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Principal's Message

Welcome to March, Spring, warmer weather, outdoor activities and of course, March Break! March is about Honesty. Students will be working in class on this month's Character Trait. March Break is quickly approaching; Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20, 2020. Winchester wishes all our families a safe and happy March Break! See you on Monday, March 23 -- Day 3!

LOOKING BACK ON FEBRUARY ...

African Heritage Month/Chinese Heritage Month:

The TDSB celebrates African Heritage for the month of February. At Winchester, our school did Culturally Relevant Pedagogy related to the stories, experiences and histories of people from the African diaspora. On February 26th, we held our first Black Excellence Career Fair for our intermediate students in Celebration of African Heritage Month. The morning celebrated, honoured and highlighted individuals from the Black Community who are outstanding in their professions. The sessions were about empowering the students by creating awareness around various Career paths.



Pictured left are Joel Anthony, Vice Principal Mitchell, Sagal Muse, Dr. Ruth Rodney, Jahmeek Murray-Taylor and Camille Mitchell.

Joel Anthony

Joel Anthony is a Canadian professional basketball player who played for San Lorenzo of the Liga Nacional de Básquetbol. He was also a member of the Canadian national basketball team. He was a former NBA player, who played for the Miami Heat for seven years. With the Miami Heat, he won 2 NBA Championships. After playing for the Miami Heat, he played for the Boston Celtics, Detroit Pistons, San Antonio Spurs and Milwaukee Bucks. He currently works for the Raptors 905.

Camille Mitchell

Camille is a Design Architect with Gensler's Toronto office - the global architecture, design, and planning firm. Currently she is involved with the design and implementation of a large financial tower that is guaranteed to shape Toronto's skyline. Camille was formerly a Project Architect with KPMB Architects where she contributed to the new commercial tower development at the Bay Adelaide Centre (Toronto) and was fully immersed in the design of the New Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois). She also serves as a Youth Mentor with the Lifelong Leadership Institute, the Managing Director for Building Equality in Architecture Toronto, and a Member of the Dean's Advisory Council within the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science at Ryerson University.

Sagal Muse

Sagal Muse is a Toronto-based marketing professional, entrepreneur and artist. Upon graduating from Wilfrid Laurier University's Lazaridis School of Business, she dove into the startup world, and began working on a B2B branding and illustration company out of her hometown's accelerator, Communitech. She is the founder of Muse Avenue, a digital fashion and lifestyle magazine for Muslim and women of colour.

Dr. Ruth Rodney

Dr. Ruth Rodney is an Assistant Professor at York University's School of Nursing in Toronto, Canada where she teaches global health and women's health. She entered the academic and research field with 15 years of frontline nursing experience in a number of clinical areas in Canada and globally. Dr. Rodney's research focuses on violence prevention and health promotion primarily examining how communities can create environments that support healthy relationship development. She is particularly interested in adolescent communities and has focused her research efforts in Guyana, the country of her heritage and Hamilton, Ontario where her primary residence is located.

Jahmeek Murray Taylor

Jahmeek Taylor is a firefighter with the City of Toronto. He received a scholarship to Saint Mary's University, graduating with a double major in criminology and sociology. After University, he had a brief stint with the CFL. As well as being a fire-fighter, Jahmeek has his own Health and Wellness business.

Fairness Challenge:

Congratulations to all the students who practiced their fairness skills. Students' whose names were drawn received pink t-shirts for Pink Shirt Day -- anti bullying. Go Winchester!!

U of T Varsity Blues -- Buddy Up Program

Grade 5/6A and B enjoyed some time with our Varsity Blues. They...

York Student Nurses, Gabriella Ogaz Gallardo, Justyna Skowron, Abby Waugh, Savannah Wolf-Hays have been with us since January. Since then they have organized workshops on Social Media, created a Girls' Empowerment Group and supported our Mental Health Initiative with workshops and a bulletin board in the Lunchroom about Mental Health. They will be working in a few classes in the next few weeks focused on being good friends. Sadly, they will be saying good bye to Winchester on April 3! Thank you for all your work!

Reminders:

School Bus Loading Zone

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.

Safe Arrival

A gentle reminder, that if students arrive during or after announcements, please sign-in at the Main Office. This will ensure you don't receive the automated Safe Arrival call and our daily attendance is accurate Thank you in advance! Safety over convenience. Thank you for identifying yourself when promoted at the buzzer. The buzzer will be answered from 8 am to 4:00 pm.