

# Adrienne Clarkson News

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## Administrators' Message



The month of February has flown by and it certainly was a busy one! We celebrated Lunar New Year with a Lion Dance Performance, Dufflebag Theatre performed "Blanche Neige" for Grades 1-3, David Lane performed for our Grades 4-6 and Indigenous Author Nicole Soliman visited with our Grade 4-8 students. We have also been highlighting Black Excellence during February which is Black History Month. At ACPS, we continue the learning beyond the month of February and in this newsletter you will see some examples of displays that were created by our staff and students. In addition to all of this, we had an Intermediate Friendship Dance, Mid-Year Caring & Safe Schools Presentations, Intermediate Basketball Tournaments, Lego Robotics Regional Competition and our Wellness Team organized candy grams. And of course, we can't forget the Primary Carnival that took place the last week of February!

We're looking forward to spring which we hope will come soon. Please keep in mind that inclement weather and cold temperatures are very common in March and April. To assist in keeping your child safe and comfortable at school, we are encouraging families to send their children to school dressed appropriately for the weather, and to remind children to continue to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear during recess times. March is also the month where we start to see a change in the weather. The schoolyard becomes quite wet and muddy. As a result, we want to remind families that it is important that students have a change of clothes and socks in case they get wet. They also need a pair of indoor and outdoor footwear.

Teachers are working with students towards meeting curriculum expectations for the second term. We encourage families to continue to keep in contact with their child's classroom teacher as we work in partnership to support student learning.

We appreciate everything you do at home to support your child's learning at home.

Your partners in education,

*Mme Russiello et M. Gerson*

- Mar 1** ~ Mr. Sub orders due
- Mar 1** ~ Colour House Morning #2
- Mar 4-8** ~ Wheelchair Basketball with Cruisers Sports
- Mar 4** ~ Scientists in Schools (Grade 6)
- Mar 4** ~ School Council Meeting (7 pm)
- Mar 8** ~ International Women's Day
- Mar 10** ~ Daylight Savings time
- Mar 10** ~ Ramadan begins
- Mar 11-15** ~ Mid-Winter Break
- Mar 17** ~ St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 22** ~ Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assemblies
- Mar 26** ~ Anxiety Workshop (8A/8B)
- Mar 29** ~ Good Friday (no school)
- Apr 1** ~ Easter Monday (no school)
- Apr 1** ~ Final Installment of Grade 8 Trip due

Please visit our [website](#) to view our full Calendar.

- Kids Kitchen** ~ Mondays & Thursdays
- Mr. Sub** ~ Tuesdays
- Popcorn** ~ Wednesdays
- Kome Lunch** ~ Wednesdays
- Pizza Lunch** ~ Fridays

## Grade 8 Graduation - Save the Date

Our Grade 8 graduation is booked for Wednesday, June 19th at the Richmond Hill Country club. Details to follow but for now please save the date.

### Celebrating Black Excellence

Our students are exploring and celebrating stories of black excellence throughout the month of February and beyond. Some of their work is being displayed in our front entrance and throughout the school so that all of our students can be inspired by and benefit from reading and seeing their work.



### Daylight Savings Time

Clocks "Spring" forward one hour on Sunday, March 10 @ 2:00 am














### Are You Moving?



If you will be moving by September 2024, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2024. These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Adrienne Clarkson PS in September. This does not apply to our Grade 8 students. Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year. Please call our office with any information: 905-709-3554.

## March's Holidays and Observances

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|  Bahá'í Faith                      | <b>1</b> 19-Day Fast begins<br><b>1</b> 'Alá'<br><b>19</b> 19-Day Fast ends<br><b>20</b> Naw-Rúz<br><b>20</b> Bahá   |
|  Buddhism                          | <b>14</b> Memorial of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi<br><b>17</b> Festival of Higan-e<br><b>20</b> Spring Ohigan<br><b>28</b> Birth of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva  |
|  Christianity                      | <b>1</b> World Day of Prayer<br><b>18</b> Great Fast begins (E)<br><b>24</b> Holy Week begins (W)<br><b>24</b> Palm Sunday (W)<br><b>28</b> Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W)<br><b>29</b> Good Friday (W)<br><b>30</b> Holy Saturday (W)<br><b>31</b> Easter (W) |
|  Hinduism                          | <b>8</b> Mahashivaratri<br><b>25</b> Holi  |
|  Indigenous Spirituality         | <b>1</b> Half Days Moon (local Oneida)   |
|  Judaism                         | <b>23</b> Eve of Purim<br><b>24</b> Purim  |
|  Islam                           | <b>10</b> First of Ramaḍān<br><b>21</b> Nowruz   |
|  Shinto                          | <b>20</b> Shunbun-no-hi  |
|  Sikhism                         | <b>14</b> Sikh New Year's Day<br><b>25</b> Hola Mohalla  |
|  Wicca                           | <b>20</b> Ostara   |
|  Zarathushti<br>(Zoroastrianism) | <b>16</b> Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem begins<br><b>20</b> Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem ends<br><b>21</b> Nowruz<br><b>26</b> Birth Anniversary of Prophet Zarathustra   |
| Other Events This Month   | <b>8</b> International Women's Day<br><b>10</b> New Moon<br><b>10</b> Daylight Saving Time begins (Canada, USA)<br><b>20</b> March Equinox<br><b>25</b> Full Moon<br><b>25</b> Penumbral Lunar Eclipse   |