



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday November 29, 2019

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Up Coming Events

December 3-5

- Dental Screening

December 3

- Raptors Trip Gr 8 (5:30 pm)

December 5

- Showcase Auditions (afternoon)

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

Dec. 23 – Jan 3

- Winter Break

Principals Message: Bullying Prevention at CWSA



CWSA staff in Grades 4 -6 continued to focus on **Bullying Prevention** this week with focused work on **Managing Meanness by Cultivating Kindness** through partners – Art Express.



[Who is Arts Express?](#)

Arts Express™ was established in 1995 and incorporated in 1998. Today, as a social enterprise, Arts Express reaches tens of thousands of students each year through arts classes, camps and workshops in hundreds of schools across the GTA, York, Peel, Durham, Halton, and Ottawa regions.

Grade 5s said **Bye-Bye Bullies** through art and drama activities. While the Grade 4s got a taste of **Hip Hop Dance** as they declared they are way too cool to be bullies. Finally, all our Grade 6 tackled the topic of Bullying head on as students participated in an animated storytelling experience of **My Secret Bully** where students learned to face their fear and reclaim their power from the bully who uses name-calling, humiliation and exclusion to target others.

CWSA Core Teachers will continue to use community **Circles** in core classes to build healthy relationships and help students to work through challenges using appropriate language and behavior understanding that when we make mistakes we can use our words to talk through and learn from each situation.

Please reinforce with your children the importance of standing up against behavior that tries to hurt or exclude others. We can all be peace makers, allies and friends.

“(Circles) A technique for proactively building the skills and relationships students will need when challenges arise.”

Marieke van Woerkum

Senior trainer, coach, and curriculum writer Marieke van Woerkum, University of Amsterdam, spearheads the use of Circles throughout several school systems across North America.

Have a great week-end! Ms. Jones



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School Council News

Welcome to the School Council



Nov 27, 2nd PIZZA LUNCH of 2019/20

Big THANK YOU to our volunteers, and coordinators Suzanne and Francesca. Pizza lunch is our biggest fundraising event. Volunteers always needed and appreciated!

Nov 25, School Council meeting and elections

Thank you to everyone who attended and to Ms Jones for organizing and promoting the meeting.

Congratulations to our new Members at Large and Executive members!

Your valuable input and important role in decision making on School Council issues will help to enrich the education of our students.

What is a School Council?

“School Councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents and other members of the school community can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance” (Ministry of Education, ON).

What do we do?

We volunteer, advise, fundraise, share skills and resources, encourage and build our community while focusing on the best interest of all students.

Types of membership

General Parent Members are all school parents. You are welcome to attend meetings, share your ideas and participate in discussions and on the committees. General parent members provide input and feedback to the Council but will not be able to vote officially.

If you can not attend the meetings, please consider volunteering. Volunteers make a world of difference! Here are some ways you can help: field trips supervision, pizza lunches, council organized activities and events, information and resource sharing.

Members at Large are parent members who attend meetings, share their ideas and discussions, and have voting rights. This year we acclaimed 22 members.



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2019/20 Members at Large:

Carl Chen, Jun Chen, Rachel Chen, John Clarke, Kitty Fan, Chengmen Guo, Grace Guo, Chris Leiphart, Annie Liu, Deborah Loh, Fred Loh, Priya Nagbal, Georgia Nitescu, Bei Pan, Weidong Pei, Thelma Reyes, Chandni Saraogi, Elaine Sun, Thomas White, Rita Yang, Bing Yuan, Fei Yuan, Thomas White.

Executive Members must all be voting parent members.

2019/20 Executive members

Georgia Nitescu, Fei Yuan; Co-chairs

Thelma Reyes, Chandni Saraogi; Secretaries

Weidong Pei, Bing Yuan; Treasurers

2019/20 Committees and Subcommittees:

minimum one member at large. Meetings to be announced and open to all parents.

Parent Engagement Committee;

Cristina Bucur, Carl Chen, Rachel Chen, Grace Gao, Mehri Hadi, Annie Lou, Georgia Nitescu, Weidong Pei, Rita Yang, Fei Yuan

Bylaws Committee:

Thomas White

Fundraising Committee: John Cape, Sarah Choi, Emily Leiphart, Priya Nagpal, Denny Fong, Elaine Sun.

For feedback, ideas, input or just to say hi, please do not hesitate to contact Georgia.Nitescu@tdsb.on.ca

All the best,
Georgia & Fei

We apologise in advance for possible omissions and/or name misspelling.

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

Celebrations Rehearsal Schedule

The Music Department (S. Brown, L. Song & W. George) is all a buzz working hard on our Celebrations Music concert! Please plan to attend on **Thursday, December 19**.

Ticket information will be going out in the next 2 weeks.

Stay tuned for more information!

				Friday, Nov. 29 10:30-11:30 Gr 8 Phil Orchestra, gym
Mon, Dec. 2 10:30-11:30 Gr.5 IM, gym 1:15-2:15 5/6 Choir, gym	Tues, Dec. 3 8:45 - 9:30 Junior Girls Choir, gym (Gr. 5 boys to math) 9:30-10:30 7/8 Band, gym	Wed. Dec. 4 8:45-10:15 Gr.5 IM, gym 10:30-11:30 Gr.4 IM, gym	Thurs, Dec 5 10:30-11:30 5/6 Choir, gym 2:30-3:30-Finale, gym	Fri, Dec. 6
Mon, Dec. 9 10:30-11:30 Finale, gym	Tues, Dec. 10 9:30-10:30 7/8 Band, gym	Wed. Dec. 11 9:30 - 10:15 Junior Girls Choir, gym (Gr.5 boys to dance class) 10:30-11:30 Gr.4 IM, gym	Thurs, Dec 12 1:15-2:15 5/6 Choir, gym	Fri, Dec. 13 8:45-9:45 Finale, gym 10:30-11:30 Gr 8 Phil Orchestra, gym 1:15-2:15 Salsa/St. Band, gym
Mon, Dec. 16 8:45-9:30 7/8 Band 1:15-2:15 Junior Girls Choir, gym (Gr. 5 boys to Health) 2:30-3:30 Gr.4 IM, gym	Tues, Dec. 17 8:45-10:15 Gr.5 IM, gym 2:30-3:30 Finale, gym	Wed. Dec. 18 AM - Finale PM - walk through without instruments	Thurs, Dec 19 Dress Rehearsal	Fri, Dec. 20 Talent Show Clean-up



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Uniforms

Dear Parents,

As of today, we have distributed the dance pants (Jazz, Yoga, Capri) to all your children to bring back home.

As most of you might have already picked up all other uniform items over the past few weeks, we are asking you to check all your received items, and send us the list of outstanding items.

By Dec 2nd 2019, please send an email with the following information:

- your children's name/class
- the outstanding items with order details (size, item name, order date)

To the address: 2017beipan@gmail.com

In the next couple of weeks, we will pack the outstanding items and send to the children to bring back home.

Please direct all clothes orders questions ONLY to the above address, and the parents volunteers are working diligently to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank-you,

Parent Volunteer

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.

Dental Screening December 3-5

The Dental screening letter was sent to all parents in the November 1 & 8 Newsletters. Dental Screening begins this Tuesday, December 3, 2019.