



# Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday November 15, 2019

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## Up Coming Events

### November 25

- Staff Meeting (3:45)
- School Council Mtg. Elections 7 pm

### November 27

- Pizza Lunch

### December 3-5

- Dental Screening

### December 3

- Raptors Trip Gr 8 (7pm)

### December 5

- Showcase Auditions

### December 6

- PA Day

### December 12

- School Council Appreciation Breakfast (8 am)

### December 19

- Celebrations (7pm)

### December 20

- Showcase

### Dec. 23 – Jan 3

- Winter Break

## Principals Message: Circles in the Classroom



One of the strategies CWSA teachers are using to build community in the classroom are Circles. Teachers know building strong relationship with students helps all students feel welcome. Students quickly take to the concept of circles. This week I had the opportunity to visit with Ms. Fernandes class 4.1. The students were using circles to discuss how they were feeling about the week. Here is a brief window into their ideas about circles:

*Why are circles important? (use one word to share how you're feeling)*

**"You can empathize with others"**

**"You can understand when someone needs more space cause they're tired"**

**"If someone is acting different than usual you understand"**

**"You can cheer someone up"**

I'm always pleasantly surprised by how much children have to say when given the opportunity to communicate with others about things that matter to them. Students felt sharing challenges were important part of community:

**"I'm not alone"**

**"I can support someone"**

**"If I went through the same thing I can share with someone else"**

**"You can offer solutions or strategies if you had that problem"**

The Grade 4s brainstormed some strategies to help other CWSA students manage stress:

**"Talk to your parents they can support you."**

**"Tell your parents how you feel they may not know."**

**"Eat something maybe your tired and need energy."**

**"Breathe in and out."**

**"Count out loud or in your head."**

Thank-you for class 4.1 for sharing! At CWSA, teachers and students will continue to use circles to build healthy relationships in our classes and in our school.

Have a great day!  
Ms. Jones



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## School Council News

### Safety – In the Loop

#### **Traffic Alert: ALWAYS CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!**

The condo management has strongly raised an issue about the ongoing disregard by parents of illegal parking. The condo has limited space and they would like parents to respect their area.

- 1) Do NOT park on the side of the laneway belonging to the condo on 35 Hollywood Ave
- 2) Do NOT park (even if very briefly) by the garbage containers.
- 3) Do NOT park right behind the property manager's truck
- 4) Do NOT stop and drop your children off on Doris Avenue after the pedestrian crossing in front of the gate - parents have noted this is a dangerous safety concern.

**Please drive with care!**



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## Extra-curricular and Additional News



### Terry Fox final Update:

After a wonderful donation campaign, the last of the donations have been counted, and the final total has been calculated for this year's Terry Fox run. While we did not reach our goal of \$9000 this year, we are very proud to announce that Claude Watson students and families have come together to raise a very impressive \$4965 for the Terry Fox foundation! Congratulations on your effort students, and a huge thank you to all of our families for the generosity they have shown towards this very worthy cause.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Teachers will pick- up students at the doors at the top of the bleachers at the start time of the club or activity. Teachers will wait for 5 minutes. Teachers will send a monitor to the door 10 minutes later to let in late comers. After that teachers will send 1 more monitor to the door 10 minutes later. At 8 am on most days Ms. Owens our office secretary begins her day. Parents are asked to remain at doors and hand off younger children to the student monitors if they are late. CWSA Teachers will register the students and maintain attendance sheets for students participating in clubs and activities.



### Uniforms

Reminder to parents who have purchased shorts, track pants, t-shirts and performance polos are available – please print your receipts and have your children bring the receipts to the office on Monday. Dance Uniforms have arrived at the school we are just putting orders together once we have cleared out the Phys Ed uniforms and performance polos we will start to distribute the dance uniforms. Once uniforms arrive we will begin the process of distribution.

### Who Teaches My Child?

For your reference we have created a chart to help you remember who teaches your child both academic and arts programming at CWSA: [Who Teaches My Child?](#)



### Congratulations Czarina Reyes, Jina Loh, Flora Melnyak and Mira Rosenberg!

CWSA would like Congratulate Czarina Reyes, Jina Loh, Flora Melnyak and Mira Rosenberg who performed in Matilda last week at **The AI Green Theatre in Toronto.**

### Newsletter

We have an abundance of talent at CWSA. Should you wish to publish congratulations please submit notices to [Laura.Jones@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Laura.Jones@tdsb.on.ca) with the **Subject Line: Newsletter Congratulations** on the Tuesday before the Friday newsletter. If you have a picture please feel free to include it. 100 words limit.

### Budget

The TDSB has just released the budgets. We will share information on the preliminary budget at the next **School Council Meeting – Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**