Previewing the Summer at Guild Park

A revitalized Guild Park will be full of activity as the weather warms and the heart of Guildwood Village again welcomes thousands of visitors to its 88 acres of gardens, forest and shoreline.

To recap last year, some 78,000 people came to Guild Park in 2018. That’s about 10 times more visitors compared to the years before the restored and expanded Guild Inn Estate opened its doors for weddings and other popular private events.

Guests at Guild Inn Estate now make up the vast majority of Guild Park’s visitors. In comparison, about 10,000 people came to the park last year for the popular volunteer-led events.

The four largest volunteer-based activities are all returning in 2019. They include:

- the major weekend-long arts festival, Guild Alive with Culture (July 27 and 28), organized by the Guild Renaissance Group (GRG) and City Councillor Paul Ainslie;
- the outdoor plays at the Greek Theatre (from mid-July to mid-August), performed by the Guild Festival Theatre (GFT);
- GVCA’s annual Guildwood Day family BBQ (Sat. June 1); and
- the series of tours, clean-ups and park programs organized by Friends of Guild Park.

Cleaning Season

Activities kick off this year with some spring cleaning in and around the park. On the morning of Saturday April 27, Guild Park is part of the annual Guildwood Community Cleanup, organized through the City of Toronto and the GVCA.

The next day, Sunday April 28 from 9 am to noon, Guild Park hosts its 5th annual Spring Shoreline Cleanup, organized with the World Wildlife Fund and Ocean Wise (the global conservation organization created by the Vancouver Aquarium). All are welcome, especially students who can earn community hours by participating. Thanks to this important program, volunteers have removed an incredible amount of garbage – an accumulated total of about two tons of trash – from Guild Park’s lakeshore.

New this year

For the summer, get ready for some new park attractions. While details are still being decided as of early March, here’s a preview of what to expect:

Seniors Walk at Guild Park: This special program will include eight easy-to-navigate walks specially designed for those 65 years and up. It was created by Park People and Manulife. Friends of Guild Park’s successful application was supported by the GVCA, the Probus-Guildwood Club, Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities and the Scarborough Garden and Horticulture Society.

The first seniors tour is expected to take place in May or June, after the grounds and gardens at Guild Park are ready for walkers. The tour schedule will continue into mid-October. Watch for more information on local (cont’d on page 14)
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As I write this message, we are fast approaching the AGM and my first anniversary as President. Looking back I can say that it has been a good year and I have learned a lot.

Leading an organization that relies solely on the efforts of volunteers is very different than my day job leading the finance department at a life insurance company.

First, nobody gets paid. People volunteer with us because they find reward and self-satisfaction in giving back to their community. That’s the kind of engagement every leader strives for. When it comes to volunteers, ours are the best and most dedicated. Every individual who helps with the membership drive, delivers the News & Views, helps on Guildwood Day, or any of the other community focused activities is part of what makes Guildwood a special place to call home.

Second, as the President I can guide the organization, but for the most part I don’t get to make the final decisions. The GVCA is governed as a democracy by a group of dedicated individuals who contribute not only as members of the Board of Directors (formerly the Executive Committee) but also many lead important functions like Membership, Guildwood Day, Events, or Communications, while others represent the GVCA on community-focused groups including the Community Police Liaison Committee. These folks care deeply about the community and don’t always agree on the best way forward on a given issue. Through discussion and debate we come to a better outcome and one that most Board members can actively support. I have come to greatly appreciate the support, challenges, guidance and insights each Board Member brings to our meetings.

There are some important similarities to my day job, too. Perhaps most important is that we can get more done by partnering with those around us. By working with businesses in the community we have established partnerships that help make our events like Guildwood Day even more successful. Similarly, by partnering with other Guildwood-focused groups like the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens, the Guild Renaissance Group and the Guild Festival Theatre, we were able to establish a single set of priorities for Guild Park. The City has been very responsive to this collaboration and provided key improvements to lighting, water and paths. The GVCA will continue to develop and foster partnerships so that the community and GVCA members can enjoy the benefits.

Overall, my first year as President has been a challenge but it has provided the reward of working with so many great neighbours and a sense of satisfaction knowing that together we are continuing, and building on, the traditions that help define Guildwood Village.

- Jim Whitney
President, GVCA
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Yes, it is that time again! The door-to-door canvass for the annual membership drive begins April 13th and continues until May 11th. Card sales began at the GVCA AGM on March 19th followed by another successful membership appreciation day on March 23rd, hosted by Moore’s Valu-mart. Membership is $15.00 (cash or cheque). The 2019 card proudly depicts the GVCA flag. Thank you to Marsha Leverock and Ulrik Westergaard for designing the card.

Upcoming membership incentives include:

• Valu-mart plant sale – 10% discount with your GVCA 2019 membership card. May 23rd 4 – 8pm.
• Guildwood Day Prizes – June 1st – free draw for GVCA members (1 ballot per family)
• Guildwood Day BBQ – June 1st – free to GVCA members

Membership cards can be purchased by mailing in the form below, by PayPal on the GVCA website, or at Maritime Travel, Guildwood Physiotherapy and Moore’s Valu-mart. If purchasing from our business partners, please have the exact amount of money. Memberships will also be sold at the Valu-mart plant sale and on Guildwood Day.

A huge thank you to Bryan Moore and his staff at Valu-mart for organizing the membership appreciation event on March 23rd. Shoppers with a GVCA card enjoyed a discount on their groceries. We are very lucky to live in a community with supportive businesses. The GVCA would also like to thank all our wonderful membership volunteers – the area coordinators and canvassers.

- Donna Milovanovic
Membership Committee Chair, 2019

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2019 Guildwood Village Community Association Membership Application

Name __________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

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Email __________________________________________________________

Phone __________________________________________________________________

Please return application and cheque for $15.00 made out to the GVCA to:
Box 11001, 105 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough, ON M1E 5G5.
The Model Homes of Guildwood

This fourth installment in a series of columns about the evolution of Guildwood Village explores the Avenue of Homes: 12 unique, furnished, architect-designed homes. The grand opening of sales in August 1957 attracted 25,000 visitors on the first weekend alone and was dubbed “the largest display of its kind ever presented in Canada.”

A merchandising campaign ... the boldest of its kind yet launched in Canada

The brains behind construction was J.F. Harris. He wrote, “I have explained to all of the builders that have approached me that we have already started our public relations programme through Cockfield Brown and Company. I also explained the co-operative information office, together with the sales control procedure we are developing.” There were 11 builders. See Figure 1 for details.

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The “Avenue” from the air

In Figure 2, we see the main parking lot, where St Ursula sits today. Figure 3 shows the main entrance, just at the east end of the St Ursula property. Figure 4 looks north towards the forest and apple orchard where Nuffield and Toynbee Trail are today.

How it started

See Figure 5. An excavator, a bottle of champagne, and Hon W.N. Nickle, Minister of Planning and Development for the Province of Ontario.
Promotion, publicity and sales

Each of the 12 model homes had a customized brochure. Figure 7 is a collage of the 11 surviving brochures. Figures 8 and 9 show the details. All of the furniture and furnishings were described in detail. Over 250 Canadian firms provided support for the largest cooperative project ever undertaken in Canada.

Signage was a key component of the marketing plan. Figure 10 is a great example of the creative design used. Figure 11 and 12 show two sales offices.

The campaign was extensive. Articles and advertisements appeared in Forward, The Lord Simcoe Magazine, The Vagabond, Scarborough Advertiser, Royal Yorker, National Builder, Argo Dundas News, Key to Toronto, a six-page supplement in the Globe and Mail, the Canadian Home Journal, and Furniture and Furnishings.
The open house and opening ceremonies

The open house extended for weeks and attracted 200,000 visitors. Figure 13 shows the parking areas. Figure 14 is the official opening with Mrs. Leslie M. Frost, wife of the Premier of Ontario, Spencer Clark and Mrs. Jean Newman, Senior Controller of the City of Toronto. Figure 15 is an example of the crowds.

Watch the GVCA website for street names by quadrant, over 40 photographs of the Avenue of Homes and images of the subsequent set of mode homes.

Up next: not the apartments that are, but those that never came to be: Livingston Park, Marine Drive and Leverhume.

- Bob Taylor-Vaisey
Vice President, GVCA

1 Heritage Ontario
2 The Financial Post, February 16, 1957
3 Most of the images are all from UofW. SCA. GA182. Guildwood Village. Box 3. Planning and construction
4 Previously involved in Don Mills Developments
6 There were 15 model homes built with 12 staged (National Builder, January 1958, pp. 6-7 (“Planned Promotion Pays Off”)
2019 Has Started Off With A Bang! It would appear that the spring market has begun! The increased number of new listings, along with the increased number of sales and increased average sale price are all signs that the real estate market in 2019 will be a buoyant one! Interest rates are stable and still remain at the lowest levels seen in years! When all these factors are considered, it makes 2019 a great time for both sellers & buyers to make their move!

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Just as we were pondering a theme for this issue’s article, a phone call was received from a person who did not identify himself, announcing that he was planning to come around tomorrow to examine my hot water tank. I declined his offer and hung up. This gave a theme for this article, and that is about being aware of scammers wanting to get access to your home and to gather personal information.

While many of us are not fazed by the duct cleaning inquiries, there are other scams that involve offers of a service you didn’t ask for. Many are plausible but the best advice offered by the police is to state that you do not do business over the phone and just hang up. Don’t get into a discussion or part with any personal information. If someone on the phone asks you to confirm your name do not say yes, as there is a scam involving verbal contracts where all that’s needed from you is the word “yes” in your voice. Instead of confirming any details, ask what the caller wants directly and be ready to hang up.

Whilst door-to-door sales are mostly outlawed in Ontario, there are some exceptions and one that comes around when the weather improves is a telephone company trying to sell you on their services, and they can be quite pushy. Again, police advise that you say you do not do business at your door and ask them to leave. If necessary, you can inform the sales person that they are trespassing and that the police will be notified.

Have a good and safe spring.
- GVCA Executive

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**Spring is Coming with the Bel Canto Singers**

**Royal Game of Thrones**  
Saturday, May 4 – 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Scarborough Bluffs United Church  
3739 Kingston Rd., at Scarborough Golf Club Rd.

It’s time to enjoy music by popular composers from Mozart to McCartney, Handel to Elton John – all featured in royal weddings, coronations, inaugurations and other state occasions.

Please be a part of this throne game. Come dressed to the “nines” or wear your fascinator, tiara, straw boater or bowler to enjoy this royal experience with us including “tea time” at intermission.

Special guest choir Ruckus, the UTSC alumni and community choir, will also be performing at the evening concert.

*Please note children under 10 are free while accompanied by an adult. Please contact us via our Bel Canto Singers facebook page to obtain a ticket.*

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**Annual Sheridan Nurseries Plant Event**

May 15 & 16  
7 a.m. to 9 p.m., both days  
1774 Ellesmere Road Location

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Please remember that your 2019 membership card must be shown at the cash desk.

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The most common item, after pieces of plastic, foam, or glass, found on shoreline cleanups along Guildwood’s Lake Ontario shoreline is bottle caps. Since September 2013, 15,416 bottle caps have been picked up during shoreline cleanups organized by Friends of Guild Park & Gardens and A Greener Future. The totals for the last three years: 5,672 bottle caps were found in 2016, 3,699 in 2017, and 3,577 in 2018. How many bottle caps will be found in 2019?

The Friends of Guild Park & Gardens invite the Guildwood Community to join them in their 2019 cleanups at Guild Park. See full list of dates on the right.

For more information about any of these events, including meeting location: GuildPark.ca/Events or Facebook.com/GuildPark.

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**Living Green: Ideas for How to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

**Reduce:**
We can easily reduce our footprint by avoiding unnecessary consumption. Do you boil enough water for six cups of tea when you want only one? Do you leave the TV or stereo on when you leave the room? Do you throw things away unused? Small acts like these seem insignificant, but collectively they add up and contribute to global warming.

**Reuse:**
Most of what we consume ends up as garbage within months, weeks, days, or even minutes. By extending the life cycle of products, we can cut down on all that garbage. Try to buy items that are reusable or come in reusable packaging – and make sure you reuse them. Before you throw it away, ask yourself if that wrapping paper can be saved, that container refilled, that pair of shoes repaired, or that machine fixed.

**Recycle:**
Curbside recycling programs mean we now recycle more than 2.35-million tons of glass bottles, 54 billion aluminium cans, and billions more plastic and paper items every year. Recycling reduces landfill and saves resources. Recycling an aluminium can uses only five per cent of the energy required to make a new one; recycling glass uses 50 per cent of the energy, and every ton of paper recycled saves 60 per cent of the energy, 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and 60 pounds of air pollution.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – makes a lot of sense.

- Kathleen Wolfe

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**Upcoming Shoreline Cleanup Events**

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Construction is ongoing at the Clark Centre for the Arts, formerly Building 191
Photography courtesy of Friends of Guild Park.

The historic firehall wall was recently moved to accommodate updates for the Clark Centre project. Photography courtesy of Friends of Guild Park.

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(contin'd from page 1) posters, community calendars and social media. If you’re interested in getting involved, send an email to president@guildpark.ca.

Reopening Guild Park’s “Sculptor’s” Cabin: After being unused for more than 30 years, the 1940s wooden cabin in the front gardens of Guild Park is expected to re-open this summer.

The City of Toronto’s Arts Services and Guild Park’s four volunteer groups (Friends of Guild Park, Guild Festival Theatre, Guild Renaissance Group and GVCA) are finalizing how to restore and re-open this one-room cabin as a welcome centre and small-scale activity site. Decorated with wooden carvings of Viking heads and Norse symbols, the cabin was originally the studio used by sculptors active at the Guild of All Arts, which operated on the site from 1932 to 1995.

Arts in the Parks: The sights and sounds of Japanese drummers are coming to Guild Park as part of this City of Toronto-sponsored event. This free, one-night-only performance by the award-winning troupe, Nagate Shachu, marks the 20th anniversary for this Toronto-based, Japanese taiko drumming and music group. Date to be announced.

The Scarborough Sign: The popular 11-letter sign that spells out the city’s easternmost enclave is expected at Guild Park this summer. The mobile sign, a creation of Scarborough Arts, debuted last year at UTSC, Nuit Blanche and other cultural hotspots. This year, the Scarborough Sign will recognize Guild Park as an important arts and cultural hub. Once the letters are installed, selfies with the sign will become a new Guildwood tradition!

Construction continues

Work on the Clark Centre for the Arts, formerly the long-vacant Building 191, will be underway this summer. The area of Guild Park between Guild Inn Estate and the forest boardwalk will be off-limits to the public while major construction is in progress. Heavy equipment is required to transform the original 1961 two-storey structure into a modern three-level facility. It will include space for public art programs, exhibition areas and two working studios for professional and emerging artists.

The current plan is for the Clark Centre, named after Rosa and Spencer Clark, founders of the original Guild of All Arts and Guild Inn, to open by the end of 2020. This $5.3 million project is overseen by the City of Toronto’s Economic Development and Culture Department.

Moving Walls

To prepare for the Clark Centre project, the historic firehall wall at Guild Park was recently moved. Repositioning this 5.5 metre (18 foot) sign was necessary to accommodate the new roadway and emergency vehicle access required for the Clark Centre. When construction is done, the adjacent ground will be landscaped and include pathways to make it easy for people to visit the Clark Centre.

For the latest about Guild Park and updates on park activities, be sure to visit www.Facebook.com/guildpark or www.guildpark.ca.

- John P. Mason
President, Friends of Guild Park
Dear Guildwood Village Neighbours,

This winter we experienced a significant amount of snow fall. The City will be undergoing a snow plow winter maintenance audit to improve services as we prepare for future winter seasons. I will be putting forward a number of recommendations during the review; if you would like to share your suggestions contact my office.

The Guildwood Village community has a number of developing projects and exciting events this year, including construction of the Clark Centre for the Arts, forecasted to be operational in the Fall of 2020, the newly built Chartwell Guildwood Retirement Senior Residence, a new City playground planned for Guildwood Village Park, continued enhancements to Guild Park and Gardens trails and monuments as well as the Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28.

The request to install a Traffic Control Signal on Morningside Avenue at Cumber Avenue and Fordover Drive will be heard at the April 24, 2019 Scarborough Community Council Meeting. Residents have expressed that they would like to speak in support of the installation or submit comments. If you plan on attending to speak or listen, please mark your calendar. You may only register or send in comments when the item is officially posted online by the city clerk. Please contact my office to be placed on the list to receive the committee notice to register.

Request for an All-Way Stop Control: Dearham Wood at Lausanne Crescent. Transportation Services completed a review to install an All-Way Stop Control at this location. The results of the review indicate that the existing traffic control at the intersection is providing a safe pedestrian and motorist environment. Therefore, the all-way stop was not recommended for installation by staff. Please view the full report on my website at www.paulainslie.com. If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact my office.

Clark Centre for the Arts. A general contractor has been hired for the construction of the art centre. The scope of the project includes a complete renovation as well as the addition of a 3rd floor, built to blend with the existing heritage building. Construction will start in this spring with an anticipated completion date of Fall 2020, at which time programming will be open for registration.

Scarborough Village Employment and Social Services: The Scarborough Employment and Social Services opened a new office this February at 3600 Kingston Road. If you are in need of services please visit the local office.

‘Welcome to the Guildwood Village Community’ Sign: The sign is being repaired and will be re-installed shortly. The sign will be repositioned a few metres back from the roadway.

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Good Friday, April 19th
Worship 10:00 am

Easter Worship Celebration
April 21st at 11:00am

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Youth Bake Sale
May 25th at 8:30 am

Guildwood Day Pancake Breakfast
June 1st at 8:30 am

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APRIL

Good Friday Service
Fri. Apr. 19 - 10:30am
Traditional Worship Service

Eggstravaganza
Fri. Apr. 19
10:30am
Family Fun
Food • Egg Games • Painting
Decorating • Colouring and more

Easter Service & Celebration
Sun. Apr. 21 - 10:30am

Community Egg Hunt
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Insects and birds survive best when they can find the right food to eat and for most of them, this means they need plants native to the area where they live. Insects, birds and plants co-evolved over the millennia, and some of them are so specialized that they can only feed on one plant or one family of plants.

Gardeners are notorious for experimenting with exotic plants that look beautiful but unfortunately do not support native insects and birds. There is an easy fix for this that each of us can do this year: simply add a few beautiful native plants to your existing garden. There is no need to rip out your beautiful exotics, but native plants are beautiful too, and you will be amazed at how quickly the butterflies find you once they have somewhere to lay their eggs and feed their caterpillars.

This spring, the Guildwood Butterflyway Project will be attending or hosting several local events where you can obtain information about creating a healthy habitat for bees, butterflies, birds and other critters (including ourselves).

Please mark your calendar with the following dates when you can connect with Butterflyway Rangers.

**March 30th:** We will be at *Scarborough Seedy Saturday* at Blessed Cardinal Newman High School

**April 12th:** Monarch expert Carol Pasternak will be speaking at *Guildwood Junior Public School.* This is a free and fun event to which all are welcome.

**May 25th:** *Guildwood Garage Sale Day!* We will have a native plant sale and information booth at Holy Trinity Guildwood

**June 1st:** *Guildwood Day!* Please visit our booth behind Laurier and attend our information sessions.

**July 13th:** The first annual *Guildwood Pollinator Garden Tour!* This will be a free event and gardeners will have lots of information to share with visitors. If you are interested in opening your own pollinator garden to the public please contact Allison Murray at allisonmurray0101@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at all these events. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates!

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Elizabeth Simcoe Students Share Thanks

Elizabeth Simcoe Community Rink

Students and families in the community have been enjoying the ice rink located at the Elizabeth Simcoe park. Many classes have been using the rink as part of their physical education classes, and many students play hockey on the rink after school.

On behalf of all the students and families who have used the rink, we would like to thank Rodney Hayden for working on the rink every day!! You can find him shoveling or flooding the rink at all hours of the day and night! We would also like to thank Bill Wilson and Craig Manuel who put the rink together and laid down the tarp. Do you know how hard it is to build a rink? You have to put the boards up and lay the tarp tight. Speaking of tarp...thank you to the Guildwood Village Community Association for their generous donation! Check out the rink Twitter account at https://twitter.com/ElizSimcoeRink

- Nicky Mark and Ryan Wright

Project BFH (Blankets for Homeless)

Hi, I am Libby and I am in Grade 4 gifted at Elizabeth Simcoe JPS and here is the story about how the BFH project began...

It all happened when I was listening to CBC radio and there was a documentary about the homeless crisis in Toronto and I wanted to help. I asked my principal Janna Solman and she said I could definitely start a blanket drive and that I should ask a friend to help me! My friend was Olivia Tang!!! We got a few big boxes and got to work.

Hi, I’m Olivia and I am in the same class as Libby and we wanted to help the homeless because we realized there was a real need for blankets, jackets, scarves, mittens etc. We collected over 500 items:

- 141 blankets
- 82 hats
- 54 mitts/gloves
- 13 coats
- 3 pairs of snow pants
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**Keeping our minds and bodies fit**

In February, Guildwood JPS held its first literacy night and was pleased to welcome Mrs. Ruth Ohi, author of “Fox and Squirrel.” She spent the evening instructing the students on how ideas and books can come to life. We were also fortunate to have Canadian volleyball superstar Anna Dunn-Suen visit the school and teach the students how to play and have fun on the court.

On February 8, the school held its first Wellness morning to give each student different techniques and strategies to help cope with stressors that they may face at school, and in life. Thank you to the teachers and volunteers for organizing the day.

Our Grade 1 to 6 classes enjoyed an outing to the watch the Toronto Marlies play (and win!). The students had a great time cheering on the team and making it on the big screen. The Grade 3 to 6 classes also enjoyed their annual ski trip to Dagmar. With the snow coming down and the hills freshly groomed, the day made for a perfect winter getaway.

Congrats to our Grade 5 boys basketball team for making it to the TDESAA Conference Finals! All your hard work and dedication paid off and we are so proud of how well you represented our school. We can’t wait to hang another banner in the gym. Way to go team!!

**Staying green**

Congratulations to our Eco Team on another year of Eco Platinum Status! This marks Guildwood JPS’s 9th year at Platinum level. Way to go staff and students!

On February 28, the students participated in the annual Polar Bear walk outdoors. This helps to raise awareness of global warming and the impact it is having on the polar bears and our mother earth.

The school continues to help keep our earth clean by collecting used/dead batteries from the Guildwood community. Please drop off your batteries at the school or in the marked bin at Valu-mart. By properly recycling your batteries, you can make a difference to the environment. Visit www.rawmaterials.com for more information.

**Thank you Mr. Griffiths for making Guildwood sparkle**

After over 30 years with the TDSB and as the Head Caretaker at Guildwood JPS, Mr. Gord Griffiths is retiring. Thank you for all your hard work at keeping the school clean and safe for the students. We wish you the best and hope you enjoy your retirement to its fullest.

**Kindergarten Registration is now open.**

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From the hustle and bustle of curricular and extra-curricular activities, we are learning to live in close community with one another. Not an easy task given the differences in opinion and life experiences. We are therefore spending a lot of time on social engagement and experiential learning. In particular, we are learning about the virtue of forgiveness; this virtue teaches us about how to live in harmony and be understanding and forgiving of each other's shortcomings and imperfections.

When his disciples asked that He teach them how to pray, Jesus taught them the Our Father. Amongst many memorable verses in that prayer is this one; “And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.” Jesus goes on to append an inspired footnote to this verse after He completes the prayer: “For if you will forgive men their offences, your heavenly Father will forgive you also your offences. But if you will not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offences.”

‘Please,’ ‘Thank you’ and ‘I am Sorry’ are some of the kind of talk that we are also working on as we continue to learn how to resolve conflicts and disagreements in more appropriate ways. We hope that our students will remember to practice what they have been learning in the classroom wherever they find themselves so as to be contributive and caring members of our community.

Extra-curricular:

As is usual, our student athletes have participated in a variety of events since last fall. Our intermediate students showed great school pride in the volleyball and basketball tournaments that they took part in and finished as runners-up in their division. Our junior students also represented the school at a W5H event just last month and they returned with valuable experience on current affairs. St. Ursula’s parent council organized a very engaging science (Mad Scientist) event on February 20. The event attracted a large turnout of our families; needless to say, the children had a terrific time with the hands-on activities on display. Our chess team has been practicing and brushing up their skills in readiness for the chess tournaments that will be taking place in April and I wish them and their coaches a successful season.

Before & After School Care:

St. Ursula now has a licensed before and after care program that will be operated at our school by The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough. This program is a welcome addition to our school community as it offers our families the peace of mind of having quality care in place for their children.

Registration Options:

Online: Parents will be able to complete their application online at: https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx A follow up with visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled following the online application.

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Teachers at Jack Miner have influenced us all and truly understand us so they can teach to each student's abilities, giving us all the sense of involvement and importance. Even when a student is struggling in a specific subject, the teachers provide their own time and resources to support these students to ensure they succeed. Not only do they teach us about the fundamentals of the curriculum, but they also provide us with life lessons and morals that aid us to be better people in the future. When a student is facing a hard time with personal issues, teachers take time out of their day to counsel and assure these students' safety and well-being. They are always encouraging students to get the proper treatment they need to ensure their happiness in Jack Miner. All these factors make Jack Miner a warm, welcoming place for all students and staff.

Jack Miner has provided us with several memories that we will cherish for years to come. I think we can all agree that one of the most favourable experiences at our school would have to be the school dances. At each dance we find ourselves letting go to enjoy the music and activities, which puts the students in a state of euphoria. Students are always looking forward to the time of year when track and field comes around, where the day is spent outside participating in fun, athletic activities with their friends. Students have the opportunity to learn new sports and have fun participating in familiar ones.

Our school is actively participating in extra-curricular activities and school trips like ski trips, sports games, and the graduation trip, which leave us with lasting memories. This winter our school went on two excursions to Dagmar Ski Resort, where students were given the opportunity to learn how to ski and spend an exciting day with their friends. We also went downtown to see the Marlies game at the Coca-Cola Coliseum. In the future, we look forward to going on a trip to the Ontario Science Centre to learn about the science behind mental health. Not only are students looking forward to this trip, but Grade 8 students are being given the lucky opportunity to travel to Montreal, Quebec, for their graduation trip in June. While there, students will have the chance to spend three days exploring the city and creating everlasting memories.

Extra-curriculars at Jack Miner are a major part of our school spirit and pride. In sports teams, we are extremely proud of our students' athletic abilities, teamwork, sportsmanship, and encouragement. The year started off with extra-curricular sports such as cross country, basketball, volleyball, hockey, and many teams yet to come such as badminton, soccer, and track and field. Jack Miner takes pride in its many school clubs, including book club, student council, yearbook club, and multiple arts clubs. This past year, student council has provided our school with spirit days, movie days, dances, and other recreational activities. We also have executive student council, which is where students get the chance to elect student council representatives such as president, secretary, treasurer, and vice president. We are very thankful to all the teachers and students who partake in these clubs and provide our school with fun activities that every student loves.

The past two years at Jack Miner have led us through a rocky journey of self-discovery, bonds, and memories. We shall take these experiences and become better versions of ourselves.

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With second semester now in full swing, students are busy striving to excel in their classes while filling their spare time with a multitude of extra-curricular activities. Our involved students represented Laurier with pride and spirit in several competitions in business, athletics, science, and technology during these past few months.

DECA at Laurier
Since September, a number of our students have been working diligently through several lunches as well as staying late after school to prepare for the DECA business case study competitions. They began with a group of 70 students who competed at regionals where we saw 33 of those students place within the top 10 in Toronto and quality for provincials. In late February, those students competed against thousands of other high school students over three days. We are extremely proud of all those who took part, especially the four Laurier students who placed amongst the top 10 in the province in their respective categories.

Character Education
March marks the beginning of honesty & loyalty month here at Laurier and our amazing student Character Ed. leaders have been working hard to organize several events to promote these traits throughout the school, such as pink shirt day, Valentines for Veterans, and spirit week. In mid-February, our student leaders had their annual Pass the Torch ceremony where they passed on their experiences to the future group of leaders who are already busy planning camp for September 2019.

School Play
Once again, the hard working drama and music departments at Laurier were able to come together to pull off a phenomenal student written play titled “You’ve Got Baggage.” The students expertly took on their roles to showcase the heart-warming and relatable journey of being a high school student. Congratulations to everyone who put in countless hours of rehearsal to pull off such an amazing show.

United Cultures Club
Here at Laurier we always encourage students to be proud of who they are, especially when it comes to embracing our diverse backgrounds. The United Cultures Club will be hosting our annual luncheon on March 8th as a final sendoff into the March Break. The Luncheon will celebrate over twenty different nations and cultural identities of the students and staff who can unite over delicious cuisine.

Laurier Athletics
We saw numerous outstanding accomplishments this winter, including four swimmers qualifying for the OFSAA provincial championships, and our junior boys basketball and girls varsity soccer winning gold medals to be the east region champions! The boys and girls volleyball, badminton, senior boys basketball, senior boys indoor soccer (silver medal), and hockey (silver medal) teams all made the playoffs and placed fantastically in their respectable divisions.

What’s to Come...
Our senior students anxiously await responses from universities and colleges as they prepare for the Senior Prom, which will be held in late April at the Guild Inn Estate. Students will also be busy preparing for the Ontario Literacy Test that takes place March 27th. For more information about our school please feel free to visit our next parent council meeting Monday April 15th or visit us at sirwilfridlaurier.ca and follow us on twitter @sir_laurier.

- Agatha Jawor, Grade 12 Student
(with files from Mr. Tenentes, Principal)
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