

Crescent Town Elementary School

February 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had an exciting February here at Crescent Town!

The Crescent Town Bridge



One of our many good news stories for this month is the installation of the Crescent Town bridge. The next steps are for the walkway and thresholds to be completed. Once a final inspection is complete, we will have a grand re-opening of the bridge! The current expected date is by the end of March.

Norwegian Delegation Visit



Over the years, Crescent Town has hosted several delegations of educators from around the world. This February, a group of principals and teachers from Norway visited our school to see how our educator teams plan, setup classrooms and teach together. Naturally, they were so impressed with all of the wonderful things happening throughout Crescent Town, especially the ways in which our classrooms are organized to encourage cooperative learning and reflect student learning.

Hot Dog Sale

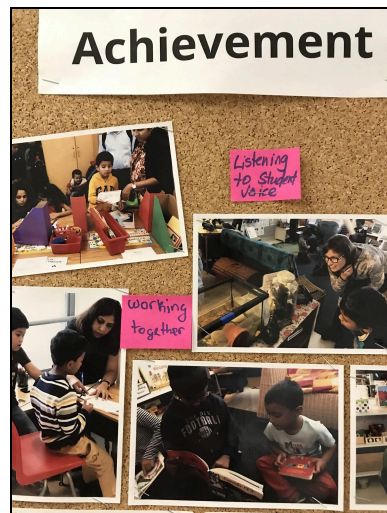
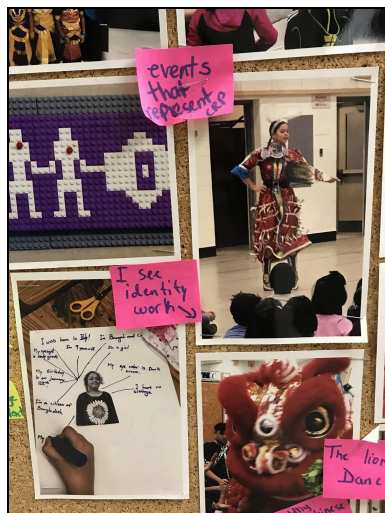
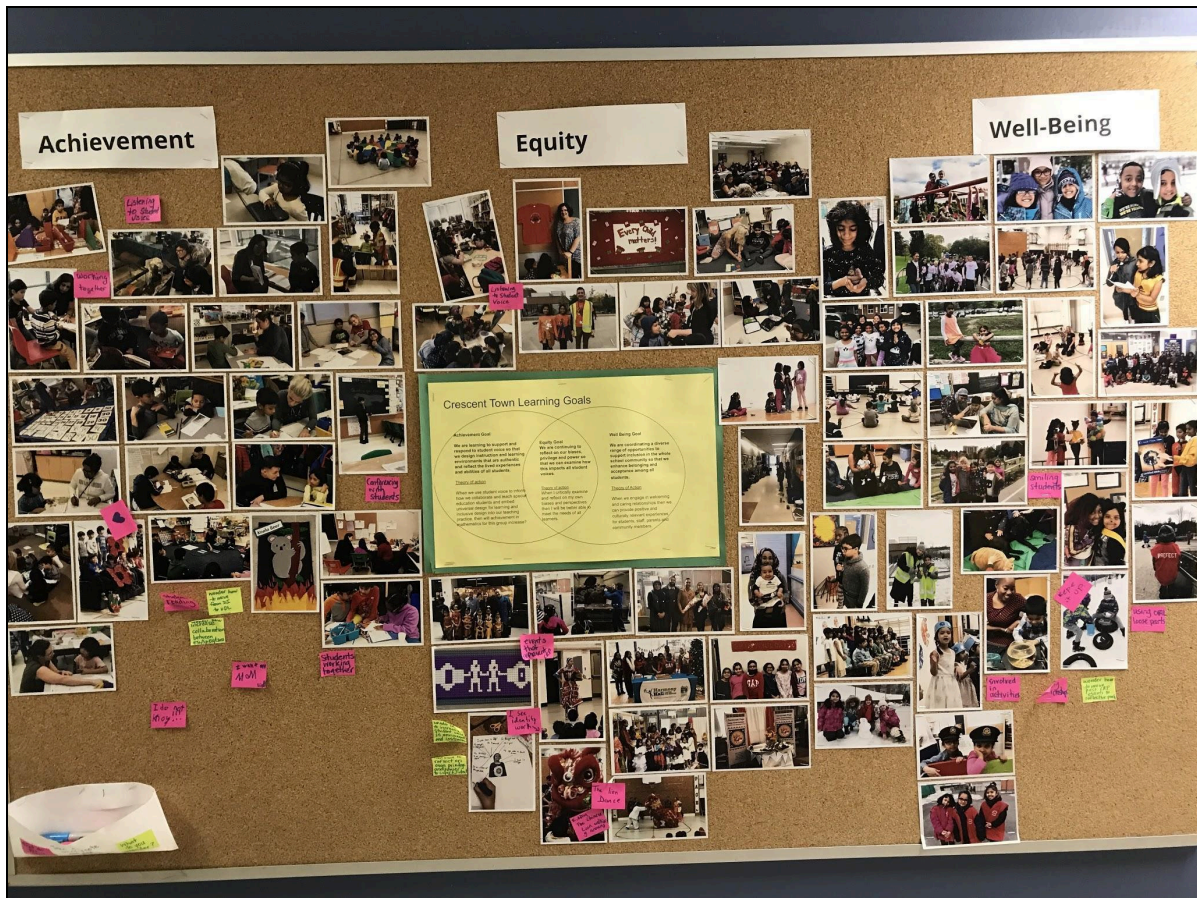


Thank you to Ms. Princess and Ms. Islam who always help with our winter hot dog sale. It certainly made a delicious after-school treat! Proceeds from the hot dog sale will go to our nutrition program, which provides Crescent Town students with healthy snacks each day.

Stay tuned for the next after-school hot dog sale!

School Improvement

As part of our continuing work on School Improvement, we have created a photo collage that highlights our Learning Goals in the areas of Achievement, Equity and Well-Being.



We invite students, staff and families to participate in the process by looking at the photos we have posted (in the hallway leading to the office) and responding to the following questions:

- **What do you see?**
- **What do you wonder?**
- **What do you feel is missing?**
- **How could we make Crescent Town even better?**

Please follow this [link](#) and share your thoughts!



Spirit Wear

The Crescent Town spirit wear has arrived! Families who pre-ordered their T-shirts and hoodies have already received them, but we have many still available for sale.

Please come to the main office if you are interested in buying a Crescent Town T-shirt (\$10) or hooded sweatshirt (\$30).

Mr. Mani

THIS MONTH'S

TOP STORIES



Hair Love

By: Rio, Grade 3 student

This month, [Hair Love](#) won the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film. This seven minute film tells the heartfelt story of an African American father learning to do his daughter's hair for the first time. At Crescent Town, the Student Voice Crew and some classrooms viewed this film and engaged in conversations to support your media literacy programs and Black History Month.

Here is my reaction to the film:

It made me sad when Zuri's dad decided not to comb Zuri's hair and put a red hat on to cover her hair. The hat was cute on Zuri but she wanted to have a good hairstyle like her mom always made for her. I think Zuri wanted to surprise her mom by making a hairstyle without her mom's help. Zuri was happy when her dad decided to help her with her hairstyling.

I think Zuri's mom was happy to see Zuri's combed hair because she must have been very worried about who was taking care of Zuri's hair when she was in the hospital. She said in her videos that it takes a little bit of work and a lot of love to make a hairstyle, but she knows it is very challenging work especially for people who are beginners, like Zuri and her dad.

While Zuri's mom was waiting for Zuri, she worried how Zuri would think about how different she looked without her hair. She looked nervous, looking at herself in the mirror, but she took off her scarf in front of Zuri because Zuri's picture made her confident to show her bald head. I also think everyone is beautiful with or without their hair.

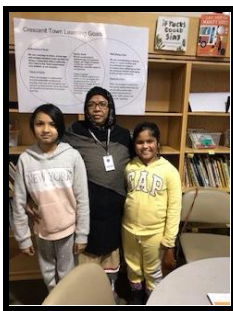
By: Amy and Shalini, Grade 4 students

Last week in Student Voice Crew, we watched a video called "Hair Love". It is about a girl that wanted to do her hair for her mom, who has cancer. We watched the video one time, we talked about it and thought about questions we had. We used the Media Triangle and chose questions that we wondered about and even made our own questions. Then we watched the video again to answer the questions. It was helpful to watch the video many times. If you didn't catch something, or get confused about something, you should watch it again.

From this video we learned that you can always do something even though you think that you're going to fail. You should never give up. We learned that parents are very important and we should be grateful for them.

Community Partnership with Harmony Hall

by **Room B101**



The English Language Learners from Ms. Hasan's class were engaged in a wonderful writing project called Untold Stories with seniors from Harmony Hall.



Parents as Partners Conference

by **TDSB News You Can Use**

The Parents as Partners Conference 2020 is on Saturday, March 28 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Kim Katrin, an internationally acclaimed award-winning educator, writer, artist & consultant. With a focus on student life, Kim explores how intersections of race, sexual orientation, and gender impact mental wellness. Emphasizing these connections allows for an inclusive discussion and a holistic focus on mental wellness and community engagement.

Technology micro-sessions are also being offered to help parents develop their computer literacy as well as bring them up to speed on many applications used by TDSB students.

Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as a free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference. Registration opens mid-February at <https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/>.

Nutrition Workshop

by **Harmony Community Food Centre**

Please see the flyer below for information about an upcoming workshop on healthy eating for your family!

FARM TO LUNCH BOX MARCH BREAK FAMILY WORKSHOP



Thursday, March 19, 2020
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Harmony Community Food Centre
2 Gower St. (Dawes Rd. & Gower St.)

- For parents and kids between ages 7 - 11
- Learn about where our food comes from
- Cook simple and healthy school lunch recipes together with our Community Dietitian!

* *Limit of 2 kids per family*

Registration is required
(FREE SPOTS prioritized for local residents)
Call 416-461-9043 ext 335 or
Email NJean-Pierre@srchc.com



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community food centre

Find out more
srchc.ca/harmony-cfc



Harmony Community Food Centre



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Together we grow, cook, share and advocate for good food.

Kickstart After-School Program

There are still several spots available for students aged 7-12 for the free after-school program. Please see the flyer below for details!



KICKSTART AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

For kids ages 7-12, nurturing bodies, minds and community through active play, healthy eating, academic focus, and community involvement.

LOCATION: Crescent Town Club

TIME: Monday-Friday from 3:00-6:00 PM

All activities are FREE!

- Games
- Sports & physical activities
- Drama & theatre
- Arts & crafts
- Healthy & nutritious eating
- Field trips
- Volunteer opportunities
- Program & community events

CONTACT:

To register your child or for more information, please call 416.691.7407 or email

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Kindergarten Registration

by **Crescent Town Office**

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Registration time starts from 9:30 am – 11:30 am and 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Please bring the following documents to your registration appointment:

- * Birth Certificate – if your child was born in Canada.
- * Immigration Papers – if your child was born outside Canada.
- * Immunization Records and Ontario Health Card.
- * Proof of Residency – driver's license, copy of your lease, utility bill with your name and address.
- * Telephone numbers – home, business, cell.
- * Name and phone number for a person other than the parents who can be contacted in an emergency.

Summer Adventure 2020 at Camp Kearney

by **Scarborough Outdoor Education School**

Please see the flyer below about a fun and exciting summer camp opportunity for students ages 9-18.

CAMP-BASED

PROGRAM	AGE	8 DAY SESSION	5 DAY SESSION	EARLY BIRD*
ADVENTURE IN THE OUTDOORS	9 - 12	\$830.00	\$530.00	\$800.00 \$500.00
SURVIVE THE OUTDOORS	11 - 14	\$850.00	\$550.00	\$830.00 \$530.00
CHALLENGE THE ROPE ELEMENTS	11 - 16	\$830.00	\$530.00	\$800.00 \$500.00
BRAVE THE OUTDOORS	13 - 18	-	\$530.00	\$500.00

CANOE TRIPPING

PROGRAM	AGE	FULL SESSION	EARLY BIRD*
VOYAGEURS	11 - 14	\$850.00	\$830.00
SR. VOYAGEURS	14 - 18	\$850.00	\$830.00
INTRODUCTION TO WILDERNESS	11 - 14	\$1,580.00	\$1,535.00

LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM	AGE	FULL SESSION	EARLY BIRD*
WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP	14 - 18	\$2,295.00	\$2,240.00
SR. LEADERSHIP	15 - 18	\$2,325.00	\$2,265.00

*EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS MARCH 16, 2020. DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR MULTIPLE SESSIONS AND/OR CAMPERS.

Coffee, Tea and Conversation #6: Supporting Your Child's Health

by Mr. Mani and Ms. Myrvold

We believe families are composed of individuals who are competent and capable, curious, and rich in experience. Families love their children and want the best for them. Families are experts on their children. They are the most powerful influence on children's learning, development, health, and well-being. (*The Kindergarten Program 2016*)

Thank you to our local Toronto Public Health nurses for engaging parents in a discussion about topics that are responsive to questions in the session. We discussed the importance of handwashing, as well as strategies to keep children healthy and happy. Please refer to the 10-5-2-1-0 image for suggestions.



Please join us for our seventh conversation of the year on Wednesday, February 26, from 8:45-9:45 am in the staffroom to discuss our school-wide STEAM challenge about climate change.

Upcoming Events

March 2-13 Dental Screening

March 8- Daylight Saving Time begins

March 16-20 March Break Holiday

March 25 - Coffee Tea and Conversation #7 - School-Wide STEAM Challenge focus: Climate Change

March 26 - Pizza Lunch

March 27 - Spirit Day - Silly Day

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