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2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mission

The Highbush P.S. Community will provide a positive, safe and collaborative environment that will promote respect for diversity and excellence for all, through active involvement in academic, athletic and artistic pursuits.



HIGHBUSH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Highbush Hawk "Eye"

It's hard to believe that term one is complete! Students have been working hard and we have seen many successes through the first term. They should be very proud of their accomplishments so far and should be making new goals for second term. Please remember that due to job action, report cards will not be coming home this term. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's academic or social development, please contact your child's teacher; however, marks will not be given out. Second term IEPs for those students requiring them, will be sent out on Feb 12. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

The SCC is supporting our Mental Health initiatives and are sponsoring various speakers/programs during second term. Our first speaker will be from YouthSpeak and they will be focusing on wellness with students in grades 1-4 and 'online over-drive' in grades 5-8. We also continue to work on self-regulation strategies and mental health awareness in our students.

February 26 is Pink Shirt Day. All students are encouraged to wear pink to stand up against bullying. February is also Black History Month and various activities will be done to celebrate this month.



Arts Express is offering another session for students in grades 1-6. This session on sketching and drawing will be held on Thursdays over the lunch hour in the library.



Sketching and Drawing

SELF-CONFIDENCE

IMAGINATION

ARTISTIC SKILLS

TEAMWORK

FUN

CREATIVITY

Thursdays, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Highbush PS

Classes run from Thursday, February 13, 2020 - April 9, 2020

8 weekly classes for grades 1-6, \$135.00 per child.

Spots are first come, first serve!

Parents/guardians can register their children at www.artsexpress.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES








7	Pizza Day		
6	French Immersion Info Night @ Frenchman's Bay 7 pm	27	SCC Meeting (6:30 pm)
25	Pita Day	Mar 3	Pizza Day

EQA0 Sample Math Questions


Grade 3

- 4** Alicia creates this pictograph about the types of birds she sees at the park.

Types of Birds at the Park

Type of bird	Number of birds
Robin	  
Sparrow	  
Blue jay	

Key

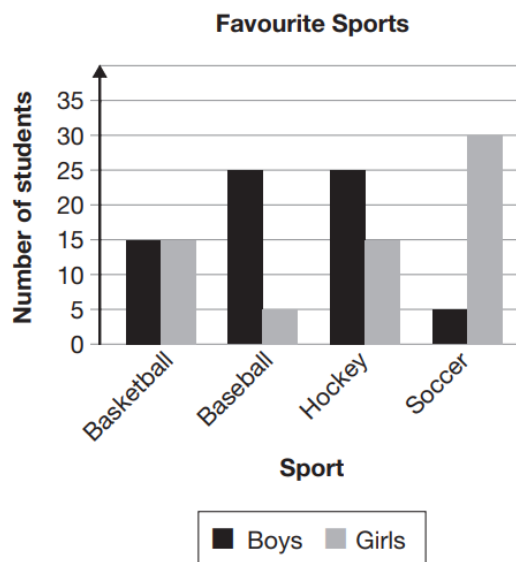
Each  represents 6 birds.

How many sparrows does she see?

- ☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 15
☐ 18

Grade 6

- 14** This graph shows the favourite sports of the students in a school.



Which sport was chosen by the most students in total?

- ☐ soccer
☐ hockey
☐ baseball
☐ basketball



School Community Council

Pizza Lunch day has been rescheduled to Friday February 7th from Tuesday February 4th.

Electronic Waste Fundraiser – Thank you to everyone who has donated their old electronics so far! The bins located next to the office are filling up quite quickly and we really appreciate your support. It is a great opportunity to get rid of old printers, laptops, tablets, handheld devices, keyboards, mice etc and support our school's Mental Health initiatives. Fundraiser runs until Feb 18th and items can be dropped off between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm daily.

Highbush's fun DANCE-A-TON is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th.

The next SCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 27th at 6:30 pm in the Teachers' Lunch room. All parents/caregivers are encouraged and welcomed at meetings. Childcare is available.

Contact us at highbushscc@gmail.com.

Fun Fair

Thursday June 4th, 2020

Calling all parents/guardians to be a part of our fun fair planning and organizing events.

No experience needed. Bring your ideas and energy to our next meeting on

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

@ 6:30 pm in the Teachers' Lunchroom.

Below is a list of upcoming events / promotions available for purchase. Please visit our website at <https://DDSB.schoolcashionline.com> to register.
IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN ITEM, PLEASE CHECK YOUR PAYMENT HISTORY BEFORE PURCHASING.

EVENT DATE	EVENT / PROMOTION	PAYMENT DUE	COST
Mar-June	Pita Lunch — March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9	Mar 1	\$5.00 ea
Mar 3	Pizza Day – meal includes cookie and choice of drink (chocolate milk, white milk, juice or water)	Feb 26	\$5.00 1 slice \$7.00 2 slices

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**From the DDSB — Some Dates of Significance for February 2020****February is Black History Month**

This observance was first launched in 1926 in the United States by Carter G. Woodson during the second week in February as Negro History Week. It evolved over time and became Black History Month in 1976. In December of 1995, the Parliament of Canada officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada. During February, the significant achievements and contributions in the areas of medicine, human rights, art, culture, politics, and public service made by people of African and Caribbean descent throughout history, as well as their struggles to overcome colonialism and racism, are officially recognized and celebrated.

February 14th—Saint Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day honours two different saints named Valentine. However, customs for the holiday have nothing to do with the lives of these saints. The customs come from the ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia, which took place on February 15. The festival honored Pan, the Roman god of nature, and Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During this festival young people drew names from a box and exchanged gifts. Gradually the custom of giving gifts was replaced by sending cards. Today Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14, is a time to display love and affection. People send cards, candy, or flowers as valentines to their sweethearts, friends, and family.

February 20 – Family Day (Ontario)

Family Day is a statutory holiday that is observed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan on the third Monday of February. This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities. It was established on October 11, 2007 following the 2007 fall Ontario election campaign when Premier Dalton McGuinty was re-elected. The first Family Day in Ontario took place on February 18, 2008.

February 20th - World Day of Social Justice (UN)

At its sixty-second session, in November 2007, the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed February 20 as World Day of Social Justice. The day was observed for the first time in 2009. The observance of the day should contribute to greater awareness and action for social change regarding social justice issues associated with the dimensions of diversity – including, but not limited to; ability (physical and intellectual), age, culture, gender, gender identity, heritage, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status. World Day of Social Justice also recognizes the further consolidation of the efforts of the international community in poverty eradication, promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all.

“Social justice is more than an ethical imperative; it is a foundation for national stability and global prosperity. Equal opportunity, solidarity and respect for human rights – these are essential to unlocking the full productive potential of nations and peoples...” ~ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

February 26th – Pink Shirt Day

On February 26, students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink article of clothing to send the powerful message that discrimination related to homophobia, transphobia, and sexism will be challenged. This Anti-Bullying Day grew from a student protest against an incident of homophobic, sexist bullying in a Nova Scotia high school. This positive social action was initiated by David Shepherd and Travis Price, who bought and distributed over 50 pink shirts to raise awareness in response to the incident, where a male student was called a homosexual for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school.