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March 2019

Upcoming Events:

- **March 6**
TCPS TED Talks
- **March 7**
International Day
- **March 8**
PD Day no school
- **March 11 to 15**
March Break
- **March 18**
Term 3 After School Courses
- **March 29**
Earth Hour

Re-Register for 2019-2020

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage all parents to register as soon as possible as we have already begun planning for the next school year. Parents are reminded that requests for class placement cannot be guaranteed and can only be considered if submitted in writing before April 1st. As well, parents do not need to make requests for grades 6 to 8 placements as the students will be on a rotary system. Thank you to all those parents who have registered their children and have made TCPS the right choice for their child's education.



Summer Camp

This year's Summer Camp is packed with fun activities and exciting programs which will surely keep all our campers happy and busy during the summer months. The Summer Camp package is now available in the Main Office and we are now accepting registrations for July and August. Register before April 1st and take advantage of some great discounts!

**Register for 3 weeks of summer camp by April 1st
to receive a \$50.00 discount!**

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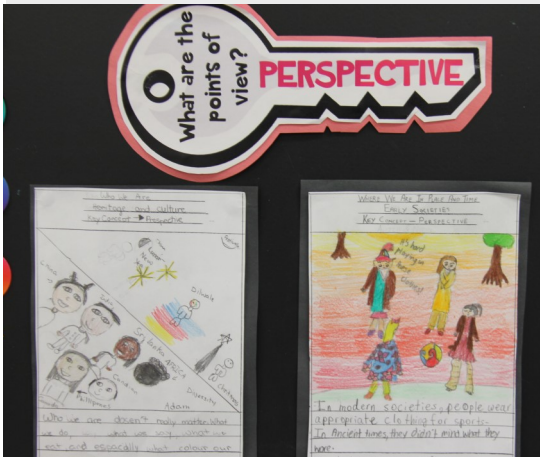


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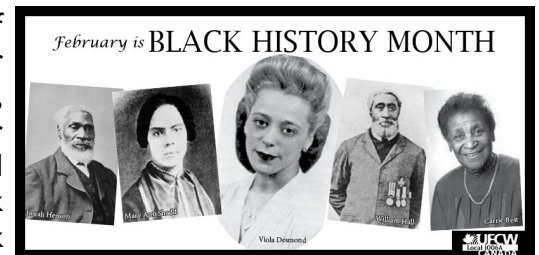
IB Learner Profile Focus for March: Open Minded

“Open minded students understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.”



IB International Mindedness

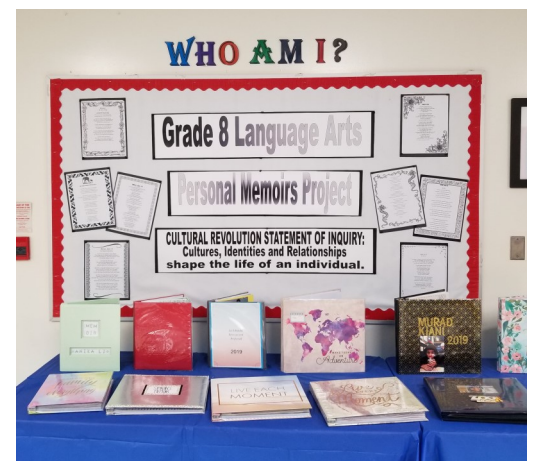
The PYP and MYP teachers have been incorporating the themes of diversity, international mindedness, and global applications in their units throughout the year. The goal of IB is to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.” During the month of February, the LRC promoted Black History Month and students were encouraged to learn and check out books related to the topic. In March, we are looking forward to two special performances by Tribal Vision, an aboriginal dance group, and by Taiko, a Japanese drumming group.



<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Grade 8 Language Arts Memoirs

The grade 8 students have been studying the novel, *Red Scarf Girl*. Written in the tradition of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *I Am Malala*, this autobiography is the incredible true story of one girl’s courage and determination during the Cultural Revolution in communist China. As an extension of this novel study, Grade 8 students have created their own memoir books. With written stories and pictures, their memoir books tell a personal story of their own identity development. Students reflect on how cultures, identities and relationships shape the life of an individual, exploring the key concepts of identity, self-esteem, status, roles and role models, and perspective. Check out the beautiful memoirs on display in the front foyer!



STEM Fair

On Friday, March 1, our grades 6 and 8 STEM Fair finalists presented their Science projects in the Main Gymnasium during our annual STEM Fair. The judges had a very difficult task of selecting our grade winners. Thank you to the finalists for their hard work and congratulations to our grades 6 and 8 winners. On April 13, the top 5 winners in grade 8 will also participate in the York Region Science and Technology Fair which is hosted by York University. For more details, please visit yrstf.info.yorku.ca. Good luck to our participating grade 8 students!



Grade 6 Finalists:

- 1st Vasu Bhardwaj, Bacteria, Bacteria...It's Everywhere
- 2nd Diba Dargahi, Temperature of Heat by the Absorbtion of Light and Colour
- 3rd Rayan Atique, How to Fight Erosion with Dirt

Grade 8 Finalists:

- 1st Dylan Markandaier, Sustainable Farming
- 2nd Jatynne Raj, Environmental Effects of Sunscreen
- 3rd Gauri Bhardwaj, Bottled Water or Bottled Bacteria
- 4th Sophie Ng, Car Crashes into Physics
- 5th Safia Zaman, Candies to Dye

TCPS TED 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 non-profit 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, March, 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. Parents are invited to attend and support our talented students!



International Day

On Thursday, March 7, the elementary students will have an International Day which will be a wonderful cross cultural experience for our students and staff. On International Day, students are encouraged to wear traditional clothing and to bring in a food dish from their country of origin for their class to eat at lunchtime. Teachers will be posting a sign up sheet for any snack you may wish to contribute. We ask that a complete list of all ingredients accompany all food brought in for International Day.

Reminders...



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Uniform

Over the past 2 years, we have been phasing in the new uniform from InSchoolwear. Starting September 2019, all elementary TCPS students must wear the approved school uniform from InSchoolwear. Students will no longer be able to wear old uniform items previously purchased from Halperns or Beatties. Please visit the display case near the front foyer to view the official uniform. **New for September 2019, grades 1 to 6 girls will have the option to wear pants or a kilt.**

Homework Planner

Parents are reminded to sign your child's Homework Planner everyday and check the homework that your child has recorded. The Homework Planner is also a valuable means of communications between parents and teachers. We are asking for the cooperation of all grades 2 to 8 parents. Please help us support your child's progress by signing and checking the homework planner and homework.

After School Courses

Parents are reminded that the last day of Term 2 After School Courses was on Friday, March 1 and Term 3 will begin on March 18. Limited spaces are still available in some courses. Please refer to the After School Courses package for a full listing of the courses and the fees.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The second term of the school year is nearing completion, culminating with the report cards and Parent Teacher Interviews. The report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, April 2. The Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Parent Teacher Interview Day is a non-school day for the students. Parents can sign up for interviews with the class teachers as well as the subject teachers. Grades 6 to 8 parents are asked to note that we have added additional interview time slots for interviews with grades 6 to 8 teachers on Wednesday, April 3 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Parents can sign up online at PTCFast.com starting Friday, March 22. A detailed memo regarding booking interviews on PTCFast will be sent home later in March. We look forward to speaking with you at the Parent Teacher Interviews.

School Closed for March Break



We would like to remind all of our families that TCPS will be closed for the following days:

- **Friday, March 8** for a Professional Development day for staff
- **Monday, March 11, through to Friday, March 15** for March Break,

Parents or guardians who are planning an extended holiday are asked to notify the Main Office in writing of the student's absence from school. We wish all our TCPS families a wonderful March Break.