



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday March 8, 2019

Upcoming Events

March 23

- Auditions Callback

March 26

- Gr. 8s to Raptor's game

April 1

- Parent Council (7pm)

April 9

- Earl Haig Dance Matinee

April 10

- International Day of Pink

April 17

- Strings Night (6:30)

April 18

- Pizza Lunch

April 19

- Good Friday Holiday

April 22

- Easter Monday Holiday

April 30 - May 3

- Gr. 8 Montreal Trip

May 9

- CWSA Dance Night

Positive Welcome Back Spring...

Welcome back! I hope each of you had a restful break with your children.

William Damon, human development expert, discusses the importance of the development of awe and wonder in our students, "...without this larger connection, students are less likely to maintain their inspiration, motivation, and resilience in the face of challenges." (link)



We can foster this awe in the appreciation of everyday natural phenomena for instance the advent of spring. As we experience the arrival of spring, we are privy to amazing secrets of the universe. It's a wonder to think that the rain we experience over the next few weeks will foster new life as leaves, buds and flowers appear on our trees and shrubs. This new growth will welcome back the birds, give birth to the butterflies and attract the many interesting insects that live in our city. It's truly, incredible! As we enjoy these first days and weeks of spring. Encourage your children to take time to experience the wonder.

This week Ms. Fernandes and the Grade 4s at CWSA continue to complete their pastel pieces which gesture to the work of Emily Carr and feature an array of Canadian landscapes in brilliant colours. The images are breathtaking and remind us of the magnificent unique landscapes across our vast country. These fantastic pieces of artwork are on display outside the office. This week I encouraged students in need of a mental break to take a moment to pause and experience this gift from Ms. Fernandes and our Grade 4 students.

Have a great week-end!
Ms. Jones



Earl Haig Dance Matinee

On Tuesday, April 9th CWSA students will take a walking field trip to Earl Haig to experience their annual Dance Matinee! Students should be dressed in their uniforms (shirt and pants/skirt). Students are encouraged to wear running shoes as we will be walking to Earl Haig.



Strings Night (revision)

CWSA Strings Night is **Wednesday, April 17th, 2019** at 6:30 pm in the Gym. Details to follow.

Dance Night

Please mark your calendars CWSA Dance Night has been moved to **Thursday, May 9th, 2019** stay tuned for details.

CWSA Hours

School Entry time is 8:30 am. Please **call** 416-395-3180 before 8:25 am to report a student absence. Please note entry doors open for extra-curricular at 7:30 – 7:45 am. Doors will remain locked until 8:20 for regular entry.

Lost & Found Extended

Looking for **your water bottle!** Please check the **lost and found** display the week of **Monday, March 25th, 2019**. Items will be displayed for one week after which we will recycle or find them a good home.

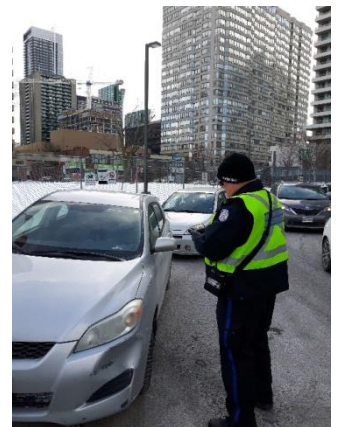
Toronto Public Health

Toronto Public Health (TPH) began sending letters, in early January, to parents requesting their child's immunization information. TPH are seeking school support to promote [online reporting](#) to parents. Families without a healthcard, can make an appointment at the [free vaccination](#) clinic. Language interpreter services are available at **416-392-1250**.

Traffic Safety – In the Loop

Traffic Alert: ALWAYS CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!

- 1) Do NOT aim to drop off your child as close as possible to the school front gates. Always decide to drop off directly beside the sidewalk to the right, regardless of the distance needed to walk. Reduce all risk for our children.
- 2) Do NOT enter from Hollywood Avenue. This is a one-way lane (except for service vehicles). Reduce all risk for neighbours and students walking by that entrance.



Left: Toronto Police Service visited the school in the afternoon to assess the traffic situation.

School Council - 'Celebrating Our Community' Day!

Save the date: **Saturday, May 25, 8 am – 12 noon!** The Claude Watson School Council is contemplating and hoping to plan an event – in school front yard – to promote active engagement between the school and the community. The support from our parents, especially in volunteering service, will be key for a successful event. More information will soon follow. **Next School Council meeting – Monday, April 1 (no joke). All Welcome!**