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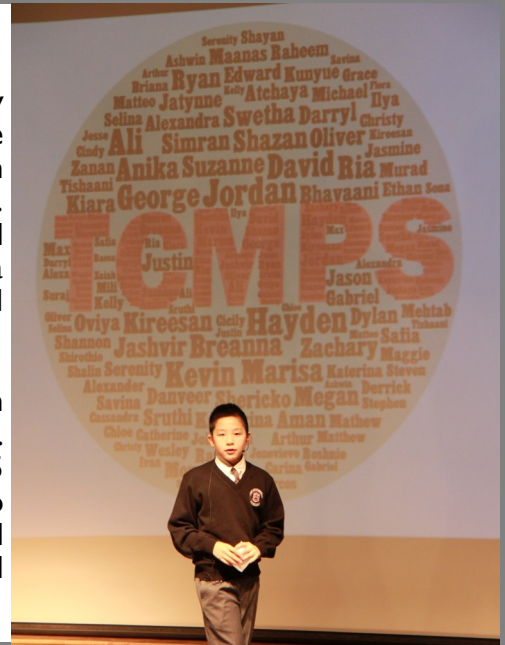
Dates to Remember:

- **December 6**
Grades 5 and 7
Public Speaking TCPS Talks
- **December 8**
After School Courses
Last Day of Term I
- **December 13**
Grades 7 and 8
Parent Teacher Interviews
3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Main Gym
- **December 14**
Grades 2 to 8
Parent Teacher Interviews
8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **December 21**
Last Day and Party Day
Grades 7 and 8 Dance
- **December 22**
Main Campus Closed for PD Day

TCPS Talks, Public Speaking

Students in grades 5 and 7 have been very busy preparing their speeches for the annual TCPS Talks event, which is an adaptation of the popular TED Talks. TED is a nonprofit organization, devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of a short, powerful speech based on Global Challenges.

Our TCPS Talks event will take place on Wednesday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The finalists from grade 5 and grade 7 will present their speeches to the student and parent audience. All interested parents are invited to attend and support our talented students!



Choir and Brass Band

Parents and students are invited to the City of Markham's *Christmas at the Carousel* on Friday, December 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in downtown Markham. The TCPS Elementary Choir and Brass Band will perform at the Carousel and Markham's mayor, Frank Scarpitti, will be speaking. The spectacular Carousel and enormous holiday tree will be lit with a dazzling display of lights. Carousel rides, public skating and a visit from Santa himself will make this an enchanting draw for all ages.

At TCPS, we are pleased to continue the tradition of having our Choir and Brass Band perform Christmas carols while parents and students are arriving to school in the morning. The Brass Band will be playing on Tuesday, December 19 at 8:15 a.m. and the Choir will be singing on Wednesday, December 20 at 8:15 a.m. Please visit the school's front foyer on these mornings to support our Choir and Brass Band students!

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Parent Teacher Interview Day

The first term of the school year is nearing completion, culminating with the report cards and Parent Teacher Interviews. The grades 2 to 8 report cards will be sent home on Monday, December 11. We look forward to speaking with you on **Parent Teacher Interview Day, Thursday, December 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** We have added additional interview time slots for grades 7 and 8 parents on Wednesday, December 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Parents may sign up for interviews with the class teacher as well as the subject teachers. For Parent Teacher Interviews we will be using an easy on-line booking program called PTCFast.com. To book an interview, please use the link below, which can also be accessed through the school Web site, TCMPS.com. This link will be open until December 12. If you need assistance, please inquire at the Main Office.

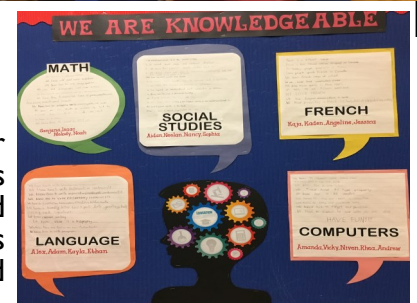
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The Parent Teacher Interview Day is an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's progress. It is a non-school day for students. If students accompany parents to the interviews, please ensure that your child is not left unattended. In order to stay on schedule, it is important for the teacher and the parent to use only their allotted time. If necessary, a continuation may be requested on an alternate day. Parents are reminded that teachers will be unable to meet parents who do not have an appointment.



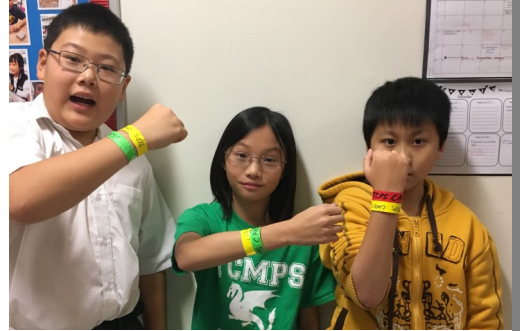
Ongoing Professional Development for TCPS Staff

TCPS is committed to bringing you the highest level of education for your child. With ongoing staff professional development, our dedicated teachers are knowledgeable about the best practices of 21st century teaching and learning. TCPS teachers and staff have attended various IB courses in cities throughout North America and have also attended workshops and round table discussion groups in Toronto. During our last PD day on October 6, 2017, our teachers participated in an informative IB workshop at Town Centre. Our next PD day is scheduled for Friday, December 22, and parents are reminded that there is no school for students on that day to facilitate our professional development.



Bullying Prevention Week

In November, TCPS students participated in Bullying Prevention Week. Grades 5 to 8 students were visited by Police Constable Jennifer Davison who spoke to the students about cyberbullying and internet safety. Grades 2 to 8 students had a fun Buddy Day during which the older students were paired up with the younger students to bond over anti-bullying activities. This year the students had a lot of fun learning a Flash Mob Dance and taking selfie pictures to promote positivity. The grades 2 to 8 students had an exciting day of activity and teamwork during the Intramural Soccer Day, playing for their House League teams, Yellow Gryphons, Blue Thunderbirds, Red Phoenix, and Green Dragons. The Student Council (SAC) ran a TCPS Cares campaign to award deserving students special wristbands for their acts of kindness. At the end of the week, the students attended a special assembly for Bullying Prevention and Awareness. Thank you to all the teachers and students who helped organize an amazing week!



SAC TCPS CARES: Toy Drive and Food Drive

In conjunction with Bullying Prevention Week, and the TCPS CARES campaign, the SAC organized a Food Drive and a Toy Drive for the upcoming holiday season. The generous response from our families has been truly amazing! We were able to donate over 1000 items (30 large boxes) to local food banks! Special mention goes to the students in the following classes that donated over 100 items to the Food Drive. Great job everyone!

- 2-121 Ms. Prasad and Ms. Bhogal,
- 2-122 Ms. Mah and Ms. Arumathurai,
- 3-126 Ms. Therrien and Ms. Lobak,
- 3-127 Ms. Pinto and Ms. Nadasalingam,
- 4-156 Ms. Razvi and Ms. Samuel,
- 5-206 Ms. Pascua and Ms. Keating.

On Friday, November 24, students donated a Toonie for a civvies day fundraiser for the Markham Stouffville Hospital. The SAC will donate the proceeds and the toys from our Toy Drive to the Children's Ward of Markham Stouffville Hospital. Thanks again to all our incredible families for their very generous support of these worthwhile charities!





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IB Learner Profile Focus for December: Communicator

Communicators express information confidently and creatively, and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively in collaboration with others.

After School Courses

Participating in After School Courses is a wonderful way to enrich the school experience for your child. Parents are reminded that the last day of Term 1 After School Courses will be on Friday, December 8. Term 2 will commence Monday, January 8, and will continue until Friday, March 2. There are still spaces in some programs for Term 2.

Remembrance Day

TCPS students and staff attended Remembrance Day assemblies on November 10 to honour the women and men of the Canadian Forces. For this year's Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Fund, we were able to raise \$1559.85 with your very generous contributions. Thank you for your support of our local Markham Veterans Association!



Last Day of School

Thursday, December 21 is the last day of school for 2017 for the Main Campus. We would like to wish all our students and their families a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday, January 8, the first day of school for 2018! Students will be doing a locker cleanup during the week of December 18 to 21 and parents are asked to take home all your children's belongings from coat hooks, cubbies, bins, lockers, and classrooms.

Thursday, December 21 is a party day. Students are invited to bring food to share with the class. Please look for the sign up sheet outside your child's classroom door to sign up for food items and to check for allergies. Parents are asked to provide an ingredient list for all food items. Students may wear civvies clothes on this day.

Please note that Friday, December 22 is a PD Day and the Main Campus will be closed. This is a non-school day for Main Campus students to facilitate professional development workshops for teachers and staff.

Happy Holidays!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by the Main Office anytime to speak to any one of the Vice-Principals.