

Dear Tiffany Hills Parents/Caregivers,

With the warmer weather and longer daylight hours, it has been nice to welcome Spring-like temperatures in the month of May! The month of May began with Education Week and Mental Health awareness to help our students appreciate the love for learning and develop their skills on understanding concepts that relate to mental health & well-being. Teachers have been provided with resources to support their programming in these areas. To support the love of reading all classes from FDK to Grade 8 will have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor Storytime Trail that will be guided by homeroom teachers. Students will have the opportunity to draw themes and connections from the story trail that will help develop their skills as readers and promote the joy of reading.

Over the next few weeks, our Track and Field coaches will be forming a Tiffany Hills track and field team. Senior Track and Field Meet (grade 6-8): Tuesday, June 7th at Mohawk Sports Park, Junior Track and Field Meet (grade 3-5): Friday, June 17th at Mohawk Sports Park. Students will be given the opportunity to sign up this week. The coaches Mr. Cronsberry, Mr. DiGiacinto and Mr. Hughes will be selecting the teams after we gauge the number of students interested in each division; approximately 6 students per age/gender category (e.g., 6 grade 8 boys, 6 grade 8 girls, etc.)

The Provincial wide EQAO assessment for our Grade 3 & 6 students will be taking place this year. Our Grade 3 students will be writing the assessment during the week of May 24th – May 29th, and our Grade 6 students will be writing the assessment the week to follow from May 30th – June 2nd. Parent letters have been sent home to all our Grade 3 & 6 families with information regarding the assessment. Parents, we ask that you do your best to schedule appointments outside of the assessment writing days for your child to have the opportunity to complete all sections of the assessment. Ensuring your child has a good night's rest and is fueled up for the day with their water bottle will help them maintain their focus & concentration for the assessments that will take place daily in their classroom.

Our commencement committee has also been hard at work planning for this year's grade 8 graduation taking place at Tiffany Hills School on June 20th. They are also planning a grade 8 year-end trip. More information will be shared with our grade 8 families in the next few weeks.

We are pleased to announce our Terra Cotta Cookie fundraiser success to support our Grade 8 commencement and STEM resources at Tiffany Hills! Thanks to all our families, who have been and continue to purchase cookies for their children. This fundraiser will continue until the end of June.

School Council has also been integral in supporting our School Annual Plan by offering to support resources in the classroom in the areas of Literacy and STEM. They will be running two Pizza Days, June 1 and 8th to help purchase resources for our science programs. Order information can be found on our website.

A reminder to all families, please provide a water bottle for your child to bring to school. To reduce waste we no longer provide plastic cups to students.

On behalf of everyone at Tiffany Hills, we hope you enjoy the upcoming long weekend in May, spending time outdoors enjoying the Victoria Day holiday.

J. Seto-Vanderlip, Principal

S. Strecker, Vice-Principal