



WARDEN AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Principal's Message

It's been another great month at Warden Avenue P.S. While the weather has presented significant difficulties over the past month, we have continued to put safety first at Warden. On extremely cold days, we either keep the students inside, or limit outside play time. In addition, we check for icy conditions outside regularly. When the salt that we spread on the pavement is not working to minimize slip hazards, we do not permit the children to go outside. As well, the field has been closed to student play since we returned from the Winter Break, as it is not salted. We frequently talk about safety in the winter at Warden, and encourage you to do the same so that students do have an opportunity to get outside safely and enjoy what winter has to offer. A number of our students report that they never go outside on weekends or after school, and this is not a healthy choice for our children. They need to get out, burn off some energy, enjoy fresh air and learn how to be safe and warm outside in the winter in Canada!

We encourage our students to go outside and enjoy the weather that a Canadian winter has to offer. Please remind them that it is important to dress in layers for longer periods outside. A number of our students come to school dressed inappropriately - without snowpants, hat, mitts, or boots. Students will be sent outside regularly as per the TDSB policy; please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately to enjoy their time outside. Elementary school students are only kept indoors for recess and lunch times when there are weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. If temperature and wind chill measure -28°C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28°C and -20°C . As always, but particularly when snow and slush is on the ground, children should use extra caution near the roads and crossing the streets.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Warden Avenue, please accept our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014. As events unfold around the world, we are again reminded that we are truly fortunate to be raising our children in Canada.

NOTICE OF HEARING CLINIC

The Toronto Foundation for Student Success provides free hearing clinics for our school community, within the TDSB Model Schools for Inner Cities Program. Hearing assessments are done by a certified Communicative Disorders Assistance and an International Medical Graduate (Ear, Nose and Throat specialist).

It is available for our students at **Willow Park School Based Medical Clinic** on the **First Friday** of each month. Appointments are served only through advance bookings. Please call Rajkumar (Clinic Coordinator) on **647 460 9949** to book your **appointment**.

Dropping Off Students and Parking

During the colder and snowier months, a significant number of parents drive their children to school, rather than allowing them to walk. Unfortunately, these good intentions can lead to severe congestion in front of the school, which leads to a very unsafe drop off area and parking lot, as well as late students. Please consider the environment and if you can, please walk with your child, or send her/him with a friend or an older neighbour instead of taking the car. If you must use the car, please remember to use our safe drop-off zone, and allow enough time to scrape off your car and manage traffic jams while still having your child arrive punctually to school. Pull right up to the front door and our volunteers will open the door for your child. If you wish to accompany your child into the school yard, you must park within the designated parking areas around the school - the parking lot is NOT available for parent parking. Please be respectful of our work to keep students safe in and around Warden Avenue P.S., and be sure to put safety ahead of our personal convenience.



Teaching and Learning Garden

Beginning in February, Nikki Rotas will be working with the staff and students at Warden. Nikki is a PhD Candidate at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. She will be working in the school and on school property on a special project connected to the Ontario Curriculum. The project will focus on environmental education and the students will build a garden on school grounds. Students will also learn how to grow and care for plants, compost, and learn about nutrition.

Registering your child for Kindergarten

Children born in 2009/2010 or who will be 4 years old by December 31st, 2013 are eligible for enrolment in kindergarten for September 2014.

Registration Dates @ Warden Avenue Public School are:

Tuesday February 18th, 2014- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Rm. 9

Wednesday February 19th, 2014 - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Rm. 9

Thursday February 20th, 2014 - 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Main Office

Please make sure to bring the following documents:

Birth certificate

Health card

Immunization

Proof of address

Legal Custody document (if applicable)

For more information regarding registration, please contact the school office at (416) 396-6625

Great Work in Grade 1/2

Oh No!

One day I woke up and I was a square! A problem with being a square is when I was walking to school and fell and couldn't get up. Another problem with being a square is I was walking up the stairs and I bumped my leg and it was hard to get up because my knees were hurting.

One good thing about being a square is I could slide down the staircase whenever I want. I'm even good at putting on my shoes because you just slip it on. The next day, I woke up and saw my whole family sleeping as a square and as I was thinking...I thought that it would be fair for my family to try out square outfit.

~ Ameena, grade 2

I'm a Square

One day I woke up and I was a square! Being a square is hard. For example I could not wear my jacket because the sides are too pointy. I could not play soccer because when I kicked the ball maybe I could fall and pop the ball. One good thing being a square when I go down the stairs I don't need to go one by one on the stairs. I can just go on my bottom and slide. It was all a dream. The End.

~ Shrujaans, grade 1

In the Sea

At noon I was in the sea and in a boat. I was looking for the Bermuda Triangle when all of a sudden I saw a boat captain. I saw a sea serpent. It looked hungry. I saved the captain before the sea serpent could eat him. The end.

~ Aven, grade 1

A Sunny Day for a Luminescent Trip to the Scarborough Museum at Thompson Park

The students of Mrs. McCalla and Ms. Violot's classes started off 2014 on the sunny side by their intriguing trip to the Scarborough Museum at Thompson Park. It was a cold day but the students and staff got a warm reception at the doors of the McCowan house, which was built around 1830.

The two classes organized into three groups which were led by friendly staff members dressed in pioneer gear. Ms. Violot's group started off in the kitchen which had real artifacts like a wood burning stove, a bathtub and a butter churn. The students helped mix ingredients for 'no bake lemon cream candy'. As we learned about the history of the house, our guide named Natalie told a story about a fictional character named 'Freddy the Mouse' who kept hiding in the kitchen behind household items that were essential for pioneer life.

We proceeded upstairs to the bedrooms and viewed antique furniture and played with toys of the 1800s like a Jacob's ladder and wooden spinning tops. The students toured the rooms and then sat in the parlour downstairs and viewed clocks, pianos and a gramophone. Our guide played a game with the children in which she had some students hide a sewing thimble in areas of the parlour and another student would search for it. We learned about the history of the house and lifestyles of settlers of the 19th century.

We ended our morning tasting our samples of lemon cream candy and bid farewell to the wonderful tour guides. We will never forget the hospitality of the staff and the fun that we had comparing the pioneer settler to the present day. Our morning tour of January 17 will go down in history like the historical homes that we visited.

From the Parenting Centre

Last month in the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre the families:
Had fun creating holiday artwork together
Celebrated and visited the seniors at Warden Community Centre with the grade 1 class.

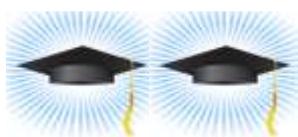
This month, the Parenting Centre has :
Celebrated Family Literacy Day with our Teddy Bear Picnic with parents, kindergarten classes and Daycare.

Next Month :

Kindergarten registration will take place in the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre on Tuesday 18 and 19 of February. You can fill out the forms in a relaxed environment while your child plays nearby.

~ Gladys A. Rosales, Parent Worker.





Student of the Month



The following students have been recognized by their teachers for demonstrating January's character attribute: **teamwork**.

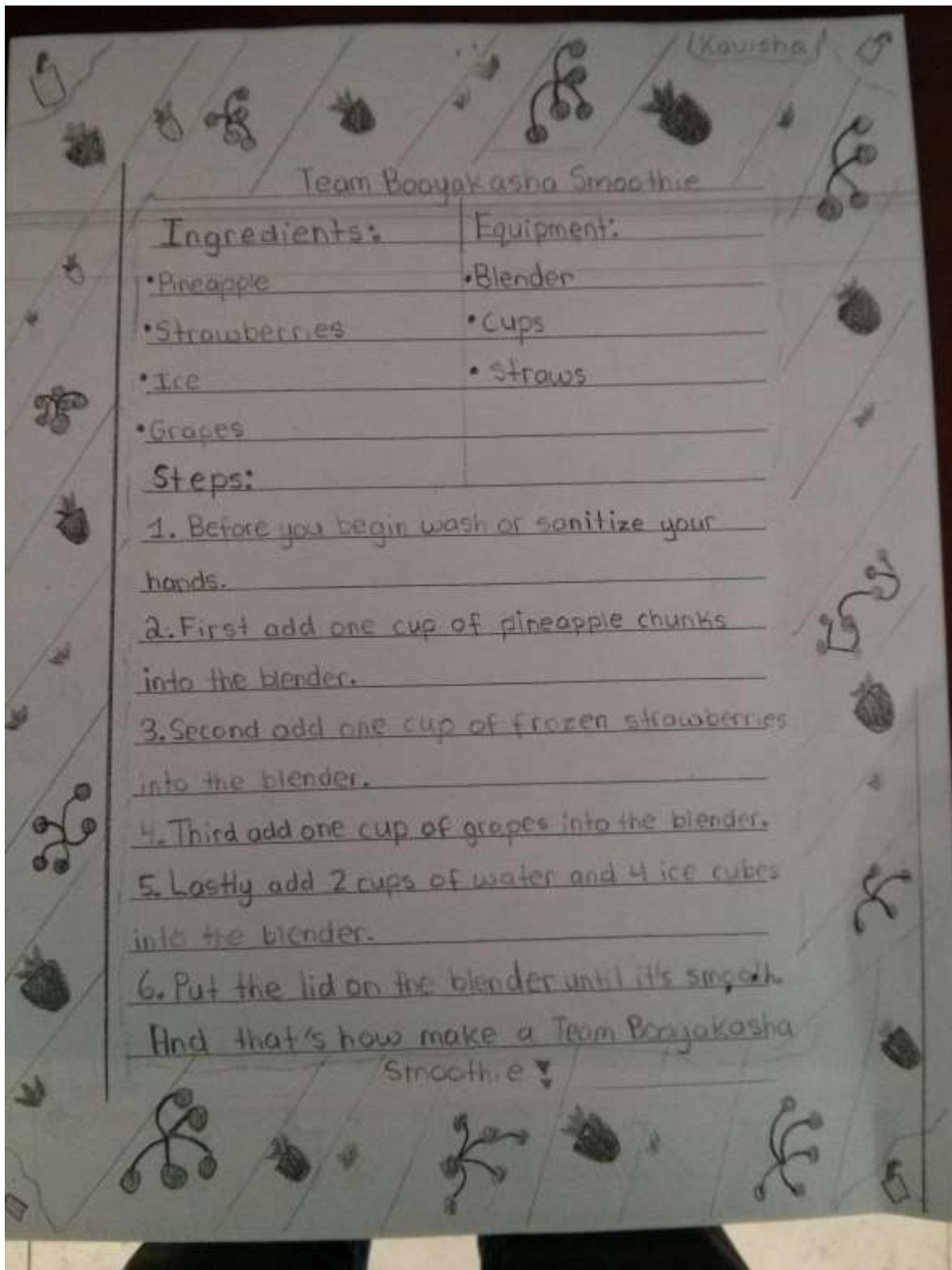
Ms. Nick	Logan Crim, Urijah Cooper
Ms. Chapman	Luke Ganotice, Jeremiah Wedderburn, Claire Ocansey
Ms. Reyes	Carli Douglas-Whyte, Janusa Kogilatharan, Prithviraj Banerjee
Ms. Orfao	Wassim Basha
Ms. Violot	Hamza Omar, Elisha Knight-Mark
Ms. McCalla	Shriyaans Shrestha, Abbas Al-Khafagi
Ms. Su	Chloe Lopez, Aryan Khan
Mr. McDonald	Malique Masters, Tanisha Miraz
Ms. Maleganovski	Edwin Kuriyan, Nava Medikonda
Ms. Jayaraj	Cheska Nathalie, Inaaya Mahjabin
Ms. Roulston	Kavisha Narayan, Farid Basha, Willow Beacock
Ms. Lieu	Javaiya Faulkner, Mus'ab Chowdhury, Ibtisam Mohamed
Mr. Bennett	Keyjuan Wilson-Malcolm, Sadman Hossein, Adolphine Mandaku
Mr. Stamatopoulos	Zarin Tasnim, Hamdan Osman, Selsebil Seid
Mr. Bigioni	Nimisha Narayan, Safwan Islam, Sharar Noor
Mr. Clabassi	Jeffrey Saltat, Salwa Zaidi

Mr. Makki	Camar Francis, Joshua Providence
Ms. Gavas	Trey Morris
Mr. Maharaj	Marian Solomon

In the month of February, we will be recognizing students who demonstrate the character attribute of **fairness**.

Your child can show fairness by playing and working fairly with others in the family, treating family members with respect and without prejudice, and by treating others in the way that they would like to be treated. Questions to discuss with your child might include: What is fairness, and what does it mean to be fair? Do you treat others the way you would like to be treated? When someone is unfair, how does that make you feel? Does equality mean that everyone gets the same, or that everyone gets what they need? Projects you can do together to encourage fairness can include discussing the way TV or literary characters act fairly or unfairly toward each other, or thinking about something unfair that is happening at home, at school, or in the community, and what can be done about it. To encourage fairness in your child, listen to your child if s/he has a concern or request. Engage in fair discussion to resolve the issue. Show that fairness is important, and that it is crucial to treat others with respect and without judgment. Share a situation in which you felt you were treated fairly or unfairly, and describe how that impacted your day.

This past month Ms. Roulston's Awesometown students have been whipping up tasty treats while learning all about procedural writing. Below are their recipes for delicious smoothies.



Equipment: blender, cups, straws

Lightning Smoothie!!

Ingredients: for 4

1 Mango

1 Strawberry

1 Orange Juice

1 Watermelon

1 banana

How to make the Lightning Smoothie!

Step 1. Wash or sanitize your hands.

Step 2. Put in the blender a cup of frozen mango.

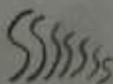
Step 3. Add 1 cup of frozen strawberries.

Step 4. Add 500ml of orange juice.

Step 5. Put in banana. Lastly add 1 cup of watermelon pieces.

When all the ingredients are in, blend into smoothie.

Remember to put lid on blender!!



Nadia

Party City

Ingredients:

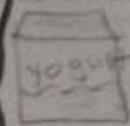
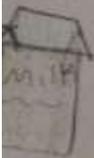
- Strawberries
- Mangos
- Banana
- Orange Juice
- Vanilla yogurt
- Grapes

Equipments:

- Blender
- cups
- straws

Steps

1. Before you begin wash or Sanatize your hands.
2. Frist add one cup of Frozen strawberries.
3. Next add one cup of Vanilla yogurt.
4. Now pile one Banana and add to the blender.
5. Then add Washed seedless green grapes.
6. Next add one cup of Frozen mangos.
7. Finally add one cup of orange Juice.
8. And Last put the lid on and blend until smooth.





Liberty City Smoothie

Ingredients: Equipment

- ice
- Strawberries
- milk
- Celery
- banana
- blender
- cups
- straws

Steps

- ① Before you begin wash or Sanitize your hands.
- ② Peel the banana then put it in the blender.
- ③ Add one cup of Strawberries then put it in blender.
- ④ Next add two stalks of Celery.
- ⑤ Last add 500ml of milk and 3 ice cubes in the blender.
- ⑥ Then put lid on blender blend until smooth.

Legends of Awesomerec Smoothie

DELICIOUS!

YUM!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup chopped watermelon
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 cucumber
- 500ml of milk
- 1 cup of grapes

Equipment:

- Blender
- Cups
- Straws
- Veggie peeler

Steps:

1. Firstly wash or sanitize your hands.
2. Peel one cucumber using the veggie peeler. Add it to to blender.
3. Add 1 one cup of chopped watermelon.
4. Next, add one cup of grapes.
5. Now, add a cup of frozen strawberries.
6. Add 500ml of milk and 4 Ice cubes.
7. Lastly put the lid on and blend until smooth.
8. Pour into a cup with a straw. Enjoy!!

SMOOTHIES

AWESOME!



Freaky Town Smoothie



Ingredients

Tools

- 1. Strawberries
- 2. banana
- 3. grapes
- 4. Ice
- 5. cucumber

- blender
- cups
- straws
- vegetable peeler



Steps

1. Before you begin wash or sanitize your hands.
2. peel one cucumber and add to the blender.
3. Next add one cup of green seedless grapes.
4. Then peel one banana and add it to the blender.
5. Next add one cup of frozen strawberries.
6. lastley add 500M of water and four ice cubes.
7. put the led on top blender untill smooth.

