION

March Break Math Literacy!

Strengthen your math skills, banish
math anxiety and have fun!

FREE!



Math puzzles and games!



Recreational activities!



Healthy snacks!

Who? Students in Grades 1-6 from
Rose Ave. Jr. P.S., Winchester Jr. P.S. & Our Lady of Lourdes

Where? Rose Avenue Jr. P.S.

When? March 16th - March 20th, 2020

This is a Half-Day Program.

Grades 1-3 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



STEM initiatives!

REGISTER ONLINE BY MARCH 6TH:

<https://tinyurl.com/MBML2020>



Questions? Contact Us:

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