

# Crescent Town Elementary School

April 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your loved ones are remaining safe and healthy. This continues to be a difficult time for all of us. Ms. Myrvold and I have spoken with many Crescent Town students and families over the past few weeks and while we do hear about the frustration (and boredom) of staying at home, we also hear that you are keeping well, and staying healthy and happy. Until this time in our lives has passed (and it will pass!), our well-being is the most important thing for us to focus on. Continue to stay connected with each other and with our Crescent Town staff and please contact us if there is anything we can do to support you.

### **Schools Closed Until (at least) May 31**

On April 26, the Ministry of Education extended the closure of all publicly-funded schools in Ontario until at least May 31, 2020. The government will also replace all remaining Professional Activity (PA) days and exam days with instructional time. You can read more about the closure [here](#). For more information, please see the most recent [Message from the Director of Education - April 26, 2020](#) and [video message for parents](#).

### **Devices and Remote Learning**

Thank you for your patience while the TDSB organizes and delivers devices to students across the city. We know that many students have received their technology to help them continue their learning at home, but we also know that many are still waiting for iPads,

Chromebooks or laptops. If your child is still in need of a device and we have not completed the online request through the school, please email me as soon as possible.



Our staff have been working hard to set up activities and communication with their students and families. We hope that everyone has been able to connect with their teachers in some way. If you have not been able to connect or are having technical issues accessing a site or activity, please contact us for support.

### **Crescent Town Student Gallery**

There is no doubt that Crescent Town students have talent! Through our video and phone chats, we have heard that many students are staying busy by drawing, painting and writing. We started an online student gallery to celebrate and showcase the work that our students are doing. Sometimes we'll have a theme for our gallery, but we also welcome "just for fun" artwork and poetry created by our students. This week's theme is "DREAMS", in honour of what would have been our April Spirit Day: DREAM DAY. Email us your artwork and poems and we will post it in the [Crescent Town Student Gallery](#)! Remember to include your name (and a title, if you have one).



### **Crescent Town Maple Leaf Gardens**

Around Crescent Town Elementary School, there are giant metal planters that were developed as part of a gardening partnership between Crescent Town, Access Alliance and TD Bank. We were fortunate to be awarded a grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and with that, our Crescent Town community members have been able to design and plant these gardens around the school, growing flowers and vegetables for us to enjoy. We truly appreciate all of the time and work that go into planting, watering and nurturing these gardens. These planters are an important part of the Crescent Town landscape because of the greenery they add to our paved outdoor areas and because of the community connections that they represent.



If you have had the opportunity to take a walk around the Crescent Town schoolyard, you may have noticed some new flowers growing in the fenced-in area around the flagpole. In June 2019, Crescent Town parents Azhar (AJ) and Sultana Jahan began the next phase of the garden project and built four maple leaf-shaped planters for our school. They constructed the

wooden frames in their apartment, brought each section to the garden space and assembled them like giant puzzles. Each planter is 10ft by 10ft and contains tulip, daffodil, crocus and lily bulbs from Holland (<https://www.brecksbulbs.ca/>). The bulbs have started to grow and we can't wait for the flowers to bloom! Thank you, AJ and Sultana, for designing, constructing and preparing these beautiful planters. It is wonderful to see the idea you had literally come to life!



Thank you, Crescent Town. We will continue to update you with information as it becomes available. Please stay healthy and take care of yourselves and each other.

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THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## Remote Learning Positives and Challenges

**By: Grade 4 students**

Our new learning environment has been different because we work in our homes instead of in our classrooms. Also we do not get to see each other, for example our friends and teachers as often. We talk to each other and post our answers by chat, or by Google Meet. I like working from home and on Google Classroom because I could stay with my family and work at the same time. I also like how I don't have to rush to get to school especially when the two of the elevators are mostly broken. I miss all my friends. Written By: Anusha in B102

Due to the pandemic, these remote learning sessions are a great way to continue our studies and learn about the world. With the help of remote learning, we can keep in touch

with our teachers and peers. We can learn about math, science and most importantly developing our skills. My typing skills, organizing skills and time management skills have developed greatly by using the resources in my home. Written By: Syeda B102

## e-Workshop: Activities @ Home

By: Rumana Islam, School Settlement Worker

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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ORGANIZATION

# ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH KIDS

Indoor Games & Activities  
Make Playdough At Home  
Mind & Body Games

Thursdays May 21st & May 28th, 2020  
2:00PM-3:00PM  
ZOOM

To register and for ZOOM link please contact  
Rumana @ 6472960179/[rislam@tno-toronto.org](mailto:rislam@tno-toronto.org)

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Community Dining Program

By: Access Point on Danforth

## Community Dining Program



**During this time we are offering a limited amount of free lunch meals.**

**Meals are available on a first come first serve basis while quantities last.**

**Menu will vary each week.**

**Where: AccessPoint On Danforth**

**When: Fridays at 1:00PM to 2:00PM**

**Please do the following:**

- **Maintain Social distancing (2 meters apart) while you line up outside**
- **Enter one at a time**



**For more information, please call**

**416- 699-7920 Ext. 441**



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**Access Alliance**  
Multicultural Residential Community Services  
**Caring for Clients in COVID-19 (P.C.C.C)**  
(The Access Alliance Foodbank Program)

- CHECK IN WITH VULNERABLE CLIENTS
- COMMUNICATE CLEAR & ACCURATE INFO
- CREATE SERVICE ALTERNATIVES
- CALM MANAGE AND SUPPORT

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## TDSB EarlyON Facebook Group

The EarlyON centre has launched an EarlyON Facebook group which is accessible through the external link on the TDSB Early Years page. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears>. This has provided a way for families to receive information, participate in online learning and story and music time and keep in touch.

## Cloth Masks Available



# Tips for Wearing Your Cloth Face Mask When You Go Out:

Crescent Town is a high-density community with high-rise buildings and lots of people close together. The chances of encountering other people is much higher even within our own buildings.

We encourage all persons to wear a cloth mask or any other clean fabric to cover their mouth and nose (for example: scarf, sweater, niqab, turtleneck, etc.) if they need to leave their apartment (only for essential services).

Please continue to practise all standard measures of protecting yourself (washing hands frequently, physical distancing – staying at least 2 meters or 6 feet away from anyone who does not live with you, frequently cleaning commonly used surfaces in your home and buildings, etc.)

Visiting friends and relatives in the same building but a different apartment is NOT physical distancing and SHOULD NOT be done.



1. Before putting on a mask, clean with alcohol-based hand rub or soap & water.

2. Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.



3. Avoid touching the mask while using it. If you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap & water.

## Cloth Face Mask Cleaning:

- Take off the mask or face covering from the back if possible.
- Clean hands with soap & water or alcohol-based hand rub.
- Wash the mask or face covering with hot water and soap between uses.
- Allow to dry completely between uses.



Crescent Town Health Centre

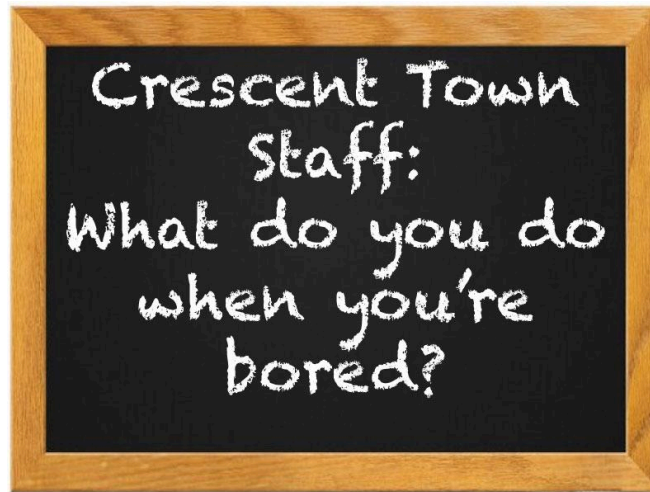


EAST TORONTO FAMILY PRACTICE NETWORK

# What do you do when you're bored?

By: Crescent Town Staff

At our first remote Student Voice meeting, we asked our students what they wanted to know about the Crescent Town staff for a video we were putting together. "We want to know what they do when they're bored!" Click on the image below for a video-slideshow of what Crescent Town staff do when they're bored!



## Health and Physical Education @ Home and French Site

By: Ms. Perrotta

Check out the new and improved [HPE @ Home site!](#) Ms. Perrotta has also created a [French site for our Grade 4 students.](#)



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REMOTE LEARNING TECH TIP

Here's the recently published [Parents/Guardians Guide to Google Tools](#). It offers information for families on Classroom, Meet, Chromebooks, Accessibility, Security & Privacy. It's a great place for families to familiarize themselves with G Suite for Education Tools.



# Earth Day

By: Ms. Hart, Ms. Dietz, Ms. Goldberg and the Eco Team



Hello Crescent Town students and families. **Wednesday, April 22** was Earth Day. It was a time to mark 50 years of Earth Day celebrations. At Crescent Town, many students had lessons which focused on learning about the environment. In Ms. Soobram's class, students created a globe with paper found in their home. Students in grades 2 and 3 used recycled materials to create structures.

Here are some things you can do at

home this year for Earth Day:

- Listen to [The Earth Book by Todd Parr](#)
- Turn out the lights when you are not in the room
- Power down electronics and the television when you are not using them
- Use Google Classroom for your assignments
- Use both sides of the paper when working at home
- Watch [videos](#) about Earth Day



We are having an **ECO POSTER CONTEST**. Now that we are all at home due to social distancing, we are using more electricity than before. Let's create a poster that shows how we can try to **REDUCE OUR ELECTRICITY USE AT HOME**.

Here are a few important details:



- Everyone is invited to participate
- One submission per student
- This is voluntary
- You can create your poster anyway you like (drawing with pencil and paper, Google Draw, Google Doc)
- You need to include your name and teacher name
- **Poster submissions are due by Thursday, May 14th**
- The top 10 finalists will be voted on by the grade 4 Eco Club members
- The winning poster will be featured in the May newsletter
- When you have finished your poster, email or share your work to Ms. Hart  
[jennifer.hart@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jennifer.hart@tdsb.on.ca)

Here are some suggestions to include that may help you:

- Poster title that grabs our attention
- Images
- Colourful and clear
- Your poster tells the audience how to reduce energy use

Thank you!

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