



# Phintastic News

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## NOVEMBER NEWS 2019

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### Principal's Message

Fall is here and the school year is well underway with students actively engaged in their learning throughout the school! Aside from their academics, students have also been involved in several recess and lunchtime activities including kilometre club, choir, concert band, equity allies, eco-club, volleyball, library and helping in the office. We are continuing with our monthly assemblies focused on building our knowledge of the Character Traits. In the month of October, we focused on Responsibility and in November, we will build our knowledge base around Empathy. In November, we are also looking forward to our first Houses meeting of this school year. Ask your child if they are in the Bear, Deer, Buffalo or Eagle house! Thank you to all of the staff members who have supported the students in these extra-curricular activities.

As always, we appreciate the important role that you play in supporting student learning at home. I encourage you to attend the upcoming parent/teacher interviews to further discuss ways in which we can work together to advance the learning skills, work habits and academic progress of our students. Progress cards and initial observations will be sent home on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and interviews will take place on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening and on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Please be reminded that there is no school for the students on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Safety during student pick-up and drop-off remains a priority for all of us at EB Phin. We are encouraging all of the students that are waiting to be picked up to stand by the front, main doors as to prevent the traffic from backing up out onto Rougemount and Altona. As well, cars should only be parking or stopping for long periods of time in the lane closest to the school. We understand that our loop is not ideal for the number of cars that are currently using it and need everyone to work together to keep things moving and keep all of our students safe. **Lastly, please be reminded that the parking lot area is only for staff parking, volunteers and our buses.** The parking lot area is not to be used for either student drop-off or pick-up. We have recently had two staff vehicles damaged and a couple of close calls with those crossing through the lot. Your support is always appreciated.

Riley Lord  
Principal

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### Dates to Remember

**Nov 7—SCC mtg @ 6:30 (library)**

**Nov 11—Remembrance Day Assembly**

**Nov 13—Progress Reports Home**

**Nov 13—Argent/Govender—Nonquon**

**Nov 14—Parent-Teacher Interviews  
3:30—7:30pm**

**Nov 15—Parent-Teacher Interviews  
8:30—11:30am**



# Please be on Time!

<b>Entry Time</b>	8:35 (students should be lined up at their door for entry with their class)
<b>Instructional Time</b>	8:40 (students should be in class ready to begin the day)
<b>Lunch Dismissal</b>	11:25
<b>Lunch Entry</b>	12:25
<b>Dismissal</b>	3:15

It is extremely important that all children learn the value and importance of being punctual and attending classes regularly. As these are lifelong skills, we would ask that you assist and support us in reinforcing their importance with the students. Teachers take attendance immediately following entry and the attendance is sent to the office. Whenever a child is marked absent, and the school is unaware of the reason, the office staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian at home or at work to determine the child's whereabouts and ensure that no harm has come to him or her on the way to school. If your child is late, please have them report to the office for a late slip. Office detentions will be issued to students who are habitually late. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**SCHOOLMESSENGER®** offers parents/guardians the ability to report student absences to their child's school via **phone, internet or mobile app** as well as **receive notifications for both attendance and non-attendance related purposes.**

**To report your child's absence via telephone, please call:  
1-844-350-2646**

**Your SchoolMessenger® Account** can be set up in 3 ways:

1. Open your browser and go to [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)
2. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the Google Play Store
3. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store

## **Instructions:**

1. **Sign Up for an account on the website ([go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)).**
2. **Use the same email address that the school has on record for you.**  
*TIP: If you are not sure which email address we have on file for you, please login to the Parent Portal and view your contact information on the Parent Contact Information tab.*
3. **Create your password;** for security reasons, passwords must contain at least one number, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and must be at least 6 characters.
4. **Verify your account by following the instructions in the email that is sent to you.**

This login information is for parents to report student absences and should not be shared with your child. Please ensure that your login information is protected.

## **Reporting Absences Online or through the SchoolMessenger® App**

**Login** to the app or website using your email address and the password that **you created in the Sign Up step above.** If your email address is associated with at least one child in a school that is actively using SafeArrival, you will see the **ATTENDANCE** option on the menu. This is shown at the top of the screen on the website or in the top left corner of the mobile apps.

## VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team on a fantastic season. All the girls played with grace, energy, team spirit and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Ms. Kayes and Ms. Gellel for coaching the team.



## ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS



The first annual Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament began this week. All students will have a chance to enjoy this game of chance against students in their own grade. The top two from each grade will advance to the finals on Friday. First prize is a first season, professionally framed TFC jersey signed by the coach Mo Johnson! Other prizes include t-shirts, water bottles, string bags and soccer balls. Thank you to Bobby Lennox for donating ALL prizes to our school. The funds raised from this competition will be used for new PE equipment.

## K CLUB

Kilometre Club continues Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until the snow falls. We have over 50 active members with our Grade 6 students leading the way! Thanks to Mrs. Zelenine and Mrs. Golden for all their help.



## VANDERMEER HOLIDAY POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Did you know that Vandermeer Nursery has been offering a **Spring and Winter Fundraising Program** for over 15 years? They have helped hundreds of local non-profits and teams with their fundraising effort by offering quality seasonal planters.

The Winter Fundraising program includes winter-decorated baskets and evergreen planters in a wide range of prices.

If you are interested in taking part, please fill out the form that was sent home or go to Cash Online and see what is available. Don't delay....purchases can be made until November 25th and items will be delivered on November 28th! Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



# 5 Good Study Habits

## (and How IXL Can Help)

Now that the back-to-school rush is subsiding, is your child starting to settle into the school year? The months ahead are full of possibilities, making this a great time to establish good study habits. We've collected 5 tips to help your child succeed and included ways IXL can help you accomplish each one.

### 1. Refresh knowledge when needed

The start of the school year can be full of new information and fast-paced learning. If your child forgot certain math concepts over the summer or is feeling iffy about new literary terms, take time for a quick review. A low-pressure refresher can make all the difference for their confidence!

**How IXL can help:** Use the search bar at the top of IXL.com to find topics for review. If any skill is a little too tricky, try a lower grade level to keep building that foundation of knowledge. You can also take advantage of the skills on the Recommendations wall, which have been specifically chosen to help your child grow.

### 2. Understand the teacher's expectations

One sure-fire way for your child to succeed is to understand their teacher's expectations. This includes everything from how assignments are evaluated to what SmartScore they should reach. If anything isn't clear, you or your child should feel comfortable following up with the teacher. Communication is key!

**How IXL can help:** Referring to IXL Analytics can be helpful when discussing goals and expectations with a teacher. IXL's reports can show you how much time your child spent on IXL, which questions were challenging, and more. IXL Analytics can also help reveal your child's progress and start a good conversation about appropriate SmartScore goals.

### 3. Study a little every day

Just like cramming the night before a quiz doesn't work out in the long run, trying to master a concept all at once can be daunting for any student. Encourage your child to prioritize short-but-sweet studying whenever possible; in other words, consistent, high-quality learning beats one or two high-stress sessions!

**How IXL can help:** Even brief IXL work makes a big difference! Our research shows that schools where students answer at least 15 questions per week outperform all the others. If your child only has time for a little IXL, it will still be valuable. And remember: IXL progress is automatically saved, so taking breaks is always okay.

### 4. Be an active reader

Skimming instructions, readings, and other school assignments can be tempting for any student, especially once the school year is in full swing and the workload keeps coming. Your child can practice active reading by doing things like noting the main idea of a passage, summarizing instructions in their own words, and taking time to look up unfamiliar words or concepts. This will help solidify what they're learning so it really sticks!

**How IXL can help:** When your child gets an IXL question wrong, do they take time to read the answer explanation? Doing so will help them understand the concept better and learn from their mistakes—and it can also be a way for them to get in the habit of active reading. It may even be helpful to read the explanation aloud, or to a partner or parent. Then they can click "Got it" with confidence.

### 5. Celebrate success and look to the future

Sometimes students can become so focused on work that they don't take time to celebrate small victories. Acknowledging these moments will motivate them to keep up the effort and may even inspire them to create new goals. The next accomplishment is just around the corner!

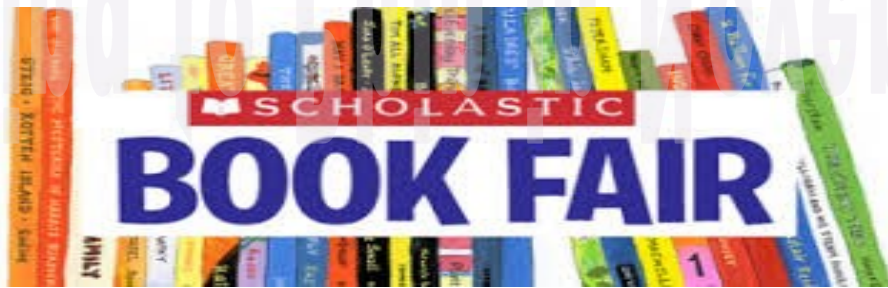
**How IXL can help:** Through their work on IXL, students earn certificates and awards that acknowledge what they've achieved. Both are great ways to highlight their hard work—you can even display certificates in a place of prominence! You can also encourage your child to use the awards as goal inspiration for time spent, questions answered, and more.



World War I came to an end at 11 o'clock on November 11, 1918 and special services have been held on this day ever since the first one in 1919. This day was known as Armistice Day for many years. In 1931 the Canadian Parliament changed the name to Remembrance Day and November 11th is now a time to remember those who served Canada in past wars and also those who sacrificed their lives in military service. At Elizabeth B Phin Public School, we will be acknowledging Remembrance Day through our assembly on November 11th @ 10:15 am. Please join us.



# Coming to Phin in November



## **The 2019 Scholastic Book Fair**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**In the Library**

**E. B. Phin will be buzzing with books and excited readers in a few weeks as our library is transformed into a fully functional book store. This year our focus will be on Cultural Diversity and STEAM. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and math) The book titles will range from fiction to Science with a few fun, graphic novels as well. There will be books for emerging readers and books with project ideas for our budding scientists**

**Each child and each classroom have been given a “Wish List” to fill out so we can offer all those in the Phin family an opportunity to give input to this once a year book buying extravaganza.**

**Mark this week on your calendars and make a point of attending with or without your children. Interview night on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November might be a good chance to bring the whole family and make a night of it!**

**See you there!**

**Mr. Eastwood**

## **DECEMBER CONCERT**

The December concert at E.B. Phin will be held on Tuesday, December 17th. The Kindergarten classes will perform at 6:00 pm. Grades 1 to 8 will perform at 7:00 pm.

We hope to see you there!



## **Educational Services Staff Award**

On Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, our former Office Administrator, Wendy Butler, was honoured at the Board meeting with the Educational Services Staff Award. This award recognizes an educational services staff member or team who has made an exceptional contribution to the support of students, schools or the growth of others in the school board. As many of you are well aware, Wendy was always an amazing support to everyone at Phin and continuously went above and beyond her job description. She is incredibly deserving of this honour. If you are interested in watching the award presentation, it can be accessed through the following link: <https://youtu.be/nGGc9dJlyEo> Congratulations to Mrs. Butler!

## **Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone for your support of our chocolate fundraiser. We were beyond impressed with everyone's efforts to make this a success. In total, we raised over \$8,000 which will be used in the renovation of our library space. I would also like to congratulate the winners of all of our prizes as listed below:

**Laser Quest Party** – Connor F.

**Family Movie Pack** – Lynn S., Hussein S.

**Mandarin Dinner For 2** – Cattalaya T.

**Lunch/Dinner for 1 @ Mandarin** – Mikayla K., Chelsea T., Mia K., Archer G., Cassidy M.

**\$40 Boston Pizza** – Kyle C.

**Raptors Jersey** – Arjunna S

**5 lb. Chocolate Bar** – Connor K.

**Electric Scooter** – Taylor SB.

**2 Free Games @ Laser Quest** – Nathan BM., Archer G., Dallas N., Cole P., Aria R., Cattalaya T., Darius BF., Hussein S., Jack P., Dimitra G., Adelaide Z., Connor F., Vickaash R., Hannah L., Faaz M.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Fuller who organized and ran this fundraiser. She spent countless hours preparing boxes, organizing materials and counting funds. We truly couldn't have done it without her!

**November is**

# **Hindu Heritage Month**

By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political & cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

**Support all dimensions  
of diversity.**







# Sketching and Drawing

SELF-CONFIDENCE

IMAGINATION

ARTISTIC SKILLS

TEAMWORK

FUN

CREATIVITY

Future Van Goghs, Michelangelos and Picassos unite in this creative, process-driven, sketching and drawing class. Tap into your inner artist and learn proper techniques for several different media, including pastel and pencil. All materials and supplies are provided.

## SKETCHING AND DRAWING CLASSES

- Build self-confidence
- Explore Imagination
- Create a safe and non-judgemental environment
- Foster an appreciation of the arts
- Allow for self-exploration
- Develop fine motor skills
- Benefit every child's unique personality
- Students explore creativity through sketching and drawing using several different media

## CLASS DETAILS

- High quality programs that are convenient for parents
- Energetic and talented instructors with experience in both Arts and Education
- All teachers are required to have a police check
- Maximum of 20 students per teacher
- Students will use pastels, markers and pencil
- Each student should pack a small nut free snack for after school classes
- Parents are invited to an art show during the last class

**Register on-line at [www.ArtsExpress.ca](http://www.ArtsExpress.ca) or call 416-239-3093**

## POLICIES

- Full payment is due upon registration
- There will be no reimbursement for missed classes
- A \$20.00 administration fee will be charged for NSF cheques
- Arts Express reserves the right to remove a student from the program due to inappropriate behaviour
- Students must participate in two classes before applying for a refund. No refunds will be given after the third class
- Refunds will be issued less a \$20.00 administrative fee and payment for classes already taken
- For after school classes, a fee of \$1.00 per minute, after the first 10 minutes will be charged to any parent who is late picking up their child
- Your child must be picked up outside the Arts Express classroom

## SAFETY

- Parents must report if their child is going to be absent from class
- To report an absence phone 416-255-9557 OR 1-877-611-2787 and leave a detailed message including the date, your child's name, school and grade
- If you have not reported an after school absence, it will be treated as an EMERGENCY situation

### F.A.C.E Foundation

Financial Subsidy is available for qualified individuals through the F.A.C.E Foundation.  
For an application, please call 416-239-3093

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