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MAY Upcoming Events & Dates

Asian & South Asian Heritage
Month

Jewish Heritage Month

2-7 - Education Week

3-9 - Children's Mental Health
Week

9 - Mother's Day

13 - Eid-ul-Fitr

15 - International Day of Families

24 - Victoria Day (no school)

31 - PA Day (no school)

Sixteenth Avenue Star

Administrator's Message

May 2021

Dear Families of Sixteenth Ave. P.S.,

Welcome to May! Once again, our students have quickly adjusted to a return to virtual learning. Yet despite the challenges this may pose at times, our students continue to try their best, our families continue to be very supportive, and our staff continue to work hard to create positive, safe spaces for our children. As administrators, we are very grateful for the cooperation in our learning community.

Informational items:

- **Chromebooks:** Technology issues may arise while students work at home. Please email student.techhelp@yrdsb.ca for assistance should there be any issues that need to be addressed.
- **Class placements - Parent/Guardian Input reminder:** Discussions for next year's classes are currently on hold. We anticipate the resumption of discussions for next year's classes shortly. If there are concerns with your child's class placement, please submit them in writing before May 13, 2021 (as shared in the April newsletter).
- **School closure update:** Until further direction is provided, the school remains closed to students. Remote learning will occur, with synchronous (teacher-led) learning for 75% of the instructional day. Feel free to connect with your child's (ren's) teachers with your questions.
- **Grade 8 Graduation:** The school closure led to the postponement of the grade 8 photo session. Rescheduling is unknown at this time. Planning for this year's graduation format will be happening this month. Please stay tuned for additional details.
- **Welcome to Kindergarten (WTK):** Due to COVID-19, the 2021 the transition to Kindergarten process will continue in a virtual format. At this virtual session, our school team will provide information on the kindergarten program and current routines. Dates and times about WTK event will be shared once we have more details.

We are here to serve and support you! If you have questions, concerns or compliments, we want to hear from you. Feel free to connect with your child's teacher or with Mr. Gervais or Ms. Ricketts at any time.

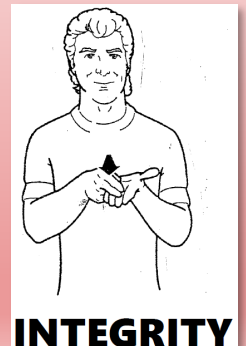
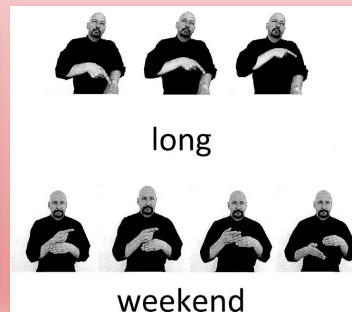
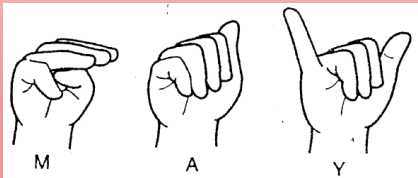
With appreciation,

Tim Gervais, Principal

Nicole Ricketts, Acting Vice-Principal

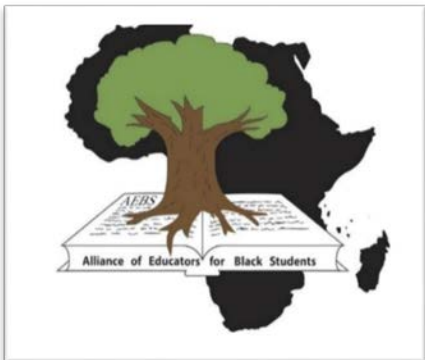
Character Trait for MAY is INTEGRITY

Signs of the Month



KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

This month's happenings in our classrooms feature celebrations and learning from our FDK team. As plans are in the works for our virtual *Welcome to Kindergarten* session, we thought we would provide a sneak-peek into celebrations and learning in the FDK program.



Ms. Petosa and Ms. Valleau

In February, AEBS started the #BlackJoy campaign to highlight achievements of Black students in our board. Ms. Petosa and Ms. Valleau nominated two of our students: Liliana and Nimi. Liliana was nominated for being an excellent student who shows kindness through her leadership. Nimi was nominated for being an enthusiastic learner and a considerate friend and leader. Congratulations, Liliana and Nimi!

Join us in celebrating two of our students at Sixteenth Ave. Thank you, Ms. Petosa and Ms. Valleau for facilitating this recognition!



Mrs. Ciavatta and Ms. Mah

The students in Mrs. Ciavatta and Ms. Mah's Kindergarten class have been working very hard on a Recycling STEM Challenge to plan and create their very own "Magnificent Thing" out of recyclables in their home. They have been discussing the importance of showing perseverance and a growth mindset when completing a challenging task. Students have come up with some really cool designs for repurposing their recyclables including designing pencil holders, toy robots, a caterpillar, hamster home, school bus, and an entire ocean scene!

Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Rahimi

Our class used recyclable objects to create Earth Day Projects. Children made bird feeders out of water bottles and yogurt containers, pencil pots out of cans, treasure boxes out of old shoe boxes to keep their little toys in, etc. They enjoyed sharing their creations with their friends and helping out the Earth at the same time!





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Class Placement for 2021-2022

Much of the planning for the new school year is already underway! We will be discussing organizational structures, special education delivery models, teaching assignments and timetabling very soon.

One of the most important tasks that usually begin in late May is the placement of students into new classes for September. Homeroom teachers in consultation with receiving teachers, appropriate support staff and school administration devote much discussion time to the generation of classes that strive to best meet the needs of all of our students. Class placement is a complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion. Decisions are made following careful consideration of a number of criteria: balance of student abilities, interests and talents, gender balance, class size (consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines), learning style, learning partners and social factors. While friendship issues can play a role in the comfort level of some students, please note that, at particular developmental stages, some friends learn best in separate classes.

Often, parents have new and/or important information to share about their child which lends assistance to class placement decisions. Student and peer relationships and peer interactions that exist outside the school's awareness, student interests and learning styles are items of information which are appreciated prior to the placement process.

Parent input that is received by the Principal (tim.gervais@yrdsb.ca) prior to Thursday, May 13th, 2021 will be considered (and shared) during placement meetings. Please avoid naming a teacher as staffing can vary. Input after May 13th, 2021 may not be considered due to the complexity of the task. Please be advised that while such input is valued, it cannot drive class placement decisions since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence. Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the principal. Class placement information will be shared on opening day in September. Thank you for partnering with us in this very important task!

Sixteenth Ave. P.S. — Class Placement for 2021-2022- Parental Input

Name of Student: _____

Grade in 2021-2022 _____ Current Teacher: _____

Please include an explanation in the following areas:

1. Positive Social Relationships (students who work well together).

2 Learning style (independent, small group, need for teacher direction....)

3. Student interests (sports, arts, reading...)

4. Other Considerations (e.g. Special Education, ESL, etc.)

Parent name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

For consideration, please e-mail this form to the attention of Mr. Gervais (tim.gervais@yrdsb.ca) by
May 13th, 2021