



# Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday May 31, 2019

## Upcoming Events

### June 3-6

- Dental Screening

### June 6

- CWSA Dance Night at Earl Haig 7 pm

### June 7

- PA Day – No Classes

### June 11

- Track & Field

### June 12

- “Love, Limits, Live it” Parent Event 6:45 pm

### June 14

- Reflections Rehearsal CWSA (all School)- (PM)Earl Haig

### June 17, 18, 19, 20

- Reflections Rehearsal CWSA (all School)- Earl Haig – no off campus lunch for Grade 8 students

### June 19

- Reflections 6:30 pm 4.1, 5.1,6.1,7.1,8.1

### June 20

- Reflections 6:30 pm 4.2, 5.2,6.2,7.2,8.2

### June 24

- Grade 8 Graduation Earl Haig 5 pm
- Dinner Novatel 7 pm

## CWSA Neighbourhood Day...

Last week Saturday was a phenomenal day for CWSA. School Council Co-chair’s Jay Kang and John Choi launched our first Neighbourhood Day!



Once again we were so please to have the support of our Superintendent, Linda Curtis who brought greetings and opening remarks on behalf of the board. Neighbourhood Day was an opportunity for CWSA to open our doors to our Willowdale community, the TDSB and the City of Toronto. We know that CWSA parents and students come from all over the City of Toronto, standing alongside Councilor Filion and Trustee Brown it was a time for CWSA to say a special thank-you and to give back to the Willowdale Community for their support of CWSA for over 31 years. It was a delightful coincidence that Neighbourhood Day aligned with the City of Toronto’s **Open Doors** initiative.

Moments like Neighbourhood Day allow us to come together in friendship and community. CWSA students were thrilled to share their passion for the arts with the Neighbourhood through an Art Auction and Musical performances. The Art Auction was the ingenuity of Ms. Fernandes, Ms. Teja and the grade 4 classes. The Grade 4s spread positive rays of hope as their creative acrylic paintings were purchased by the community - bringing so many joy - as they left with their own CWSA original piece of art.



Our Grade 5 students Tessa and Evangelia were inspired entrepreneurs – their jewelry making initiative raised over \$80 for CWSA. Way to Go Girls!

We can't forget our School Council who flipped burgers and sold T-shirt in service of supporting our students. Thank-you parents for coming out! We would also like to thank our Venders and local business who supported us through donations and prizes for the silent auction. We've been announcing raffle winners all week. A list of businesses that supported CWSA can be found at the end of our newsletter.

Other community supporters included **Toronto Fire** who brought a Fire Truck and was onsite to provide fire safety information to families and homeowners and **Toronto Police Services** whose presence and squad car reminds us of their role in building safer communities through community partnerships and education. CWSA's Neighbourhood Day was definitely a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. We continue to look forward to bringing hope & inspiration into our community... because as our parents often remind us **“The Earth without arts is E..h”**. If you would like to get involved with future community events please email our School Council.

Have a lovely week-end! Ms. Jones



## Neighbourhood Day Pictures



## Community Sponsors!

Goa Indian Kitchen  
The Keg  
Jack Astor's  
Paisano's Italian Restaurant

Kernels  
Baskin Robbins  
Just Drums  
The Gap

Loblaws

## Staffing

CWSA continues to be in a holding pattern with regard to staffing. SOE Curtis continues to advocate together with me for the particular needs at CWSA. We still have a commitment to support an extended day and rich arts programming at CWSA for the 2019-2020 school year. As demonstrated at our Neighbourhood Day – Councilor Filion and Trustee Brown are aware of the needs of CWSA and the benefits we contribute to families/community not only Willowdale, but in the City of Toronto. We will continue to update you as news becomes available.

## School Council

This is a reminder that there are only two dates left to speak before the TDSB Special Finance, Budget and Enrollment Committee meetings regarding the 2019-20 budget:

- Monday, June 3 at 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Note: requests to speak must be submitted in writing, 4 p.m. two working days before the committee meeting day by submitting the Delegation Request Form (see form link in website): <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Delegations>

## Dance Night at Earl Haig

CWSA Dance Night! Please join us at our annual Dance Night held **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at **7 pm** at Earl Haig Secondary School. No tickets required and this is a free eve

## Lunchroom Conduct

As the weather warms up students are excited to play outside at Lunch Recess. Please remind your children to use **indoor voices** in the Multi-purpose room during lunch. Thank-you!

## “Love, Limits, Live it” CWSA Parent Workshop Series

**Date: Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:45 – 8:45 pm**

**Topic: Connecting with Your Preteen/Teen (Gr. 6 – 8 parents focus)**

**Location: Location: Library**

- Normal growth & development in the teenage years
- Adolescent brain development
- Reasons why some youth use alcohol, cannabis and other drugs
- Most common drugs used by youth
- Ways to improve communication between parents/caregivers and preteens

*Please email us if you require translators to be available – we will try our best.*

**Summer Arts Academy Summer School Registration is now Closed!**

## Grade 8 Graduation Update

Our Grade 8 Graduation will take place on Monday June 24, 2019.

Here are some details to help our Grade 8 families plan for the event:

- The ceremony will begin at 5:00pm and will be held at Earl Haig Secondary School
  - Graduates should be at Earl Haig no later than 4:40pm so they can prepare for the ceremony
  - Families do not need tickets for the event
- The ceremony is estimated to last just over an hour. Directly after the ceremony there will be time for pictures
- Dinner & dance begin at 7:00pm at Novotel – (3 Park Home Ave, North York, ON M2N 6L3) we ask parents to arrange transportation from Earl Haig to Novotel
- The dinner/dance will end at 10:00pm. At that time parents will be able to pick graduates up from the Hotel

More details about this event will be sent home in next week.

## CWSA Hours

School Entry time is 8:30 am. Please **call** 416-395-3180 before 8:25 am to report a student absence. Please note entry doors open for extra-curricular at 7:30 – 7:45 am. Doors will remain locked until 8:20 for regular entry.

## 2019-2020 School Calendar

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar-2019-2020>

## Safety – In the Loop **Traffic Alert: ALWAYS CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!**

- 1) Do NOT aim to drop off your child as close as possible to the school front gates. Always decide to drop off directly beside the sidewalk to the right, regardless of the distance needed to walk. Reduce all risk for your child.
- 2) Do NOT enter from Hollywood Ave. It is a one-way lane (except for service vehicles). Reduce all risk for neighbours and students walking by that entrance.
- 3) Do NOT park (even if very briefly) by the garbage containers. The condo management has strongly raised an issue about the ongoing disregard by parents with this illegal parking. **Parent Complaint received – a mother and child almost injured - please drive with care!**