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Principal's message to the parents of TFMS

Dear parents,

As the month of March comes to a close in 2025, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the diverse cultural events and celebrations that have made this month truly special for our school community.

Mardi Gras/Shrove/Pancake Tuesday: Mardi Gras, also known as Pancake Tuesday, is a Christian tradition marking the beginning of Lent. It is a time for reflection and preparation for Easter, during which many Christians participate in fasting or giving up on certain favourite foods for the duration of lent. This time serves as an opportunity for self-reflection, focusing on spiritual growth, self-discipline and bettering oneself through acts of kindness, prayer and personal improvement in the weeks leading up to Easter.

St. Patrick's Day: On March 17th, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day, honoring Irish culture and heritage. Our students enjoyed fun and educational activities while learning about Ireland's rich history and traditions.

Nowruz (Persian New Year): We recognized the Persian New Year, Nowruz, on March 20th, an ancient festival marking the beginning of spring. We extended our warmest wishes to all those celebrating this joyous occasion and shared the beautiful traditions of Nowruz throughout our school community.

Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr: Ramadan is a holy month observed by Muslims around the world, dedicated to fasting and prayer, and focusing on spiritual growth and acts of kindness. The school community wishes those who partake in it a blessed and peaceful month of spiritual growth and reflection. We also looked forward to celebrating Eid al-Fitr on April 1st, marking the end of Ramadan.

Spring: The beginning of spring on March 20th brought us longer and warmer days, offering new opportunities for learning, exploration, and outdoor activities. We encouraged our students to enjoy the beauty of nature and engage in eco-friendly practices to care for our environment.

Throughout the month of March 2025, our school community came together to embrace diversity, foster a sense of belonging, and celebrate the rich cultural tapestry that makes us unique. As we move forward, let us continue to support one another and cherish the experiences that unite us.

Sincerely,

Mme. Rhoda
Principal

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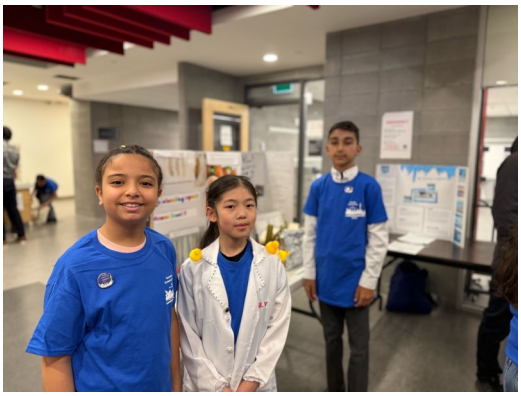
TFMS Students at The Toronto Science Fair

On Saturday, March 29, 2025, six selected students from our school were to present our science fair projects at The Toronto Science Fair, and the location was University of Toronto Scarborough Campus. I was one of the selected students, and I arrived at the campus at 12:00 p.m. It was a big University, and we were assigned to different tables. Then, we were split into groups. Each group had 7 or 8 people with their project. There were 8 groups. I was assigned to group number 7. Then, we each presented our project to the group that we were in.

After a lot of listening and sharing, two groups would compete in a rocket building competition. So basically, a cup was the "rocket" and we had to build a landing pad on the wall. From a metre away, we had to launch a rocket making up a launching system. After much discussion in our group, we were the first ones to come up with a launching system, and the first to make a launching pad. But, we decided to make two more launching pads as support. We got more lands with our rocket than the other group, but the judges still chose the other team as the winner. Absolutely devastating. After that, they gave everyone a participation medal and a certificate. I felt very proud that day.

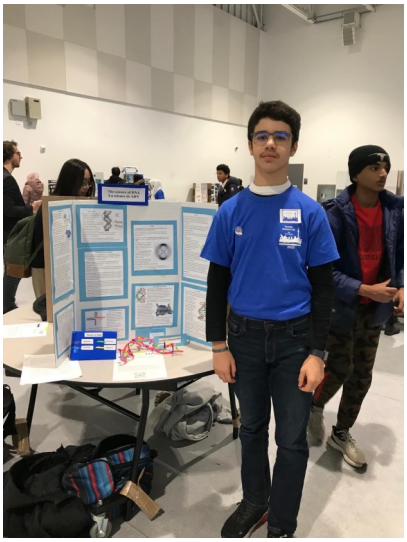
Daniel Ghalili



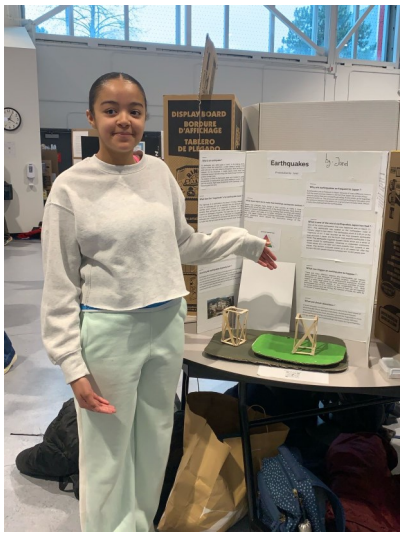




At the science fair, we had a fun time. After set up I explored the other projects. We took turns presenting projects. Afterwards, we had a group challenge: launch a paper cup onto a launch pad. We were able to complete the task 4x within an hour. We also got a medal of participation. *April*



I really enjoyed going to the Toronto Science Fair. It was my first time and I learned a lot in the wonderful workshop about cells and DNA, including how to differentiate between cells: plant vs animal vs human. *Farhan*



I really enjoyed my experience at the Toronto Science Fair. We got to participate in many different workshops. We got to do different experiments and even had a guest psychologist come talk to us about the human brain. It was a lot of fun and we made a lot of good memories! *Janel*



We got to discover many different presentations from nanobots to exoplanets to insulation. In the cell and DNA workshop, we got to extract DNA from strawberries. *Derushan*

Mars est un mois spécial qui marque la fin de l'hiver et le début du printemps. C'est une période de transition où la nature reprend vie, les journées s'allongent et la température commence à se réchauffer. En plus de ces changements saisonniers, mars est rempli de fêtes et d'événements importants célébrés dans le monde entier. Ces festivités rassemblent les gens et permettent de mettre en avant différentes cultures et traditions.

Les Vacances de Mars

Nous avons une pause de 2 semaines pour se reposer, voyager ou s'amuser. Ces vacances, qui ont lieu en milieu de mois, permettent aux familles de partir en voyage ou simplement de passer du temps ensemble.

La Saint-Patrick (17 mars) est une fête irlandaise qui célèbre Saint-Patrick, le saint patron de l'Irlande. Ce jour-là, les gens portent des vêtements verts, participent à des défilés et se réunissent pour partager de la musique et de la danse. Dans des villes comme Dublin, New York et Toronto, la Saint-Patrick est une fête très populaire avec des grandes festivités grands. Même ceux qui ne sont pas irlandais aiment se joindre à la célébration et profiter du festival.

Holi, la Fête des Couleurs Holi est une fête hindoue célébrée en Inde, au Népal et dans plusieurs autres pays. Elle marque l'arrivée du printemps et symbolise la victoire du bien sur le mal. Les participants se jetent de poudres colorées, chantent, dansent et partagent des repas festifs. Holi est une fête pleine de joie où les différences sociales s'effacent, permettant à tous de célébrer ensemble dans une atmosphère conviviale et pleine de bonne humeur.

La Journée internationale des femmes (8 mars) La Journée Internationale des Femmes est une journée importante qui met en avant les réussites et les droits des femmes. C'est l'occasion de rappeler l'importance de l'égalité entre les sexes et de sensibiliser à la lutte contre les discriminations. Partout dans le monde, des conférences, des marches et des événements sont organisés pour honorer les femmes et réfléchir aux défis encore présents.

Nowruz, le Nouvel An Persan (20 ou 21 mars) Norouz est une fête traditionnelle qui marque le début du printemps et le Nouvel An persan. Elle est célébrée en Iran, en Afghanistan, en Asie centrale et par des communautés persanes dans le monde entier. Les familles préparent des repas spéciaux, décorent leur maison et se réunissent pour célébrer le renouveau de la nature. Nowruz est un moment de partage, de purification et de renouveau, où l'on souhaite prospérité et bonheur pour l'année à venir.

Le jour de terre (Dernier samedi de mars) Le jour de la Terre est un événement mondial qui encourage les gens à éteindre leurs lumières pendant une heure pour sensibiliser à la protection de l'environnement. Ce geste symbolique rappelle l'importance de réduire notre consommation d'énergie et de préserver la planète. De nombreux monuments célèbres, comme la Tour Eiffel ou l'Opéra de Sydney, participent en s'éteignant temporairement, montrant ainsi l'engagement global pour une planète plus verte.

Mars est un mois de fêtes, de traditions et de changements. Il nous rappelle l'importance de célébrer la diversité culturelle, de se reposer et de prendre soin de notre planète. Que ce soit par la joie des festivals, la reconnaissance des femmes, ou l'attention portée à l'environnement, mars est un mois qui unit les gens à travers le monde dans un esprit de partage et de renouveau.

Derushan Sivanarul
Grade 8

THE CELEBRATION OF NOWRUZ AT TFMS

We celebrated Nowruz at school with sweets and joy! The kids had the opportunity to share the meanings of the symbols on the Nowruz table, explaining the traditions and customs that make this celebration so special. From the sweet treats to the cultural practices, it was a wonderful way to learn about and honor this important holiday together.














The gym at the Willowdale Campus was equipped with a new basketball net.



Staff and students are very happy….











LOWER ELEMENTARY FRENCH

Dear parents,

March has been a month filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and exploration! From cooking delicious recipes together to engaging in fun activities, the students had a fantastic time learning in an interactive way.

One of our main focuses this month was geography. We explored the world map, learned about different continents, and discovered how to read a globe. The students were fascinated by the diversity of our planet and enjoyed discussions about different cultures and places.

In addition to our geography lessons, we had some exciting hands-on activities in class. Cooking together was a highlight, as the students practiced following instructions, measuring ingredients, and, of course, enjoying the delicious results! These activities not only helped build their vocabulary but also encouraged teamwork and creativity.

As we step into April, we are looking forward to more engaging learning experiences. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child's learning journey!

Best regards,
Mme. Pegah





















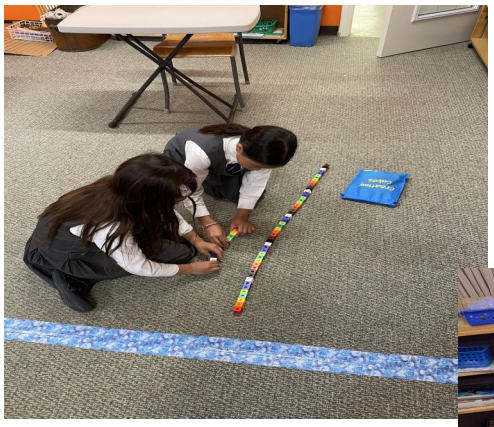




LOWER ELEMENTARY ENGLISH

This month the students in Lower Elementary explored patterns, life cycles and different types of communties.

Ms. Katie













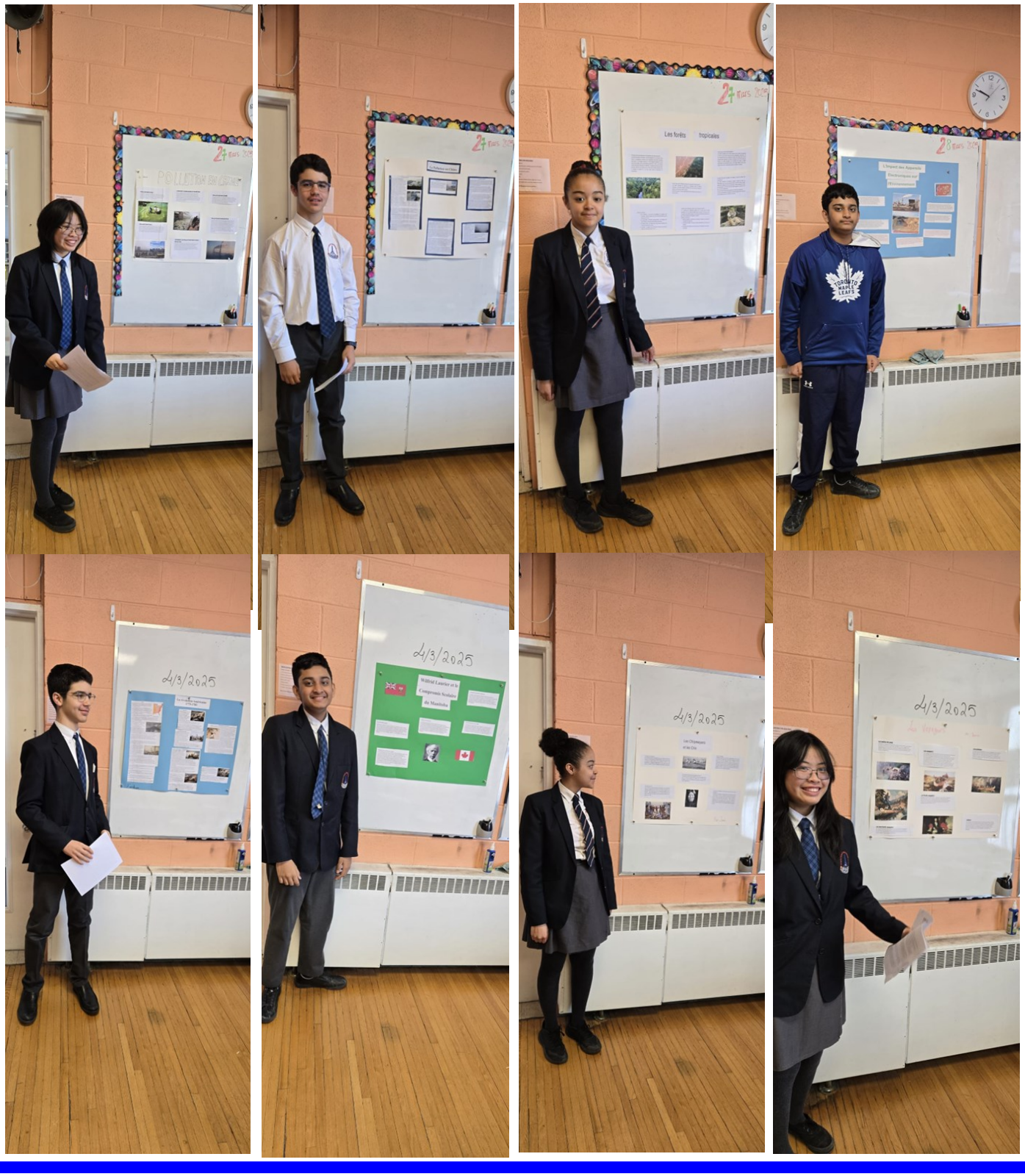


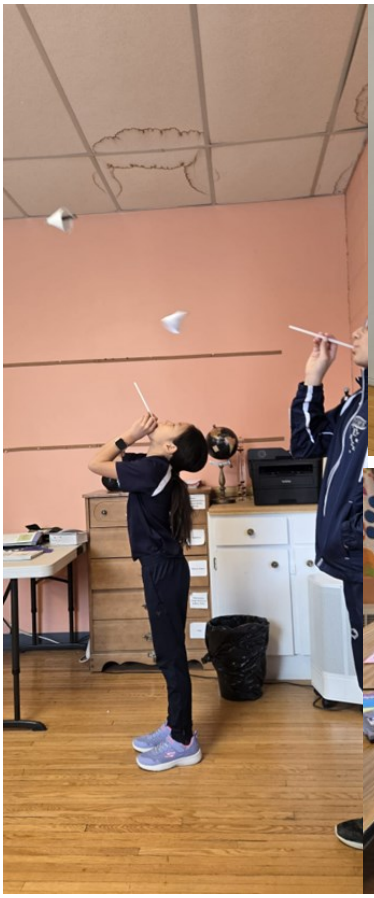


UE and JH FRENCH

This month was short but filled with exciting events like Nowrouz and Eid. During this time, students presented their history and geography projects and engaged in various science activities. They also continued their casual studies in the classroom.

Mme. Sepideh











SPANISH

Students building new vocabulary in Spanish!!!



ART

SUNFLOWERS: LE





SUNFLOWERS: UE



SUNFLOWERS: JH

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Moments from the Elementary Music classes















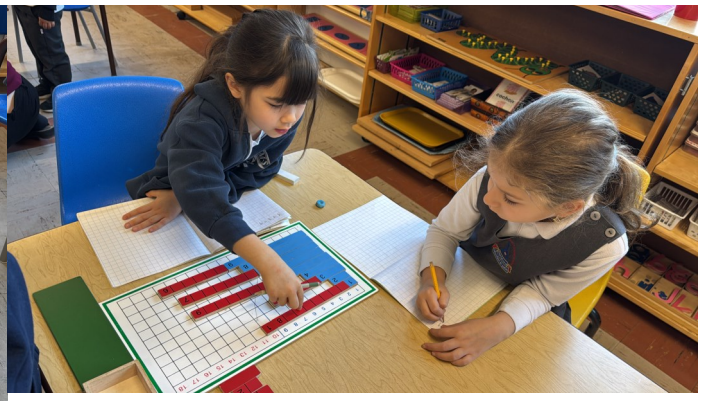

OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT WILLOWDALE CASA

March at a glance….

During the month of March, Willowdale Casa children were hard at work with the Montessori materials, and having a great time together after the March Break.
We explored the meaning of Daylight Saving when 'clocks spring forward', as well as the differences between day and night, and how some creatures are nocturnal, while others are diurnal.
We also explored the meaning of spring arrival and how nature changes in this transitional season.
The children had fun with St. Patrick and spring coloring, as well as making crafts to celebrate Nowruz, and participated in a wonderful presentation by the elementary students.

Mme. Adina





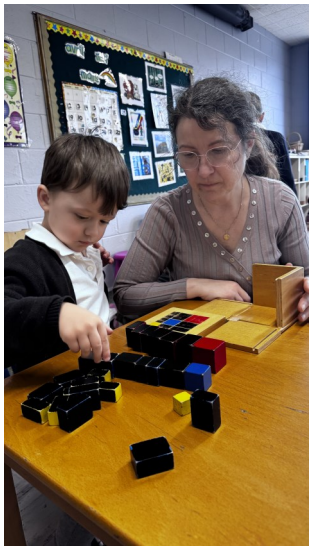
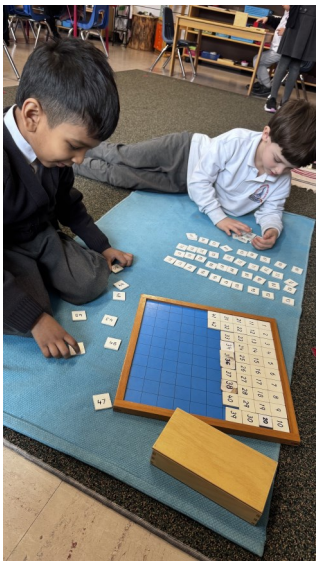




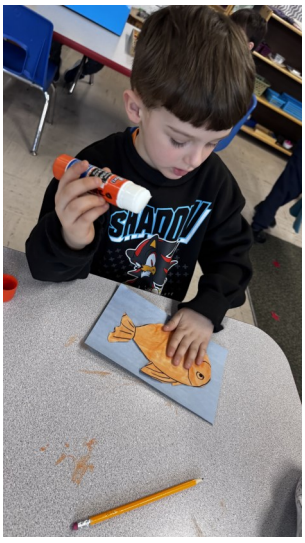
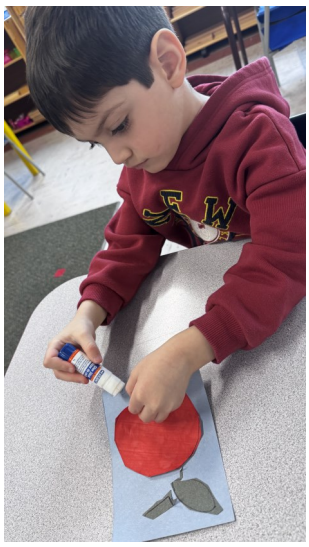








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OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT STOUFFVILLE

The month of March was very short with the Break, but we still had fun with Mardi Gras, St Patrick's and Nowruz.

For Mardi Gras, we had crêpes for snacks. It was Yummy And we made very nice masks and did some colouring.







For the lucky ones who were with us for St Patrick's, they made a nice clover, they coloured a rainbow and made a rainbow experiment.



Just after March Break, we celebrated Nowruz (Persian New Year).



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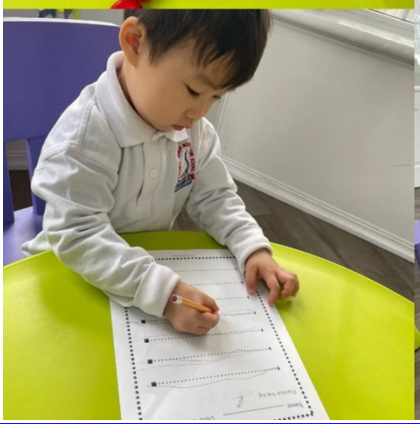
OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT STOUFFVILLE

And of course, we worked hard!










OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT STOUFFVILLE

Welcome back Spring!!!

Celebrating Spring with a Spring party and baking a yummy chocolate chips cake.







Planting time!








Let's travel around the world and discover the animals on different continents!



Science experiment time! How to make a snow volcano, the kids loved and enjoyed this experiment.



Happy Nowruz!!! The kids were happy and eager to learn about Persian celebration.





This month was filled with so many celebrations and rewarding activities for our little friends.

It's just the beginning and the best is coming with lots more fun!

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
21	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Important dates in April 2025:

Monday, April 7	**Canadian Achievement Tests**
Thursday, April 10	**Library Day**
Tuesday, April 15	**Picture Day—Stouffville Campus**
Wednesday, April 16	**Picture Day—Willowdale Campus**
Thursday, April 17	**Professional Activity Day – No School for students**
Friday, April 18	**Good Friday – No school**
Monday, April 21	**Easter Monday – No School**
Tuesday, April 22	**Back to school**
	Earth Day: Wear something green
Friday, April 25	**Pizza Lunch Day / Civies Day**

Important dates in May 2025:

Sunday, May 11	**Mother's Day**
Thursday, May 15	**Library Day**
Friday, May 16	**Professional Activity Day – No school for students**
Monday, May 19	**Victoria Day**
Friday, May 30	**Pizza Lunch Day / Civies Day**