

INTO THE WOODS



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ABOUT INTO THE WOODS

Our school newspaper, the Into The Woods team, is consistently dedicated to informing students, parents, and teachers about what is happening at Thornhill Woods Public School. Our team of students has been frequently having meetings to discuss and deliver important news to the Thornhill Woods community. We will be releasing issues every other month. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know. Our contacts are below or ask us directly.

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Poems of The Months

BY: JERRY DI - GR. 8

November - Silence

I heard him crying behind a bench
With tears in his eyes and dirt on his
cloth

I kept quiet

I heard them throwing insults
As they followed him around

I kept quiet

I heard a nasty rumour
That everyone knew was about him

I kept quiet

I told my all my friends the truth
That was the last I heard of the rumor

I kept quiet

I told my teachers what was going on
That was the last time they bothered
him

I kept quiet

I told him we could be friends
He was finally happy now

I wasn't quiet

December - Self

Self

True to myself, True to herself

We all have a personal image that's
dictated by others

One which always happens to be off the
mark

Isn't changing yourself the same as
running away?

All just to adapt other people's ideals

Saying "I can change" is no more than
deceiving yourself

What's the point of decorating it with
pretty words?

Why can't we all just save each other the
trouble

And accept each other for who we really
are

Instead of liking a empty mask that
people put on

And building a friendship upon pretense
and lies

Accepting the unslighty part of each and
every one is far better

HALLOWEEN

This year, the Halloween celebration at Thornhill Woods Public School was a huge success. Every class participated in a door-decorating contest, and a lot of hard work and passion went into each and every classes' door. These fabulous doors were judged by our administrators, Mr. Birenbaum and Ms. Eisen, who handed out awards for creativity and spirit to the best doors. Everybody dressed up, ranging from spider-man to a giant inflatable chicken, showing a lot of Halloween spirit. The the kindergarten students paraded around the school, showing off their very best costumes . This was the second time that Thornhill Woods Public School celebrated Halloween, and our school continued to create traditions that will carry on far into Everyone had a great time on this very special occasion, and we, as students, look forward to Halloween next year, and the many years to come.



STEPHEN LEWIS

On the 14th of November, the grade eights of Thornhill

Woods Public School visited the neighborhood high school, Stephen Lewis. The teachers at the school led the students through what a class in high school might be like, and further explained the difference between academic and applied courses. This was to offer a better understanding of the high school, so they won't waste valuable time deciding in 2019, when it may be too late.

After the lunch break, our grade eights were led on a guided tour of the school by the Student Ambassadors of Stephen Lewis. The school has many different features, such as a kitchen, a computer room, and a wood shop space. After the tour, students from our school got the opportunity to participate in an elective course of their choice. We all received very good treatment, and a detailed tour of the school. Many of the grade eights look forward to going back there for their post elementary education.



TOILETRY DRIVE


By: Kabir P. - Gr. 8

Each year, Thornhill Woods Public School chooses a different organization to support. The organization chosen this year is 360 Kids. This organization was created about 30 years ago, in two separate agencies. 360 Kids' still maintains the same goal to "help youth overcome crisis and transition to a state of safety and stability." 360 Kids also want to ensure that every child has access to a safe home. For the month of December, Thornhill Woods Public School has been collecting toiletries to donate to this wonderful program. This drive has been going on for a month, and ended on Tuesday December 11, 2018. The school has collected over 1000 toiletries to donate. Thank you to everyone who donated!




STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

By: Parsa, Ethan F. Ryan S. - Gr. 8



Student-led conferences were held from November 23 - 24 at Thornhill Woods Public School. This wasn't your standard "check-in", it was a significant interaction between the parents, teacher and the student. We talked about our own achievements at school, and how we can improve in certain subjects. Additionally, the student-led conference was managed by the students! In most classes, students walked into their homeroom and greeted their educators. The students then showed their work and achievements in specific subjects where they needed guidance. These student-led conferences helped students into setting their goals for the rest of the year.



THE SHOW

By: Ethan F. Aidan H. and Ryan S. - Gr.8

Anti-Bullying Week took place during the first week of November. Saidat, a second-generation African-American Canadian, came to our school filling everybody with joy and confidence. Her father is from Nigeria and her mother is from America. After experiencing discrimination and bullying in her childhood due to her skin color, Saidat was inspired to make her own show about bullying. Saidat and her show travel all across Canada to spread her message. She helps kids that may be feeling alone or bullied by showing them that they can get help and that people are there to help them. Saidat explained to students that they are all winners. Even though students may be feeling like they are losing, everyone's a winner in the end. Saidat's show was a great experience for the students in our school and made it very entertaining with her roleplay, dancing, and rapping followed up by an exciting dance party at the end. Overall, everyone had an amazing time learning about diversity and inclusivity, and we really have to thank Saidat and her show for coming to visit our school to spread positivity.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

KABIR P & PARSA Z

On November 11, 1918, Germany and its partners unconditionally surrendered to the Allies, thus ending World War One. On this day, Canadians stand to honor the lives that were lost, fighting for our nation. At Thornhill Woods Public School, students stood for the soldiers that sacrificed their lives for us. During the

Remembrance Day assembly, which took place on November 9, 2018, students and teachers gathered in the gym to give their respect to the soldiers that fell for us. In the assembly, we stood for a moment of silence, and listened to the poem, "In Flanders Fields", recited by Mrs. Lau's class. The "Students for Change" presented a tableau about how World War One impacted the lives of so many families. This past November 11, the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, we stand to acknowledge the lives of all those who passed to defend our country. We respect those soldiers, as if it weren't for their sacrifices, we would not be able to live in the condition we do today.



TWPS'S DANCE MARATHON



By: Yutong W. - Gr. 8

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Thornhill Woods Public School held its annual dance marathon. Bounce entertainment held the dance, playing a variety of songs and projecting disco lights on the walls of the gym. Prizes were given out to students who were dancing and singing. Prizes included a plushie Rubik's cube, key chains, backpacks, and squishy toys. Although some students may be disappointed that they didn't receive a prize, there is always another chance next year. Many students got to show off their dance moves and skills, and few were even called up to the stage to show everyone. There were students who formed a conga line, and made their way around the gym, their numbers accumulating as they snaked their way around. It was a great opportunity for students of our school to release their energy, have fun, and socialize.



THE INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

BY: JOSH R. GR. 8

Playing for the intermediate Volleyball team was a great experience, as it taught us sportsmanship and brought us closer to our friends. We learned how to become better players and great teammates. Being on the Volleyball team, we had amazing coaches who never gave up on us and always pushed us to be the best players we could be.

They came to every practice ready to coach us even though at times we were silly and immature. They didn't mind if we lost, as long as the team tried their very best.

This wasn't a one man team; everyone had a job to do - from setting up a spike or just cheering on the team. The team always encouraged us to become better players in practices even if we thought that we couldn't be better. Our team came second in areas, out of the six competing schools, and successfully made it to the area finals. During the area finals, the team tried their best and worked hard, placing fourth. Although we didn't make it to regionals, it was a great season and an unforgettable experience.



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WINTER CONCERT

By: Marcus S. - Gr. 8

On the twelfth of December, Thornhill Woods Public School held its first Winter Concert. There were many outstanding and talented performances by the students of Thornhill Woods. The Winter Concert lasted from 1 hour, consisting of both student-led and teacher-led performances. The Drumming Ensemble, led by Ms. Whyte, played a mix of music from South Africa. There were several other musical clubs, such as the Raise Your Voice Choir, and the Primary and Junior singing club. The musical theatre club was not only full of music, but other various arts as well. Also, the ukulele ensemble and grade 4 French classes had outstanding performances.



The background is a bright yellow color. It features several decorative elements: a blue teardrop-shaped ornament with a white Christmas tree, a red diamond-shaped ornament, a red teardrop-shaped ornament with a blue menorah, and a blue teardrop-shaped ornament with a menorah. There are also white dotted lines and a white starburst. The text is arranged in two main sections, separated by a horizontal line of white dots.

**THE INTO THE
WOODS TEAM
WOULD LIKE TO
WISH EVERYONE
HAPPY
HOLIDAYS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

SEE YOU IN 2019 !!!

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