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Important Dates

- Nov 11-15
Book Fair
- Nov 11 - Movie night (Gr.6-8)
- Nov 13 - Progress Reports Sent Home
- Nov 14 - Parent interview night
- Nov 15 - PA day-parent interviews
- Nov 27 - Retake Photo Day
- Nov 28 - Pizza Lunch
- Nov 29 - Student Success Assembly

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

Message from the Administration

Please visit [Google Translate](#) to translate the contents of this message.

October was a fun and busy month at M.G.P.S. The cross-country team participated at the Area meet and our intermediate volleyball teams have been playing multiple games and tournaments to prepare for the upcoming Area tournaments. Our Grade 4s also participated in the SlapShot program and got to play a hockey game on ice in real hockey equipment. Our Titan Teams were created, and the staff and student leaders are working together to offer a variety of exciting learning opportunities and experiences.

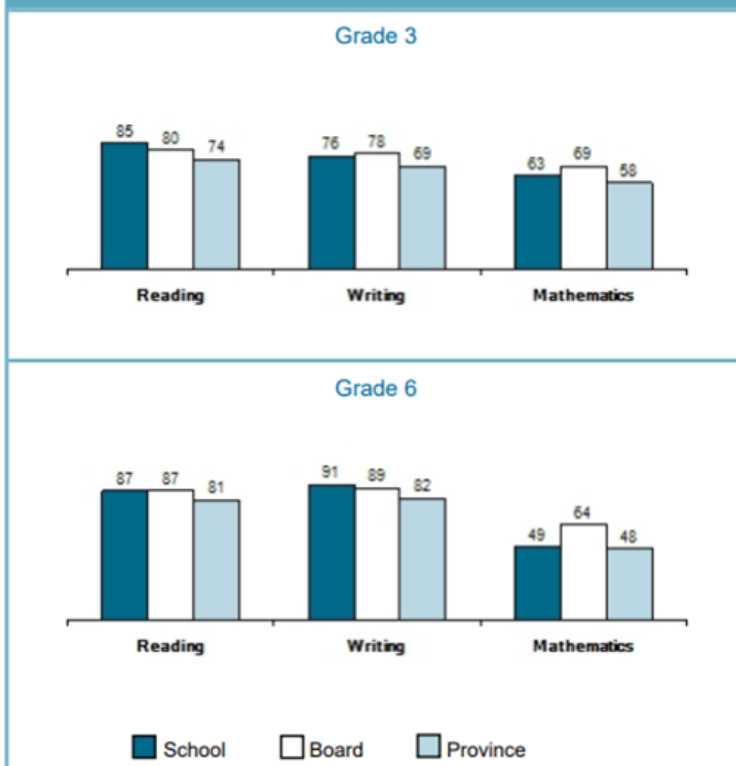
This month, we also engaged in learning about the history and horrific impact of residential schools on our Indigenous peoples on Orange Shirt Day. We have been learning more this week about treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario. November 4th to 8th is Treaty Recognition Week, which is an important time for our students, and all Ontarians, to [learn about](#) and honour treaties and treaty relationships. We at the YRDSB recognize the importance of bringing awareness to treaty relationships and understanding the role they play in our lives and the lives of Indigenous peoples across the province. There are [46 treaties and other agreements](#) across Ontario and we all have a responsibility to honour all of them.

October was also Islamic Heritage Month, which gave us an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to our nation. In keeping with Titan tradition, this learning and celebration occurred at M.G.P.S. through daily announcements, displays in the front foyer and around the school, at our monthly assembly and in focused lessons taught in our classrooms. We also took the time to learn about Yom Kippur and Diwali. We hope that our Hindu families had a wonderful celebration and we wish them a very happy new year and that everyone who observed Yom Kippur had an easy fast.

We had fun last week at our Halloween/Autumn Celebration at M.G.P.S. and during the yearly parade and pumpkin carving contest. Each class developed a themed pumpkin (e.g., the most Canadian pumpkin), then they were displayed in the front foyer. The creativity in the pumpkins was amazing and helped make the day fun for all. We also want to thank our community and staff for generously donating non-perishable food items to the local food bank through our We Scare Hunger Campaign, organized by our We Day committee.

Inspire Learning!

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2018–2019



At the October School Council Meeting, the E.Q.A.O. results from the 2018—2019 school year were shared. We have shared the overall results here for your information.

- The dark blue/green column on the left is how our students did in each subject at Grade 3 and Grade 6.
- The white column is how the students in the York Region School Board did.
- The light-shaded blue/green column on the right is how the students in Ontario performed.

As you can see, our students did quite well in Reading and Writing and, as is the case in many other schools in Ontario, we have some work to do in the area of Mathematics. We look forward to using the data provided to us to help inform and improve our instructional practice moving forward. More detailed information about the results can be found by clicking [here](#), or by going to our school's

website, clicking on the E.Q.A.O. results button, then on the School Results PDF that is in the 2018—2019 box.

We are continuing our monthly Student Success Assemblies this year to, in part, recognize the strengths, good character and achievements of our wonderful students. We will continue to focus on the development of good character through the Character Matters Program and by highlighting one character trait every month. This year, we started a new award recognition program at M.G.P.S. Now when your students get recognized at a monthly assembly, they will be awarded a Terrific Titan Award, which includes a small list of some of your child's specific personal strengths. These awards are more personalized, in an effort to acknowledge the wide variety of ways our students are special — and terrific!

Finally, this is a friendly reminder that the Progress Reports will be sent home with students next week on Wednesday, November 13th, 2019. Parent/teacher/student interviews will be held, in most cases, in the evening on Thursday, November 14th and in the morning on Friday, November 15th. These interviews/conferences will be a great opportunity to discuss what your child(ren) is/are doing well and what potential next steps and goals can be set as the first term progresses. We ask that our students be part of the interview process, because involving them helps to make sure everyone understands each other. We will again be booking appointments for interviews using the EDSBY system. Parents will be invited to start booking appointments on the morning of Friday, November 8th.

We are looking forward to meeting with our students and families next week!

P. Battler
Principal

D. Osman
Vice-Principal



Students of the Month



At the Student Success Assembly on Friday September 27th, the following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life:

K1A Ms. Azar/Ms. Danushi	Aisha A, Haniya A, Ryan k.
K1B Ms. Kerr/Ms. Lee	Aiden L, Amina M, Navreen G.
K1C Ms. Gray/Ms. Kardam	Deepthi M, Mohammad B.
Gr.1A Ms. Ranta	Kingsley S, Bisma A.
Gr.1B Ms. Skilling/Mr. Lovatsis	Jessikah K, Kirishan K.
Gr.2A Ms. Hayat	Hanna L, Maheen M.
Gr.2B Ms. Cheung	Praveena B.
Gr.3A Ms. Grisanth/Ms. Baig	Alman T, Shomiya A.
Gr.3B Ms. Luke	Amal S, Abdul M.
Gr.4A Ms. Kitchen	Laura C, Kaashini N, Abdullah M.
Gr.4/5A Ms. Kurien	Isra A, Mustafa M.
Gr.5/6A Ms. Chowdhury	Yunis Q, Anita D.
Gr.5A Mr. Babalola	Mustafa S, Elackia S
Gr.6A Mr. Whitestone	Mustafa S, Elackia S.
Gr.7A Mr. Hasan	Rishika N, Rajan S.
Gr.7B Ms. Venamalla	Megha V, Hadiya A, Anishan K.
Gr.8A Ms. Sanders	Veishnan V.
Gr.8B Mr. Armoogam	Gurmukhpreet S, Talal F.
Ms. Gillespie	Jasraj S.
Ms. Koumarelas	Sheldon S.

**Congratulations to all! Keep showing that
Titan spirit!**



Students of the Month



At the Student Success Assembly on Friday November 1st, the following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life:

K12A Ms. Azar/Ms. Danushi

Zuhair M, Roha J.

K12B Ms. Gray/Ms. Kardam

Dawood A, Abdussalam M.

K12C Ms. Kerr/Ms. Lee

Kacee T, Jasman B.

Gr. 1A Ms. Ranta

Abdullah S, Aarthi B.

Gr. 1B Ms. Skilling/Mr. Lovatsis

Ashley H, Daniel Y.

Gr. 2A Ms. Hayat

Andrew L, Afiya M.

Gr. 2B Ms. Cheung

Ayshna R, Sivaprian R.

Gr. 3A Ms. Grisanth/Ms. Baig

Roziyat M, Muhammad R.

Gr. 3B Ms. Luke

Tharanikha S, Vikasni T.

Gr. 4A Ms. Kitchen

Abdul B, Sheza A, Saaru S.

Gr. 4/5A MS. Kurien

Nishika B, Bella L, Salman K.

Gr. 5A Mr. Babalola

Aleema M, Beshana J, Johithan S.

Gr. 5/6 Ms. Chowdhury

Kevin Y, Anita D.

Gr. 6A Mr. Whitestone

Hassan N, Svatha S, Jayden P.

Gr. 7A Mr. Hasan

Haajirah T, Fiza A.

Gr. 7B Ms. Venamalla

Huda M, Haad A.

Gr. 8A Ms. Sanders

Tushar S, Charishmi K.

Gr. 8B Mr. Armoogam

Chhavi N, Nithyan S.

Ms. Gillespie

Ivan C.

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Pizza Lunch Dates

Thursday Nov 28, 2019

Thursday Dec 19, 2019

Thursday Jan 30, 2020



Equity Team

The Titan Student Equity Team has been working together to spread knowledge and awareness of Islam during Islamic Heritage Month. Daily announcements, informational displays, and a short presentation at our school-wide assembly were all shared in an effort to promote awareness and appreciation for our Muslim students and community members. Titan Team members learned about important Islamic symbols, practices, and also people who have made a difference in Canada and in the world to make it a better place. A big thank you to Ms. Chowdhury, Ms. Skilling, Mr. Babalola and Ms. Kolar for helping our team with this month's initiative and for helping us to celebrate Diwali with a beautiful display case. Stay tuned for more news and information from our Equity Team!

Other Important Days

Dec 5th - School Council Meeting

Dec 20th - Student Success Assembly

Dec 23rd, 2019 to Jan 3rd, 2020 - Winter Break

