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January 2022

Tamil Heritage Month

3 - 4 - School Closure

5 - 14 - Virtual online

learning

5 - Birth of Guru Gobind

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7 - Christmas (Eastern)

10 - Virtual School Council

Meeting

14 - PA Day

Sixteenth Avenue Star

Administrator's Message

January 2021

Happy New Year to our Sixteenth Avenue Families! We hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. Whether you celebrated a holiday, a significant faith day, took time to rest and relax, and/or spent quality time with family, we hope you experienced an enjoyable winter break and a happy holiday!

As we continue to navigate this global pandemic, we want to express our appreciation to you for adhering to public health guidelines and supporting us in providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy working and learning environment. We also want to thank you for your support and patience as our teachers have pivoted once again and have adapted to a remote-learning model. Student and staff health and safety continues to be our first priority.

As has been communicated via board communication, please note the new COVID-19 protocol around masks:

In addition to current [health and safety measures](#), when schools reopen to students for face-to-face learning, York Region Public Health is **requiring the use of masks for all Kindergarten students** attending York Region schools. All students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 will be required to wear masks.

We know families are concerned about students falling behind academically. Remote learning will be available to students. We will be doing our best to support the continuity of learning during this time.

You may be concerned about your child's emotional well-being. You can find mental health resources on our website to support your child: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/covid-19/covid-19-mental-health-resources-students-and-families>

Families looking for assistance in navigating remote tools can find resources here, including tips for using tools and IT support for families: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/family-resources>

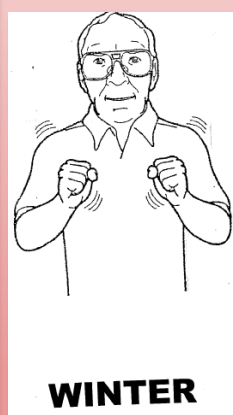
We will continue to keep in contact with families with information and updates from the school board.

Please be reminded that all schools are closed for in-school student learning until our hopeful return on Monday, January 17th, 2022. As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) should you have any questions or concerns in the coming days and weeks.

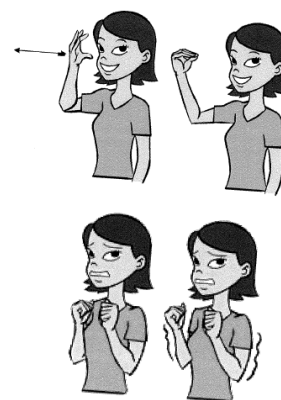
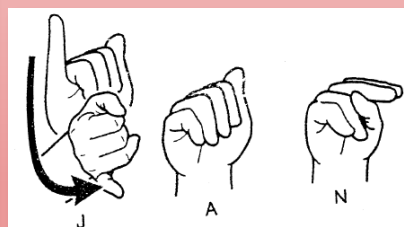
We look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as we are directed to do so, and appreciate your patience and understanding in these matters!

Tim Gervais
Principal

Nicole Ricketts
Vice-Principal



Signs of the Month



DECEMBER SWAN LAKE OUTDOOR CENTRE VISITS

Last month our students in Ms. Benzaquen's, Ms. Feder's, Ms. Assaly's, Ms. Lockett's, Ms. Argyrides' and Ms. Dale's classes participated in the Swan Lake Outdoor Centre Visit.

Staff from the centre provided an outdoor learning program in the area just north-east of our school, a short walking distance. The educators fostered the student's curiosity around outdoor learning, connecting to our outdoor school space, and using nature as a place to nurture well-being. The staff from Swan Lake thoroughly enjoyed their time at our school and expressed appreciation to staff and students alike.

Here are a few links of how they celebrated their learning time together on Twitter:

Nature Photography: <https://twitter.com/SwanLakeOE/status/1471816465779240962>
<https://twitter.com/SwanLakeOE/status/1471294463796555778>

Land Acknowledgement: <https://twitter.com/SwanLakeOE/status/1471298437052305409>

Squirrels: <https://twitter.com/SwanLakeOE/status/1471117447029788673>



We want to thank all of our parents, students and staff who donated to our Annual Holiday Heroes Campaign last month. We received a mountain of donations for our Richmond Hill Families. This year we saw lots of toys, boots and clothing donated and were able to hand them over to our phenomenal volunteers. It's great to see that throughout all of this COVID uncertainty, we are still able to contribute to our community. Let's hope 2022 will see the doors start to open wide for everyone.