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into  
Term Three  
with  
**ENERGY...**



# THE CORNER BULLETIN: DON MILLS Campus Spring 2018

WELCOME TO OUR SPRING EDITION 2018 POST THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

## Third Term Happenings:

Welcome to our Spring Edition for 2018 at our Cornerstone-Don Mills Campus. You are encouraged to join us in the following school events to participate and help develop our growing school community spirit through our House Leagues. From time to time, there will be additional events posted that are not pre-scheduled. Please view any date changes at <http://news.cornerstoneprep.ca>.

### Special Events:

Grad Photos SK/8/12	Apr. 11
ARC Science Workshops	Feb; April 12
Math Competitions	
Euclid Math Grade 12	Apr 11
Canadian Math League Gr. 4-5	Apr. 16
Gauss Math: Gr. 7.8	May 16
In The Mix Gr. 4-6	Mar. 1
Robotics Gr. 1-6 with Prof. Duquette	Apr. 18, May 9
Archeological Presentations	
Down To Earth JK-8	Apr. 24
Science Centre School Trip	Apr. 20
After School Chess Club (Mr Ramsey)	Mar-June
U Can Do It: Casa -2	Feb. 21
French Competition Gr. 1-8	Apr. 10
Science Fair	May 17

Dress Down Days	Apr. 20
Mandarin Competition	May 2018
Davis Orthodontics Gr. 1-3	May 3
Samba Squad	April 5; May 10, June 7,21

### Concerts/Graduation Ceremonies:

CMPS Maytime Musical	May 23
CMPS Awards/Graduation	June 25

### Chapel Dates: (times TBD)

Mar. 2.....	Managing Social Media
Apr. 4.....	Making Right Choices
May 7.....	Self Esteem
June 13.....	Perseverance

### CMPS Exams & Interviews:

<b>Term 2:</b>	
Midterm Examinations	Mar. 5-9
CAT Tests SK-12	Mar. 19-22
Literacy Test Gr. 10	Apr. 10
Report Cards	Apr. 19
Interviews	Apr. 18

### Term 3: CMPS

Examination Week:	June 4-8
Final Exams: Part 1	June 4-8
Final Exams Part 2	June 20-26
Report Cards Casa -12	June 27
Interviews By Appointment Only	

### Sports & Fitness Events:

Morning Fitness	Mon/Wed @ 8:00
Swim Meet	Apr. 11
Outdoor Camp (8-12)	Apr. 22-24
Jump Rope for Heart	May 4
Dragon Boat Paddling	May 25
Track & Field (7.8)	May 29
Track & Field (3-6)	May 31

### Summer Events:

Summer Casa.....	July 9- August 24
Science Camp.....	July 16- August 24

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MATHEMATICA CENTRUM

# Ontario Math Contests



## Junior/Intermediate Classes

Healthy competition is a great way to help our students experience the challenges and blessings of competing with others. Math contests provide a great way to motivate and inspire our students to develop stronger problem solving skills in a math context. Cayley, Pascal and Fermat contests were held in February and a number of our students participated in this exciting competition. The Canadian Math League contests for Grades 4-5 will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup> while the Gauss Contest for Grades 7-8 will happen on May 16. For those in our senior grades who wish to participate in the Euclid contest, it is scheduled for Wednesday April 11. We wish our students the best as they venture through these great character building times.



## House League Tournaments

Under the capable direction of Mr. Doyle and Miss Dos Santos, these energizing and fun filled sessions are regularly scheduled to provide a great opportunity for team building and school community spirit. Our students, supported by a very active team of teachers, challenge and engage our students in an awesome time of team building, physical prowess, sports skills and competitive spirit in a positive direction. Parents are welcome to come and cheer our teams as well as join in this fun time together!

## Public Speech Competition 2018



As per our tradition, our annual public speech competition was held in February recently amidst much positive stress, anticipation and excitement amongst students, parents and faculty! It continues to be an impressive

display of our students' ability to research and present their topics with poise and confidence. Pastor Alvin Kim from Knox Presbyterian Church, and Ms Sommerfeldt, Launch Coordinator at Youth Unlimited, were our external adjudicators who judged our speech competition. The finalists for the various categories were:

- Poetry:  
 Grades 1 -4.....Jolie Sami, Nardin Sawires
- Biography:  
 Grades 1-6.....George Armanios  
 Veronica Sami, Matthew Chen
- Biblical Story  
 Grades 5 -8.....Jera Wahba
- Persuasive Speech  
 Grades 9/12.....Alan Wahba

After the adjudicators' extensive deliberation during the final competition between the two campuses, we are proud to announce the following winners:

- Primary Division  
 Jacob Elnazer 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Halle Reid 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - Biography: Primary Division  
 Niko Phillips 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - Persuasive Speech Division  
 Gr. 7 Jezeel Wahba 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Gr. 8 Demiana Armanios 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Gr. 9 Jason Zhang 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Congratulations to all the participants !

## April Boot Camp !



Our Boot Camp focus for the month of April will be on self improvement skills. As an integral part of our character building and life skills program, more devoted time will be spent on helping each of our students identify individual and class areas that can be improved. This can range from work habits, time management, punctuality, uniform compliance, manners, study habits, acts of kindness and respect, healthier eating habits, physical fitness and any other areas that we feel need more focus and refinement. We ask that parents support us as we work through this month together and hope that these skills will not be limited to our monthly Boot Camp time but be a part of their daily life skills habits.



## Our CMPS Basketball Champions!

February was our month for our ACSI basketball tournaments. Our Grades 4-6 and 7-8 teams developed an amazing testimony of team spirit, encouragement and great basketball skills! Well done! Our teams put up a valiant challenge to the other teams and they were admirably noted for their positive attitude, respectful behavior and strong team approach. The games were intense and exhausting but our students did not give up at all. Taking a very proud and well deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> place amongst other larger ACSI schools, our students showed their true sportsmanship during times of triumph and turmoil.

To continue our development of physical fitness, Mr Doyle has initiated an A.M. Fitness Club that meets every Wednesday and Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. in the gymnasium. Join us in a variety of ACTIVE-ities designed to start the mornings off on the right foot in setting a model of healthy living which includes both physical and mental health. It gives students a chance to begin their days with some fun and exercise allowing them to transition into their lessons with minds engaged and ready to learn.

Coming up next are our Track and Field events so we are all looking forward to cheering them on at Centennial Stadium in June!



Our annual Jump Rope for Heart is coming soon on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> with a kick off event on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>! Please support the need for research on heart disease that seems to strike people young and old! We invite you to join us and support your child as we spend a few hours jumping rope together for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

## Our Second Coptic Fair....

Now part of our regularly scheduled special events, our second Coptic Fair was held in February and included the majority of our students who participated in this cultural event. As a way to help sustain this cultural heritage and the awareness of its richness and value to our students, it was led under the capable leadership of Father Mikhael. We continue to be blessed to have a great team of priests available to adjudicate the students' presentations and were very pleased with the great results achieved by all our students.



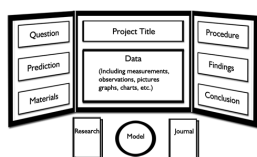
school year with their topics integrated into our curriculum. Workshops they have already led at Cornerstone included making elephant toothpaste, earthquakes, circuits, electricity, building snowstorms in a jar, measuring earthquake impacts and learning how to develop basic skills in building structures. We look forward to their fabulous ideas for our summer science camp !

## Archeology !

We are happy to welcome back Loretta Penny with her fascinating 'Down to Earth' archeological workshops that entice our students to learn more about history and cultures from around the world. As a world traveler, Loretta collects amazing artifacts and presents them with a most engaging and informative story that relates these items to a former culture in remote parts of the world.



## Science Fair Time HAS ARRIVED!



Masterful Science Time is Back !

Are you ready to explore and uncover some new Ideas or even be inspired to invent something new? It is now time to start creating innovative topics for an eye-catching and heart pounding presentation for our annual Science Fair which is scheduled for Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Reminder that previous projects cannot be used over again for each competition. The homeroom teachers will be distributing the various category topics to their students for this competition and we look forward to these original and exciting presentations!

**NEW...**

**Parents are invited to observe the actual judging in the morning !**

Please note that our Science Fair will **ONLY** be held in the morning and will **NOT** be available in the afternoon as we wish to continue with our regular classes. We invite you to set this morning time aside to see your children in action as well as our Science Fair judges !

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Cornerstone is pleased to introduce our new science workshops hosted by ARC EDUCATION which piloted our intriguing Science Camp in the summer. We were so impressed that we have invited them to be a part of our regular program throughout the

and created tips and strategies for dealing with bullying. Students are designing skits and presentations that are specific for each grade level so that there will be opportunities for all students to engage in conversations that deal with issues surrounding bullying. The core team members are: Nelly Ibrahim, Jera Wahba, Demiana Armanios, Marcus Mosaad and Demiana Abdelshahid. They will be recruiting other students from each grade to build up more leaders and team members.

## Dragon Boating



Our students are getting used to this skill so we will continue to challenge them on another daylong workshop at Harbourfront to test their endurance and stamina. The importance of learning to work as a team and to follow instructions together as one unit instead of individual rowers will impact their current and future life skills. Each student will be required to rent a life jacket whether they are seasoned swimmers or not as we need to be prepared for everything. There will be qualified instructors to lead them through this day's adventure on Friday, rain or shine. Be sure to mark Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

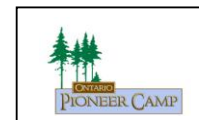
## Samba Squad Returns



This exotic series of drumming skills is returning to the Don Mills campus for our junior intermediate students. Beginning in April, our students will be intensively trained in just 5 hour long sessions and will develop a greater sense of self-discipline and a stronger awareness of working more collaboratively with others. They will perform at the June concert.

## Anti-Bullying Team at Cornerstone

Spurred by our desire to nurture and prepare our students to be awesome Christian citizens in the world, we are stepping up our anti-bullying program. Led by Mr. Doyle, he has gathered together a core team of students to develop, lead and train other students to be leaders in their own area at Cornerstone. Our AB Club has been setting a precedent for respect, inclusion and kindness. They have made clear definitions of what bullying feels like




## Outdoor Camping:

Mandatory components of our regular health, fitness and physical education program requires that we take our senior students to an outdoor camp facility to help them experience outdoor living and to learn some basic survival skills. We will again return to the camp site at the IVCF Ontario Pioneer Camp grounds situated by the Clearwater Lake region. It is a fun and safe environment where our reach Ahead Circle students will be well supervised by both Cornerstone and IVCF Pioneer Camp staff. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 22<sup>nd</sup> with a return date on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. More details to be given out at the school. We encourage you to support your child in this outdoor community life skill together in a safe Christian environment.

## Special Field Trips



The city of Toronto has a multitude of wonderful places for our students to be visited by our teachers for encouragement, inspiration and lifelong learning. Our teachers carefully select any additional sites for our classes to visit as it fits into their current lessons. On April 20, we are visiting the Science Centre for a full day of exploration. As the year progresses, we are looking at other sites to visit.

**davis**  orthodontics The primary grades have been extended a special invitation to visit the Davis Orthodontics clinic where they will learn about the anatomy and functions of teeth, observe how impressions are made, understand how panorex and cephalometric x-rays are interpreted as well as other related services found in an orthodontic clinic. This will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> by chartered bus.

## CMPS May Musical is Coming...



Stay tuned for more news as our fabulous May Musical is coming on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.! Make sure you set this time aside to

come celebrate with our students in this musical drama based on the Old Testament story of Joseph but in a very contemporary context! I am sure you are already hearing the music as your children are busily singing and practicing these upbeat songs!

## Grade 10 Literacy Test

As a mandatory requirement to complete secondary education in Ontario, this will be administered on Tuesday April 10, 2018 to all Grade 10 students. It is only a PASS or FAIL and students are permitted to take it twice after which they need to take the OSSLT course in order to gain a passing mark. This OSSLT course can be offered during the year or in one of our summer credit courses.

## French Speech Competition...

Our final plans are now underway to initiate an on-site French Speech Competition at Cornerstone. Under the capable guidance of Mme. Manangan, we are hosting this local event on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Don Mills Campus. For the first year, we will only be competing internally. More information will be forthcoming.

## Grad Photo Days..



That time is quickly arriving when it is graduation time. To help our students

prepare for this day and to preserve these wonderful memories, we have scheduled in a grad photo day. These will be included in our annual yearbook to mark this special day. To mark these milestone moments, our preliminary grad photos will be Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the morning. Our school photographer, Bobby Barracks, [www.bobbysphotography.com](http://www.bobbysphotography.com) will take individual photos for Senior Kindergarten and Grade 8 students.

## Healthy Daily Eating

Sustaining good health is a responsibility we all have to take seriously. We strive to be a peanut free environment and encourage healthy eating at all levels and this includes our daily snacks and lunches. If your child is bringing a snack to school, please do not include soft drinks, candy or any unhealthy foods but rather include fresh fruits, vegetables and healthy drinks. We are noticing a move towards fast foods and prepackaged snacks. Please consider taking part in our school lunch program as our school chef will ensure that your child has a nutritious hot healthy lunch and snacks as well.

## Dress Down Toonie Days

These special dress down days are primarily reserved for ways to raise funds for needy families who are looked after through the number of inner city missions that we like to support such as Scott Mission, Yonge Street Mission, Evangel Hall, Mustard seed Intl., Youth Unlimited, Samaritan's Purse. Please encourage to help your children participate in helping those families less fortunate than themselves as it is a good life long habit to develop.

## How to Help your Children Learn the Right Values

We all want our children to learn the right values and as parents, you can take time to talk with your children about what they did right, what they did wrong, how to make better moral decisions, what character traits God wants to see in us, and why you've made certain choices in your own life. Here are 10 practical ways for you to follow:

- 1. Model good values:** set a good example for your children. They learn from seeing how you treat them, overhearing your interactions with others and observing what you do in different situations throughout the day.
- 2. Apologize when you make mistakes:** you're modeling an important way to show respect to others, and how to accept responsibility for your mistakes.
- 3. Use everyday experiences as a springboard for conversation:** use these as conversation starters—something you hear in the news or something you or your children have done or observed = great on-the-spot lessons.
- 4. Read the Bible with your children:** plan some Bible studies each exploring a different moral virtue. You're teaching them about what is right and wrong and comes from God's Word.
- 5. Share your personal experiences:** be willing to share those that illustrate how you made choices that were consistent with positive good values.
- 6. Hold them accountable for their mistakes:** do not be afraid to confront them and help them know they need to be accountable.
- 7. Don't let your children take the easy way:** require your children to finish projects they start, even if their endeavors get tough, or mundane.
- 8. Involve them in encouraging others:** help them find simple ways to help others whenever they can. It's amazing what simple acts of kindness can do.
- 9. Monitor TV viewing and Internet use:** When it comes to teaching your children values, there will be a lot less "unlearning" that needs to be done if you minimize their exposure to wrong ideas in the first place. Granted, you can't shelter them from everything, but you can and should limit their exposure to television and the Internet for reasonable periods of time.
- 10. Applaud good behavior:** let them know you are pleased with their actions. Thank them when they do things without being asked. Praise goes a long way in reinforcing positive behavior. Open communications is the key; although it takes time, these types of conversations are worth the investment and it is for their future.