



Greeting
Term Two
with a
Great Start...

THE CORNER BULLETIN: Don Mills campus Winter Edition

WELCOME TO TERM 2 ! PLEASE POST THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

Second Term Happenings:

Welcome to our Winter Edition for 2018-2019 at the 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. If this occurs, we will post it at <http://parents.cornerstoneprep.ca>.

2018/19 Calendar of Events

Special Events:

Little Kids Big Fun – Casa	Jan. 23
Grade Photos SK/8/12	Apr. 10

Wanda’s Clay Casa -4	Jan 17
Grade Photos SK/8/12	Apr. 10

In the Mix Grades 6.5	Jan. 22
Robotics Gr. 1-8	Jan 25 Mar. 22, Apr. 26

Down To Earth JK-8	Jan. 31
Speech Preliminaries	Feb. 25

Speech Finals	Feb. 28
Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig)	Feb. 14

U Can Do It: Casa -4	Feb. 26
French Competition Gr. 1-8	Apr. 4

ARC Science Gr. 1-5	Feb. 8 Mar. 29, May 17
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Reptilia Casa -5	Mar.28
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Science Fair	May 15
Davis Orthodontics Gr. 1-3	May 9

Dress Down Days	Dec. 20, Feb. 8, Apr. 17
Mandarin Competition	May 2019

Concerts/Graduation Ceremonies:

Christmas Concert	Dec. 19
CMPS Maytime Musical	May 22
CMPS SK/8/12 Graduation	June 24

Chapel Dates: (times TBD)

Dec 12, 2018	Jan. 14, 2018
Feb. 15, 2019	Mar. 1, 2019
Apr.5, 2019	May 10, 2019
	June 5, 2019

Exams & Interviews:

Term 2:	
Midterm Examinations	Mar. 4-8
CAT Tests SK-12	Mar. 18-22
Literacy Test Gr. 10	Mar. 27
Report Cards	Apr. 8

Interview Day CMPS	Apr. 15
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Term 3:

Examination Week: CASA	June 4-8
Final Exams: Gr. 1-12 Part 1	June 6-13
Final Exams Gr. 7-12 Part 2	June 20-25
Final Exams Gr. 1-6 Part 2	June 19-25
Report Cards Casa -12	June 26

Interviews By Appointment Only

Sports & Fitness Events:

Running Club	TBD 7:00 A.M.
After School Sports Club	Wednesdays

Boys’ Basketball Gr.4-6	Feb. 4
Track & Field Gr. 3-6	May 30

Outdoor Camp Gr. 7-12	May 5-7
Jump Rope for Heart	May 3

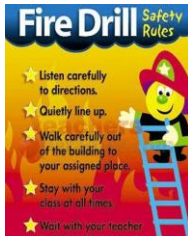
House Leagues	TBA
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Parent News Site:

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FACILITIES SECURITY SYSTEM UPDATE



Monthly Fire Drills

Environmental safety awareness is one of our top priorities at Cornerstone as well as teaching our school community how to respond to emergencies in a safe and efficient manner. As a part of this regular training, we will have monthly fire drills as well as experiencing what needs to happen for lock down and overall evacuation procedures. These will be both scheduled and without notice in order to help our students respond in a safe and effective manner. LA Fitness and/or St. George and St. Ruciss Church will be our safety location in case of emergencies.

House Leagues in Action

CMPS Houses:

North: orange	South: blue
East: red	West: green

Physical fitness and wellness is part of our daily goals and through our regular gym classes and house leagues, we are able to provide regular opportunities for exercise, sports and team building skills. Our regular House League Challenges offers numerous afternoon filled events that can engage all our students in activities that everyone is able to join together for a positive, competitive experience!



Speech Competition

In the middle of an electronic age, public speaking is quickly ebbing out of our lives, however we believe that this skill needs to be fostered and continued in our Cornerstone culture.

Our public speech competition helps them develop well articulated speech habits as well as to excel in a positive learning competition. The first round of the public speech challenge will take place on Monday February 25th, both at the Don Mills Campus and the Toronto Campus. Those students who rank in the top three will compete with the other campus on Thursday February 28th. External adjudicators will be selected to officiate at this event. Stay tuned for more information.



Social Graces & Anti Bullying Awareness

As part of our ongoing Christian life skills and character development, Cornerstone will focus on specific social graces during Term Two and Three. General etiquette and overall manners are beginning to take root in all our classes and hallways but we wish to reinforce specific social graces as learning to be polite and respectful to everyone all the time.

In addition to these core values we would like to uphold, we are implementing a stronger focus on anti-bullying awareness in all classes so that our student community will know that Cornerstone has a safe and positive learning environment. Students will be taught how to be aware of the various subtle and not so subtle ways of bullying, how to recognize it and above all, how to manage it effectively should they ever find themselves in such a situation. Our students will also be nurtured in their own character development so that they can be a role model to others. Positive citizenship roles will be emphasized so that we can better prepare our students to serve well in society.

Cornerstone Sports News



Basketball

Cornerstone Montessori has started it's After School Sports Program!! The camp is held every Wednesday from 4-5pm with Mr. Petridis. The first session has begun with Basketball. In addition to teaching the skills of the game - such as dribbling, passing and shooting, students are applying what they've learned to competitive scrimmages as well. Not only is this a fun and inclusive time for multiple age groups, but it is also a great way for students to build positive relationships, cooperate with one another, demonstrate sportsmanship, and increase our school spirit. Furthermore, this camp helps to encourage a healthy lifestyle and to promote daily physical activity.

Next term, we will be starting our 2nd Sports Program, which will be Indoor Soccer finishing with floor hockey in the 3rd term. Not only do we hope that the same students join us again in the following Camp, but in case you missed the first one, we hope to see you all at our Sports Program during the 2nd and 3rd sessions. Well done to all!

Coming up in Term 2 and 3....



Mathematica Centrum



Competitions are healthy and positive learning experiences as long as students learn to strive and do their best all the time. We will once again register our students in the math competitions for Gauss, Pascal, Cayley and Fermat competitions organized by the University of Waterloo. These will not take place until on April 17, 2019 but we will start to prepare our students now for the province wide competitions.



Mandarin Lions Arts Festival Competition

Final Competition:

April 19 –May 5, 2019.

We will be registering a select number of our students to compete again in a province wide Mandarin competition. It will be held at the Unionville High School. Mrs. Tsao and Mrs. Fan will be training our students for the bilingual sections. We will encourage our students to enter both individual and group competition categories. The Awards Presentation Ceremony is on July 7, 2019 at the Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts. Stay tuned for more information that will be sent out at the end of January 2018..

Chinese New Year 2019



According to the Chinese Calendar, the Year of the Pig is the 12th animal in the 12 year cycle of the Chinese zodiac sign. Tradition indicates that people born in the Year of the Pig have a beautiful personality and are blessed with good fortune in their lives. We will be celebrating the Year of the Pig at our Chinese New Year Celebration presentation on Thursday February 14th at 11:30 A.M. in our gymnasium. We are inviting all our students to come dressed in their own heritage clothes so that we can give thanks for our great multicultural community.

Coptic Fair Competition

As a way to celebrate the Coptic culture, this competition has become a regular feature of Cornerstone. In late October, Father Mikhael and Father Mina organized this competition and we were just delighted to see and hear the wonderful Coptic presentations provided by the students. It is a marvelous way to stay well informed of the rich history this culture provides.

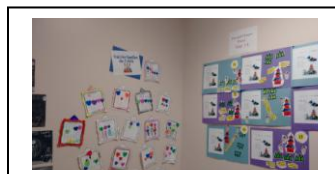


Down To Earth Workshops

Returning to Cornerstone, the Down to Earth workshops are archeological in nature and provide a hands on sensory and visual presentation of global artifacts from around the world. Loretta Penney, the founder, travels around the world to bring back authentic artifacts to be used in her many workshops. We have invited her to present her displays on the safari, oceans, forests and swamps which will enable students to experience an in depth insight into these environments around the world. You are welcome to join us for these workshops.

French Competition

In the month of April, we will continue to have our French competition in order to give our students an opportunity to present short speeches and/or poems to their classmates. Having opened our Language Hub, we have provided more opportunities for our students to be immersed in the French and Mandarin language and culture.



Science Fair is coming soon!



Our annual Science Fair will be here before we know it on May 15, 2019. Never too early to start thinking of innovative projects, our students are already thinking. Our focus this year is to continue with the STEM approach but with a focus on innovative aerodynamic discoveries, however we are more than open to other topics as well. Look forward to a most extraordinary presentation of exhibits. We continue to invite parents to view the science exhibits while the judging is actually taking place!



Wanda's Clay Workshops

These great workshops have returned to our school to continue inspiring our young students with more opportunities to express themselves through another creative venue. Each child will have their own creation to make and to take home as a treasured keepsake. Wanda's mission is to deliver a quality art program in an innovative and creative way.



In the Mix Music and Dance



Our students in Grades 1-3 will again have an incredible time to create their own dance routine to music. Their workshop leader will take them through some strategies for choreography and guide them through designing their own routine through music. Greater awareness of various rhythms and dance steps will also help them focus on their balance and coordination with others. This will be captured on a video for their own viewing. They are free to be creative!

You Can Do it Woodworking



This amazing woodworking workshop returns to Cornerstone for our Casa to Grade 3 students. They learn how to use a hammer and nail properly and safely as well as building their own wood project to take home. We are delighted to have a chance to develop this dying art and skill to our young students.

Developing Reading Fluency; Parent Tips



Reading fluency is one of the most important skills for a young child to learn. It is a skill no one can take away from you,

and even with increasing technology, the ability to read and comprehend deeply, is a skill that needs to be mastered by all:

- Create a Reading Area: this will create an overall appreciation for reading.
- Work on Phonemic Awareness Skills: an understanding of how the pieces of words are manipulated to make new words.
- Build Sight Word Vocabulary: are core words that become the foundation for all reading and writing skills.
- Paired Reading: alternate sentences while you read with your child.
- Echo Reading: a great strategy for children who struggles to read with expression. Reading a section and then having him "echo" you.
- Pick Books Kids Can Relate To: a child is more interested in a book knowing that the character is having the same struggles or concerns that he is.
- Invest in Audiobooks: fantastic ways for children to follow along as someone else reads.
- Practice Critical Reading: help your child understand and evaluate what is being read. This is a critical skill.
- Look for Reading Problems: be alert to any reading difficulties
- Parent-teacher communication is a key element of student success. Your child's teacher can tell you at what level he's reading, what improvements he needs to make and give you suggestions for books to engage him at home.