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## PRINCIPAL'S SECTION

Fall is upon us and Progress Reports will now be going home on November 9th. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 23rd and the morning of Friday, November 24th. Please remember that there is no school for students on Friday, November 24th. Both Mr. Hawley and I are also available for Parent/Teacher interviews, so we hope to meet some of you during that time. If you would like to schedule one of us during your interview time, please let the teacher know and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

## VICE-PRINCIPAL'S SECTION

At Trillium, we dedicate the month of November to the character trait of **respect**. Our OCDSB Character Wheel offers the following message on respect: *I honour myself and others through my words and actions. I support our diversity of beliefs. I treat our world and everything in it with dignity.*

Thank you very much to the EARs team and to Madame McMullen's Grade 3 EFI class who have contributed mindful awareness messages on a daily basis for the morning announcements. It is clear that our students are benefiting greatly from the Minds Up curriculum work and other mindfulness activities happening throughout the school!

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Nov. 1: 67s Game Field Trip (Grades 3 to 8)  
Nov. 2: Picture Re-takes  
Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Ceremony 9:45 am  
Nov. 20 to 24: Scholastic Book Fair  
Nov. 23: Follow Friday Timetable  
Nov. 23: Evening - Parent-Teacher Interviews  
Nov. 24: Morning - Parent-Teacher Interviews  
Nov. 24: PD Day - no school for students  
Dec. 13: School Concert

### **Notice of Important School-Wide Safety Drills:**

Nov. 7 – School Bus Evacuation Drill  
Nov. 16 – Lockdown Practice

## SOCCER



Mr. Romeo would like to congratulate all the members of the Junior Boys Soccer Team for playing with pride, perseverance and skill in last month's soccer tournament.

They made it all the way to the finals placing second. All the boys represented Trillium ES with great character. Mr. Romeo would like to thank all the parents who came out to support our players and who helped with the team. Well done boys!

The junior girls' soccer team played in the regional tier 1 tournament on October 17th. They were a dedicated group of students who practised diligently leading up to the big day. Their hard work paid off because, after playing a total of 6 games, they brought home the gold medal! The whole team demonstrated positivity, collaboration, and perseverance. Their coach, Mrs. Kenney, as well as the rest of the school, is extremely proud of the way they represented Trillium. Congratulations to the team members: Ayesha, Maya, Rayan, Geraldine, Aisha, Jaida, Samantha, Renee, Rania, Sarah, Annika, Cailyn, Olivia, Raihan, Alexandra, and Grace. Great work girls! Also, a big thanks to the parent volunteers who helped transport students to and from the tournament.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

We have some good news to announce! We have hired a new tutor who will be supporting Primary literacy and numeracy at Trillium. Her name is Amber Malik and she will be working from 9 to 11 am three to five days per week at Trillium.

From 9 to 10:30, Amber will be in the Primary wing to work with students.

From 10:30 to 10:55, Amber will be monitoring homework clubs for Grades 4 to 6 and 7 to 8 on alternating days in the library. A schedule will be released once the start date is announced.

## Homework Club Expectations

Homework club will be offered for Grades 4 to 6 and Grades 7 and 8 students on a rotating basis starting the last week of November. It will take place at first recess in the library. To maintain an environment that supports quiet, independent work, we will use the following expectations:

- Daily limit of 40 students in the homework club
- Sign in sheet at the door and extra students will be turned away and sent outside
- Homework club is not detention/punitive - It's voluntary and for catching up or reaching ahead
- A Quiet "study hall" format in effect with all students needing to bring school work to complete
- Students will be spread out evenly over the work spaces and are expected to work quietly
- Students will not be allowed to just hang out and read unless the reading is directly tied to school work
- Library book borrowing will not be permitted
- Any behaviour issues will result in the student being asked to leave, and may be referred to the office

## EAR'S NEWS

Report cards will be going home this month. We encourage parents and students to sign the tear-off portion of the report card and return it to school WITH THE ENVELOPE. This envelope will be used for all three report cards. Thank you for helping save the trees!

The EAR members will be going out soon to do the "Fall Yard Clean-up". It will be our goal to have a very clean yard before the first snowfall. We want to keep the little critters living under the snow in winter safe and sound.

Our EARs club continues to sell "Compost Bin Liners" throughout the year. You may send your order to room 5. All monies collected will go towards new environment initiatives such as purchasing the following: plants and bulbs for our schoolyard, gardening tools, yard waste bags, materials to make bird feeders, etc. The liners cost: .10¢/liner, \$2.00/25 liners or \$5.00/60 liners Cash only please. Thank you and HAPPY COMPOSTING!!

## JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to our junior cross country team who competed at Terry Fox elementary school. Our team finished in first place overall for the 9th year in a row.

Our teams also won 4 team banners. Congratulations to Ben G. and to Gwen H. for their wins yesterday.

Congratulations to the grade 3 boys for winning the **1st place banner**. Here are the top runners for the grade 3 boys. A total of 108 runners were in this race. Joseph K. finished in 2nd place, Johnny H. finished in 4th place and Kai R-S finished in 8th place.

Congratulations to the grade 3 girls for winning the **1st place banner**. Here are the top runners for the grade 3 girls. A total of 114 runners were in this race. Mackenzie R. finished in 9th place, Olivia C. finished in 15th place and Olivia S. finished in 19th place. A special mention goes out to Lily in grade 1 who finished in 35th place. This was the first time a grade 1 student participated in a cross country race with us.

Congratulations to the grade 4 boys for winning the **1st place banner**. Here are the top runners for the grade 4 boys. A total of 124 runners were in this race. Ariel M. finished in 9th place, Sohrab L. finished in 11th place, Rhys D. finished in 14th place and William B. finished in 15th place.

Congratulations to the grade 4 girls for finishing in 3rd place. Here are the top runners for the grade 4 girls. A total of 136 runners were in this race. Congratulations to Gwen H. for finishing in 1st place. Eliza M-B. finished in 18th place and Mackenzie R. finished in 23rd place.

Congratulations to the grade 5 boys for winning the **1st place banner**. Here are the top runners for the grade 5 boys. A total of 100 runners were in this race. Ben G. finished in **1st place**, Chase R. finished in 2nd place and Malek D. finished in 12th place.

Finally, congratulations to the grade 5 girls for finishing in 2nd place. A total of 76 runners were in this race. Here are the top runners for the grade 5 girls. Emily C. finished in 5th place, Alexandra H. finished in 10th place and Samantha H. finished in 14th place.

Mr. Boyer would also like to congratulate all the runners who competed for the first time as well as all the runners who improved their personal best result this year. Mr. Boyer would also like to thank Mr. Blacker, Mme McMullen and Mme Richardson for all their help with the cross country team this year. Also, a special thanks to all the parent volunteers who came with the team.

## INTERMEDIATE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Huge congratulations go out to the Grade 6, 7, and 8 Cross Country teams for placing second overall in the regional meet at Terry Fox Elementary School. Of the six team races, we had one first place, three second places, and one third place.

The team was led by the grade 6 girls who placed first in their race and won the banner. They scored a Trillium record 18 points. Here are the individual results:

- Samantha - 1<sup>st</sup> place and won a gold medal
- Cailyn - 2<sup>nd</sup> place and won a silver medal
- Abi - 3<sup>rd</sup> place and won a bronze medal
- Maya - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Jaida - 7<sup>th</sup>
- Kiki - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Olivia - 20<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the team include: Athena, Ine, Rayan, Riyanna, and Alice.

The grade 6 boys placed second in their race, only 3 points away from first. The individual results are:

- Ben - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Chase - 6<sup>th</sup>
- Almahdi - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sediq - 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Daniel - 26<sup>th</sup>
- Cole - 28<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the team include: Connor, Braeden, Michael, David, Ben, Ryan, Sam, Rama, Rhys, and Sohayb.

The grade 7 girls placed third in their race. The individual results are:

- Hallee - 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a bronze medal
- Gillian - 12<sup>th</sup>
- Addison - 17<sup>th</sup>
- Alicia - 21<sup>st</sup>
- Avery - 29<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the team include: Clara, Sanjana, Alishba, and Sarah.

The grade 7 boys placed second in their race. The individual results are:

- Nathan - 6<sup>th</sup>
- Jack - 10<sup>th</sup>
- Owen - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Rasheed - 18<sup>th</sup>
- Aaron - 20<sup>th</sup>
- Romman - 29<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the team include: Ethan, Khatak, and Sean.

The grade 8 girls also came second in their race. They were led by:

- Katelyn - 6<sup>th</sup>
- Monica - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Keira - 16<sup>th</sup>
- Jessica - 20<sup>th</sup>
- Nargis - 24<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the team include: Rachel, Lizzie, Grace, Kaitlyn, and Hana.

The grade 8 boys placed fifth in their race. They were led by:

- Matt - 6<sup>th</sup>

The rest of the team include: Ryan, Luke, Basil, Hamdi, Isaac, Majd, Caleb, and James.

Thank you to all runners for a great year. GO TRILLIUM!

## **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE OPEN HOUSE**

Colonel By Secondary School is offering an open house for all Grade 8 students and their parents on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Colonel By S.S. is located at 2381 Ogilvie Road.

For more information, including the complete program and application information please visit [www.ibcb.ca](http://www.ibcb.ca)

## **HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Trillium's annual Holiday Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm and will feature performances by the school band and choirs, the ukulele club and various classes. It is always a fun evening and we hope you will be able to join us! A dress rehearsal will be held at noon on Wednesday for any parents (and grandparents) that cannot make it in the evening.

## **CHOIRS and UKULELE CLUB**

The junior/intermediate choir has been practising for a few weeks in preparation for the Remembrance Day Ceremony and Holiday Concert.

The primary choir (grades 1-3) has had their first practice and has already begun singing songs for Christmas! Interested students may still join until the second week of November. Practices are held on Thursdays during the afternoon recess (1:15pm). If you have any questions, please contact Ms. George or Mme Leah.

We have a small but dedicated group of grade 5 students learning to play the ukulele. Practices are held Wednesday during morning recess, in preparation for a short performance at the Holiday Concert. If you have any questions, please contact Mme Leah.

## **INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL**

Mr. Heijdens would like to congratulate the Intermediate Girls Football team on winning the Silver Medal at the Regional Football tournament in October. After losing a close game on a dew-covered field early that morning,

the girls then went undefeated throughout the tournament, into the playoffs and right into the finals. They fell to a very talented Queen Elizabeth team in a game where both sides personified sportsmanship, camaraderie, and athletic excellence. The team was led by co-captains Kaitlyn H. and Flame P. Special mentions also go to Clara T. and Talia H.! Excellent job, ladies!

The Intermediate Boys Football team represented Trillium exceptionally well, playing with great pride and sportsmanship. Their hard work paid off as they made it to the playoffs and placed third overall. The team was led by co-captains Matt H. and Ryan P., with special mentions going to Ty H. and Luke G., all of whom demonstrated great leadership. Well done, boys!

**THE TRILLIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL (TESC) SECTION:**



The Trillium Hot Lunch program is back and for TWO days each week this year! We are happy to offer a two week rotation of pita and subs on Mondays and pizza every week on Tuesday.

To get started, go to [www.tesc.hotlunches.net](http://www.tesc.hotlunches.net). Click on the “register” tab and enter access code **TESHL**.



The Lunch Lady delivers every Thursday. To view menus and place an order please visit [www.lunchlady.ca](http://www.lunchlady.ca).

**Fall Scholastic Book Fair**

Please join us the week of **November 20-24** for our **Fall Scholastic Book Fair** and help us promote literacy by making books and reading more fun!!



We will be offering English books from pre-school to adult, as well as a selection of French books. More information will be available in the November backpack mailer and on the school council website at [www.tesc.ca](http://www.tesc.ca).

We are looking for volunteers for set-up, working during the book fair and tear down. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet to be posted online at [www.tesc.ca](http://www.tesc.ca). Please pass this along to any family members (grandparents, etc.) who may also be interested in helping out.

**Tasty Batters Frozen Cookie Dough**

Thank you to all the families and staff who ordered cookies and loaves.



Delivery has been booked for **November 29<sup>th</sup>** (3:00 to 5:30 pm - additional information may be provided closer to the delivery date).

**QSP Fundraiser**



Thank you to all the families that participated in this fundraiser. You helped raise ~\$400.00 for the

kindergarten play structure.

QSP will accept orders for magazine subscriptions through-out the year. If you have a renewal coming due or are looking to begin a new subscription, please visit [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) to shop an extended list of magazines.

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1. Select “Parents & Students” and register your child
2. Our school code is 3727724 and begin shopping

**Family Celebration**

A special thank you to the following individuals:

**Brian:** A Trillium parent, who generously donated the Dyson Vacuum to raffle.

**Karen:** Who organized the event.

**The Dyson draw raised \$708.** We pulled the name of the winner at the last Council Meeting and Congratulations goes out to Mireille B who won the vacuum.

Thank you to all who participated.

**Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!**

Mabel’s Labels are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe personalized labels.



Visit [www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for **Trillium Elementary School** under the School/Organization drop down to place your order.



Did you know anytime you visit Boston Pizza Orleans, TESC can accumulate a percentage of all sales? Just write Trillium Elementary on the back of your receipt and place it in the box at the hostess desk at Boston Pizza. Every penny counts ☺



The following is a list of upcoming TESC events. Further details will be shared with you closer to each event.

If you are interested in helping to support any of these events, please send an email to [chair@tesc.ca](mailto:chair@tesc.ca).

- Fall Book Fair (November 20-24)
- Family Movie Night (December 8)
- Little Caesars Frozen Pizza (2018)
- Valentine's Dinner & Dance (February 9)
- Spring Book Fair (April 23-26)
- Family Movie Night (May 11)
- Dance-A-Thon (May 18)

### TESC School Council Meetings



School Council Meetings are held monthly in the school library from 7:00-9:00. Below are the TESC meeting dates for this school year. You are invited and welcome to attend at any time!

- November 9, 2017
- December 7, 2017
- January 11, 2018
- February 8, 2018
- March 8, 2018
- April 12, 2018
- May 10, 2018
- June 14, 2018

Should you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to [chair@tesc.ca](mailto:chair@tesc.ca)

Thank you!

### Healthy Lunches

It is always a good idea to pack a healthy lunch. This helps kids have energy to learn and grow. Fruits and veggies should be a part of every lunch. Try some dips like hummus, cottage cheese, and yogurt. Select whole grain breads and crackers. Buy different types of cheese (cheddar, swiss) in different forms (cubes, strings, balls). Last night's dinner can make a quick lunch for the next day. Pack water, milk, or 100% fruit juice for drinks. Use an insulated food jar for foods like soup, chili, stew and leftovers so they are still hot at lunch. Place a frozen ice pack, water bottle or juice box beside the cold foods. Wash the lunch bag or box often with warm soapy water.

For more information visit [www.ottawa.ca/health](http://www.ottawa.ca/health) or contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744

The link below is an excellent website for parents.

<http://www.parentinginottawa.ca/en/index.aspx>

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