



Phintastic News

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OCTOBER NEWS 2019

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It is already the beginning of October and we are pleased to report that the students are settling into the routines of school quite nicely. It was a busy September at Phin with students actively involved in a number of co-curricular opportunities led by various staff members. The cross-country team had over 75 students participating on a consistent basis and they represented our school very well at Lakeridge for our area meet on Wednesday, October 2nd. Those that were successful moved on to the regional finals on October 10th and, once again, made us very proud. Congratulations to Lucas R., Julien R., and Ben T.—great job!!! This past month students also became involved as Equity Allies, members of the concert band, guitar band, ukulele choir and video game club. Tryouts were also held for the girls' and boys' intermediate volleyball teams and their seasons have gotten off to a great start. We are pleased to see so many students taking advantage of these opportunities and pursuing leadership roles throughout the school.

Our first School Community Council (SCC) meeting for this year was held on Thursday, October 10th. At this meeting, we introduced our SCC executive that were acclaimed into their positions for the 2019-2020 school year: Allison Zimmerman will be the Chair, Lisa Foisy will be the Treasurer and the position of Secretary will be filled by Dimple Badhan. Thank you to all of them for volunteering to take upon these important leadership roles to support our school. The next SCC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please consider joining us for this meeting.

Also discussed at our SCC meeting was the data from the EQAO assessments that were written last Spring, as well as our School Improvement Plan for the upcoming year. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and look forward to continuing to expand both their learning and ours. For the 2019-2020 school year, our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well Being (SIPSAW) will focus on:

- Numeracy: Multi step problem solving with a focus on articulating thinking
- Literacy: Effective use of descriptive feedback
- Innovation: Increased collaboration, innovative learning opportunities and spaces
- Well-Being: Safe spaces to discuss social issues and well-being strategies
- Equity: Focus on student voice and identity

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our first school fundraiser this year. There has been a lot of chocolate sold and we appreciate your efforts. Stay tuned next month for an update on the funds raised and the prize winner!

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Dates to Remember

October 10—Cross Country

October 10—SCC Meeting 6:30

October 11—PD Day

October 14—Thanksgiving

**October 24—Volunteer of
Distinction Awards**

October 24—ECE Appreciation Day

October 24—Purple Day

October 29—Picture Retake Day

October 31— Halloween Parade

November 13—Progress Reports

**November 14-15—Parent /Teacher
Interviews**





IXL.COM

We will be renewing our license for IXL. We encourage all families to take advantage of this software program to build important fundamental skills in math. IXL also has an App that can be downloaded for free for mobile use of this great learning tool. Use these tools to improve fluency in math facts and reading. When these skills become automatic, students can focus their energy on higher level thinking skills. The more students use these intervention programs, the more benefits they will see!



CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE: We were 75 Strong at the DEAA Area Meet on Wednesday, October 2nd. All of our runners finished their races with smiles and a positive attitude. All of the training and hard work paid off. Our team would not be as successful without the assistance of volunteers. A huge thank you to the Parkers and Kulathungam Family for all their help leading up to the event and at the meet. Thank you to Mrs. Van Goch, Mrs. Dale and Mrs. McQueen for attending the meet and practices.

Congratulations to Lucas R., Julian R. and Ben T. who participated in the Durham Finals on Thursday, October 10th.

TERRY FOX RUN: We had another successful Terry Fox Run! Our yard was filled with students running for Terry or someone close to their heart. The school raised over a \$1,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation! What a successful fundraising event here at Pin!



Our first pizza day was October 10th. A big thank you to our parent volunteers for their hard work in organizing something that is enjoyed by students and parents alike. As pizza lunch is an optional program, the only method of payment will be CASH ON LINE. No order forms go home. If you missed the fall pizza lunches, please sign up for Cash On Line and you will be able to purchase pizza again January 6, 2020.

VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION

On October 24th the Durham District School Board will be celebrating the Volunteers of Distinction from across the board. Congratulations to EB Pin's Volunteer of Distinction—Mrs. Fuller. Thank you for all that you do for our school!



COLD SEASON IS COMING! - Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, sneeze into their elbow etc. to reduce their risk of getting sick. However, when your child is ill, healing or recovering, home is the best place for your child. The school is not equipped to facilitate children who are too ill to participate in regular school activities such as recess. Please ensure the school has a current contact number in case your child becomes ill during the school day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For your convenience, our 24 hour Safe Arrival Parent Portal is available to report absences before bell time 1-844-350-2626 or visit attendance.ddsb.ca



EQAO RESULTS— We are very proud of our current grade 4 and 7 students. They performed very well on the annual primary and junior assessments. As a school, we will now review this data and look for ways to address any areas of growth and continue to focus on strategies such as TEEEC, 4 box problem solving, Number Talks, and using assessment to consistently measure students' learning levels.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

As in the past years, we will have a Halloween parade through the school, showcasing the students costumes in the afternoon. Students may wear their costumes with the exception of masks or weapons. Students can also wear orange & black or a traditional outfit representing their culture. Families are also asked to consider what costumes students are wearing to school, remembering that culturally stereotypical costumes (i.e. indigenous representations) can minimize the lived experiences of students within our community.





Ms. Jackson's class enjoying apples from Ms. Park....and having some fun on a nature walk with buddies!

KM CLUB

KM Club has begun again! Grades 1 to 8 are invited to run 1 km every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 8:20 a.m. Meet Ms. Gellel on the soccer field with your smiles and positive attitude!



The Equity Allies are hosting a food drive "Halloween for Hunger" from Oct. 17—31. The table for donations will be set up in the front foyer. Please bring in canned goods and other non-perishable items for those less fortunate. The food will be donated to a local food bank.

**SCARE
HUNGER
Away!**



October 1st until October 29th, 2019

Do you have a child that
struggles with anxiety?

Would you describe your
child as fearful or
sensitive?

Do you worry that they
are missing out on
some aspects of life?

Calm Kids:

Helping your child manage anxiety more effectively.

This 5 week program will provide parents and their children ages 10-12 with practical skills to build their confidence and reduce worries or fears. Light refreshments will be served.

We will teach you and your child:

- About feelings and anxiety
- How to think more realistically
- How to fight fears by facing them
- Coping skills and problem solving

Tuesdays

**6:00 p.m. -
7:30 p.m.**

Pickering

For more information, call 905-428-1212

HIT. STOP. SIT.

**Concussions are a
game changer!**



**Blurred
vision**

Headache

Dizziness

**Ringing
in the
ears**

**Tell your
coach, teacher
and parents/
guardians if
you have any of
these symptoms**

**Don't feel
right**

**Sensitive to
light/sound**

**Tired/low
energy**

Nausea/vomiting

**Can't keep
balanced**



**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

durham.ca/health



You Tube



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

Health Promotion and
Community Development



COLOURS

LGBTQ youth group

fun + food + friends + info

a drop-in for LGBTQ youth
aged 13-20

Meet new people, hang out, get community resources & info + talk about issues that matter to you in a welcoming space. Workshops with special guests may be offered too. Free snacks & refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

carea community health centre

ajax site

360 bayly st. west

thursdays 6:30 - 7:45pm

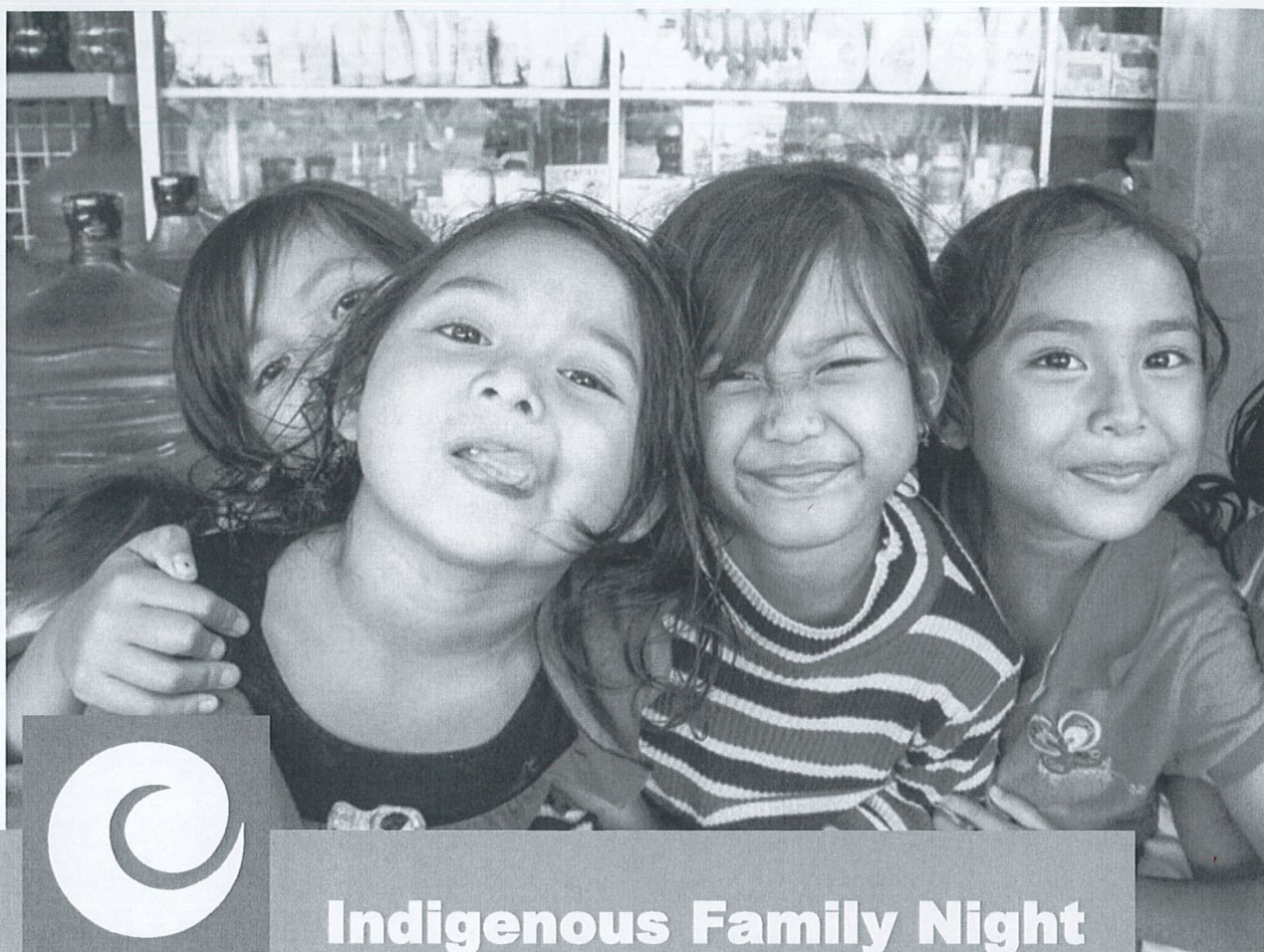
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Indigenous Family Night

Self-identified First Nations, Metis and Inuit

Family Dinner 5pm until 6pm
Cultural Program 6pm until 7pm

Sept. 12 & 26	Feb. 6 & 20
Oct. 10 & 24	Mar. 6 & 20
Nov. 7 & 21	Apr. 3 & 17
Dec. 5 & 19	May 1, 15 & 29
Jan. 9 & 23	June 12 – End of Year BBQ



Carea Community Health Centre
Oshawa Location
 115 Grassmere Ave, Oshawa



Wednesday
Nights

Bi-weekly Program

To register or for more information
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