Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Shaw’s Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on November 11th, 2019. Thank you to the many students and staff who were involved in the planning and presentation of this thoughtful ceremony. It provided everyone with the time to pause, reflect and show respect for those who have protected our rights and freedoms. This year’s celebration was particularly touching with a beautiful focus on the rich Indigenous history of Canada and the peaceful beauty of our land. The beautiful poems, well-prepared songs and musical pieces, and photos demonstrated a great reverence for the brave men and women who have both gone to war or who have supported peacekeeping missions.

A warm thank you to the many families who joined us for this year’s Reporting to Parents Day on November 14th and 15th. Your partnership in your child’s/children’s education is pivotal to their School Success. We encourage each family to set Learning Goals for Term 1 with your child or children to ensure steady progress through the coming term. Should you have any questions regarding your child’s or children’s academic progress or if you have concerns, please reach out to your child’s or children’s teacher as your first point of contact. Should you have issues requiring administrative support, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vahra or myself directly.

Great changes are happening with technology at Shaw Public School. Historically, our technology has operated on a cart system. This system required staff to sign the technology out from the Library Learning Commons for the classes they need. This has been effective however, in our attempt to more effectively infuse technology across the curriculum and to promote equitable access across the school, two changes are coming over the next few months. The current technology has been inventoried and will be divided among the Grade and specialty teams to allow students to have technology more readily accessible within their classrooms. Our school technology budget will be used to purchase additional chrome books and iPads for students, increasing the number of tech items available within each classroom or specialty area.

Once again, we are looking forward to our annual Cram-a-Cruiser holiday food drive. This event highlights, for our students, the need to give back to your community. This year, the drive will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 9:30 a.m. The cruisers and two big food vans from the police and one from Knights Table food bank will arrive at Shaw 9:00 am. The students will begin loading the cruisers at 9:30 a.m. We invite families to come out and enjoy with this wonderful event!
Our annual holiday sing song will be held on Wednesday, December 18th. This will help everyone to begin a wonderful winter break. School ends at 3:30 on December 20th. School begins again on Monday, January 6th, 2020. We wish all families a healthy and happy winter break.

Your partner in Education,

**Sally Ann Gibson**  
Principal  
Shaw Public School

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**Remembrance Day Ceremony at Shaw P.S.**

On November 11th Shaw staff and students gathered to remember veterans and all that they have done to ensure freedom and peace for Canada. The ceremony was truly moving and showcased the many talented students at Shaw P.S.
School Council November 19th, 2019

Thank you to the many families from Shaw Public School, Eagle Plains Public School, Mountain Ash Public School and R.J Lee Public School who came out to our special School Council event on November 19th, 2019. The gym was filled with families who enjoyed listening to a special presentation focused on Anti-bullying, bully prevention and cyberbullying. Our keynote presenter, Coby Elimelech, from the Anti-bully show, lead parents through a great presentation that helped families to grow in their understanding of Bullying and Bullying Prevention. The parents enjoyed the show and stayed for a wonderful question and answer period. We thank the Principals from each of the schools for joining us for this special evening.

Future School Council / Parent Engagement Meeting Dates for 2019/20:

January 30th - 6:30 p.m.
April 2nd, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club continues to serve the students of Shaw Public School. We thank the students and staff who have been volunteering to help prepare breakfast for students each morning. For students who are hungry during the day and are without food, we provide nutritious grab and go bags.
Guidance News

Sandalwood Heights Secondary School Orientation Visit
Grade 8 students enjoyed their recent visit to Sandalwood Heights Secondary School. The students in Grade 8 had a chance to engage in team building exercises and to experience a day in the life of a Grade 9 student. It is hoped that Grade 8's now have a better idea of what High School life “looks and feels like”.

Peel Regional and High Skills Programs
All Grade 9 Regional and Explore High Skills (EHS) Programs have been applied to for the 2020 year. The final deadline was November 25. Check the email you provided for follow-up information regarding your child’s appointment, interview or portfolio presentation.

The First Round of admission offers for EHS and Regional programs will not occur until the first week of February. The second round of offers is one week later. On the Peel District School Board website, search for “Making My Way” at www.peelschools.org. If your child is accepted into a program you must accept that position within one week. After this date your child will be instructed on how to change their Grade 9 course selections from Sandalwood to their new school. If needed, Mrs. Shaw can help your child with this transfer process.

Grade 9 Course Selections
Grade 8 students are in the process of completing their Grade 9 course selections and will have entered their courses into MyBlueprint by December 3, 2019. At this time, all students from Shaw apply to Sandalwood H. S. S. Parents, you will be receiving a copy of the form completed for courses your child has selected. Please sign and return this form to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as you receive it.

Girls Leadership Program (GLP) from Sandalwood Heights Secondary School
On November 22, Shaw Grade 7 girls welcomed the Girls Leadership Program from Sandalwood Heights Secondary School. This event focused on assisting our Grade 7’s in building positive female relationships at school. Activities included: team building, small group discussions and brainstorming solutions to pertinent social issues relevant to our Grade 7 girls. Next April, the Grade 7 & 8 girls will be participating in a GLP Career conference at Sandalwood.
Regional Learning Choices programs
unlock passions

Regional Learning Choices Programs offered by the Peel District School Board empower students by providing them with opportunities to develop and explore skills in a particular area of interest. Regional programs are open to all students who meet the criteria for acceptance.

Transportation is not provided for students in regional programs. If students have been accepted into a regional program and they live within the school boundary, they are eligible for busing only if they meet the distance criteria outlined in the board’s Transportation Policy #39.

All regional programs include annual fees, including a non-refundable $40 application fee.

Students and their families are encouraged to attend the information night for the program of their choice to receive more information about the program and application details.

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For more information about program information nights, busing, fees and the application process, visit www.peelschools.org/RegionalPrograms
Apply for Extended French by Jan. 31, 2020

If your child will be starting grade 7 in September 2020, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider Extended French (EF). To find out more about the program, visit www.peelschools.org/French

The EF school for our area is Sir John A. MacDonald. The phone number 905 457 5535.

Online application

The application form for Grade 7 EF for the 2020-21 school year is available online at www.peelschools.org/French

The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 31, 2020. Applications received after that date will be put on a waiting list.

Please note that students who are currently or were previously enrolled in French Immersion, cannot apply for grade 7 Extended French – you will continue grade 7 in the French Immersion program or an English program.

For more information
- visit www.peelschools.org/French
- call your nearest Extended French school
- connect with families who have children in the Extended French program
- visit the Canadian Parents for French website at http://on.cpf.ca

Apply for French Immersion by Jan. 31, 2020

If your child will be starting grade 1 in September 2020, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider grade 1 French Immersion (FI).

The application form for grade 1 FI for the 2020-21 school year are available online at www.peelschools.org/French. The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 31, 2020.

Applications received after the deadline will not be included in the random selection process and will be placed on the school’s waitlist.

The FI School for our area is Fairlawn Public School. The phone number is 905 794 6063.

Applying for Grade 1 French Immersion

The Peel board has a limited number of spaces available for grade 1 French Immersion. They are not offered to students on a first come first served basis. A computerized random selection process randomly ranks all applications that are received by the deadline and assigns the available spaces in rank order. Once available spaces are filled, the remaining students are placed in rank order on a school’s waitlist. Each school has its own waitlist.
Students must apply to and, if accepted, attend the French Immersion School based on the home address. Flexible boundaries are not available for Grade 1 French Immersion.

**How to get more information**

For more information about French Immersion and how you can support your child:

- Visit [www.peelschools.org/French](http://www.peelschools.org/French)
- Call Fairlawn P.S. at 905 794 6063.
- Visit the Canadian Parents for French website at [http://on.cpf.ca/](http://on.cpf.ca/)
- Visit [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) to determine if your child is eligible for busing and for information on bus stops and routes.

**This Month in Shaw Athletics ...**

It has been a busy fall on the Shaw athletics scene. The year began with boys and girls flag football. Under the direction of coaches Mr. Yan, Mr. Partynski and Mrs. Parmar-Goorah the players developed their skills and each team began the season with 1-point victories in their exhibition matches against the Roadrunners of Robert J. Lee Public School. The boys’ flag football team played in their divisional tournament first. The Shaw Hawks started their day off with a 4 win and 0 loss record after round robin play. The boys won their semi-final match and finished the day as the silver medal winners. Congratulations boys! The girls flag football team also travelled to Beatty Fleming the following Tuesday for their divisional tournament. The lady Hawks fought hard and although they did not achieve the success they were striving for they did conclude the day on a positive note winning their final two consolation matches. We are proud of your efforts, girls.

Shortly after the flag football season got underway so too did the Cross Country running season. This year, coaches Ms. Cosgrave and Mrs. Carson were excited to put forward the largest team they had ever fielded to the divisional meet in late October. The team worked on their endurance with practice runs at the school as well as in the community. All 34 team members accomplished finishing their respective races. Top placements went to Arjun A. (11th place), Angelique G. (23rd place) and Qaiz S. (24th place). A great job from all team members!

Next up was the Senior Girls and Boys Volleyball season. The girls were coached by Mrs. Suri and Mr. Partynski and the boys by Mr. Partynski. Both teams learned a lot and grew in their skill development throughout the season including benefitting from a first time special guest session each from Pakmen Volleyball. Both teams also gained valuable experience in their exhibition games against the more experienced Roadrunners of Robert J. Lee P.S. In their divisional tournament the Shaw senior girls maintained a positive attitude and improved their play throughout the day, despite their lack of success. The Shaw boys also played against some technically sound teams and they too did not achieve what they had hoped for but never gave up and played hard throughout their divisional tournament. Good effort both teams!
Report your child’s immunizations to the Region of Peel online

When registering for school for the first time, parents and guardians are required to provide up-to-date immunization information for their children. This includes registering for kindergarten.

You can update your child’s immunizations online. The online immunization tool allows you to attach a photo of the immunization record. When reporting online, an Ontario Health Card is required.

Report immunizations online at: [www.peelregion.ca/immunize](http://www.peelregion.ca/immunize)

After you report your immunizations online you will be given a reference number. Keep this number for your records. You will need to give this number to your child’s school when registering.

If you do not have online access or your child does not have an Ontario Health Card, take a copy of the immunization record to the school. Make sure your child’s name and date of birth are visible on the record.

Call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 if your child does not have an immunization record or if you have any questions about immunization exemptions.

For more information, visit [www.peelregion.ca/immunize](http://www.peelregion.ca/immunize)

6 Ways to Relieve Stress During the Holidays

The holiday season can be a happy and busy time of the year. Often, it is also a stressful time of the year. Our “things to do list” can be long and calendars can be jam-packed with events. To help you have a happy season, here are some tips to relieve holiday stress.

1. **Meditation**: Try meditation before you begin your day. Mindfulness and meditation are century old practices that have been proven to reduce stress and angst. A daily practice of being completely present and cultivating awareness can improve your sleep, boost your immune system, help with
focus and reduce your stress. It may be exactly what is needed to get you through this busy time of year.

2. Get Outside: One of the best ways to overcome stress during the holidays is to exercise and get outdoors. Research shows that physical activity not only boosts your fitness and energy levels but can also elevate your moods. Perhaps an outdoor ice skate or sledding through the snow could be a way for the whole family to enjoy the outdoors and relieve stress together.

3. Plan Ahead: Create a schedule ahead of time that balances holiday events and personal time for you and your family. Allow yourself to say “no” as needed. If your calendars are overly scheduled it may cause extra stress and angst.

4. Be realistic: The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones.

5. Don't abandon healthy habits: Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overeating and overindulging adds to stress and guilt. Here are some healthy strategies that can help: eat a healthy snack prior to a holiday get together so you don’t overload on unhealthy treats; get plenty of sleep and continue physical activities.

6. Be generous: One of the best ways to be happy and manage your stress during this time of year is to act generously with your loved ones, co-workers and friends. This doesn’t mean with gifts or spending money. You can be generous with your compliments. You can generously offer help to a loved one with chores or an errand. Or you can be creative and write a poem to a loved one about how much you appreciate them. This wi

Shaw Public School celebrates Indigenous Heritage Month in November

On November 7, Shaw students had a great opportunity to actively participate in a moving presentation by Shannon Thunderbird, Coast Tsimshian First Nations Elder, Artist/Educator, Singer-Songwriter, Recording Artist, Author, Playwright, and Speaker/Workshop Facilitator. She is the Keeper of Two Big Drums, Gyemk ~Loop and K’ool Gyet Nah Hool. The students enjoyed the drums and learning about Indigenous Heritage through her wonderful story telling.
Peel Police Supporting Shaw Public School

In November we had several friendly visits from our Peel Police officers from our Neighborhood Police Unit (NPU). We shared a good discussion about personal Safety at our Monthly Chat and Chai meeting. The officers also came into support our students and spoke about personal safety during an assembly. Most recently, our NPU officers supported the Shaw community by providing friendly reminders for maintaining safety in our parking lot and Kiss and Ride area.

Students enjoyed the visits and engaging in activities with our NPU officers!
Students Helping Students

In October, a dedicated group of grade 5 students with the guidance of Ms. Earle and Mrs. Vahra began the Playful Hands Club to teach fun, cooperative games for students in Grades 1 to 4 during Nutrition breaks on Mon. wed. And Fridays. The Club is a huge success and many students enjoy being involved and playing student lead games. The Playful Hands club teaches all students to participate actively, play fairly and make new friends!
Coming Soon to Shaw P.S.

In February we have an exciting in school experience for all our students! We will be welcoming Denise Wild’s Sewing Studio to Shaw for a one of a kind sewing program focusing on mentorship, confidence, inclusion and equity, for all our students. The program will take place from February 19th to the 21st. The cost for this amazing program is approximately $17.50 per student which included the cost of materials. Student will be able to have a unique handmade creation which they can bring home! Please go to Cash on Line for payment details!

Press control key and click on the link to see the flyer;

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