



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday November 22, 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 (5:30 pm)

December 5

- Showcase Auditions

December 6

- PA Day

December 12

- School Council Appreciation Breakfast (8 am)

December 18

- Celebrations Rehearsal

December 19

- Celebrations Earl Haig (7pm)

December 20

- Showcase

Principals Message: Kindness & Caring Week



This week was **Kindness & Caring Week** at CWSA. This is also referred to as **Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week**.

All week the staff and students at CWSA engaged in activities to build healthy relationships. Homeroom Teachers engaged in talks with their students during core time each day that focused on building a positive class and school climate.

On Monday staff encouraged students to take responsibility for their behavior and actions by being mindful of what they 'do and say'. On Tuesday, students engaged in random acts of kindness. We saw the students really embrace this theme on Thursday when the **Chorale** engaged in a huge and generous act of kindness - under the direction of **Ms. Song - and accompanied by Adriel on violin and Irene on Piano - serenaded Ms. Owens our temp OA with a wonderful rendition of "It's a Wonderful World."** It was simply magical and was a tremendous demonstration of **CWSA** at our **BEST!** It was quite fitting because Thursday's theme was **GRATITUDE** and as we reflected on this random act of kindness as a school we were all truly filled with a sense of gratitude for the many opportunities we have for using the arts to **touch lives** and **put good into this world**.



Finally, on Friday teachers and students spent time consolidating the week of activities and reflecting on all they had learned.

I ended the week with a lovely visit with class 4.2 as they performed tableaux where students witnessing bully had the courage to intervene and say enough is enough **"Be Kind!"** It was powerful to see how the students put all their energies so intently into the tableaux that even without words the message was crystal clear - enough **"Be Kind!"**. We have such a great group of grade 4s - each and everyone of you is so special! And you all **belong at CWSA**.

Have a great week-end! Ms. Jones



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School Council News

School Council Agenda – November 25, 2019

School Council
AGENDA
November 25, 2019
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. Co-Chair Remarks
2. Principal's Report
 - a. Ms. Jones will give an update on school-related activities
3. Treasurers' Report
 - a. A treasurer will report on council financials
4. Review Minutes of October 28 meeting
5. Council Elections
 - a. 2019-2020 School Council will be established
6. Council Committees
 - a. Priorities will be established and committees will be formed

Safety – In the Loop

Traffic Alert: ALWAYS CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!

The condo management has strongly raised an issue about illegal parking. The condo has limited space and they are being disregarded by parents. We ask 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

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.

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?](#)

Newsletter Acknowledgements and Congratulations!

We have an abundance of talent at CWSA. Should you wish to publish congratulations please submit notices to 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 25th, 2019.**