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OUR SCHOOL

Corvette Junior Public School is a large, community-based school (in the Kennedy Road & Eglinton Avenue area), drawing on the many strengths of a culturally diverse neighbourhood. Curriculum open houses, student recognition assemblies, community barbecues, special events, co-curricular programs, and school volunteers are important traditions at our school. The origin of the school's name comes from the significant contribution the corvette ships made to the Canadian Navy in the 1940's.

Our school is committed to educating every student in our care by providing a learning environment that promotes the development of academic skills and knowledge, the growth of self-esteem, personal responsibility and the demonstration of respect and co-operation.

- ✦ Corvette Jr. P.S. is a school that serves the needs of close to 500 students. We represent over 30 language groups, with the four largest groups speaking English, Bengali, Tamil and Mandarin.
- ✦ Our staff consists of teachers, educational assistants, special needs assistants, a child and youth worker and program specialists in the following areas: literacy, special education, English as a second language, physical education, computers, library, French.
- ✦ School partnerships include an on-site daycare program (Not Your Average Daycare, N.Y.A.D.), a Family Resource Centre (offering community programs/services), a before school program offered through the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club and an after school program with Toronto Parks and Recreation. As well, we offer a daily snack program through partnerships with the Foundation for Student Success and Breakfast for Learning.
- ✦ Our school offers the International Languages Elementary Program. This program is designed to give students the opportunity to learn additional languages, other than English and French, and to learn about and appreciate other traditions, customs, and cultures.

School Focus For This School Year

We have set high expectations for our students as we provide the foundation for learning through Corvette's School Effectiveness Framework. We ensure a safe, secure and supportive learning environment for our students through Toronto District School Board's Safe Schools Policy, Corvette's Code of Conduct, Emergency Evacuation Plan and staff initiatives such as TRIBES.

Our school objectives include:

- ✦ improving all students' levels of achievement in literacy, numeracy, science and technology, computer literacy and the arts
- ✦ ensuring a safe, nurturing, positive and respectful school environment
- ✦ promoting personal, social and environmental responsibility
- ✦ school wide focus on bullying prevention, character development and equity

OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:	505	
Junior Kindergarten - Grade 3	311	
Grade 4 - Grade 6	194	
✦ Gender:		
Female	251	50%
Male	254	50%
✦ Primary language other than English:	288	57%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	31	6%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	61	12%

* Calculation does not include students for whom language information is missing.

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB), in partnership with students, parents, teachers and all our communities, is committed to taking responsibility for continuous improvement of schools. This is achieved through:

- ✦ **Relevant Curriculum**
- ✦ **Equity**
- ✦ **Accountability**

Regular Instructional Programs

- ✦ Languages - English, English as a Second Language, and French
- ✦ Mathematics, Science and Technology
- ✦ Arts - Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Dance
- ✦ Social Studies, Health and Physical Education

Special Education Programs

A variety of special education programs and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities, such as behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical and multiple learning disabilities. Students' exceptionalities are identified through a formal review process undertaken by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC).

OUR SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS:

Co-Curricular

Arts Programs

- ✦ Dance:
Folk Dancing, National Ballet
- ✦ Dramatic Arts:
Live Production/Play
- ✦ Music:
Choir, Drumming Workshops, Itinerant Music Teachers, Steel Pan/Band
- ✦ Visiting Artists:
Dance, Drama, Music, Prologue to the Performing Arts

Intramurals

- ✦ Cooperative Games
- ✦ House League

Athletic Teams

- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Cross Country
- ✦ Kilometre Club
- ✦ Slo-Pitch
- ✦ Soccer
- ✦ Track and Field
- ✦ Volleyball

Clubs

- ✦ Board Games
- ✦ Book Club
- ✦ Boy's Reading
- ✦ Chess
- ✦ Cooking Club
- ✦ Environmental

- ✦ Games
- ✦ Green Club
- ✦ Lego
- ✦ Library Helpers
- ✦ Silver Birch Book Club

Leadership

- ✦ Student Announcers
- ✦ Student Leadership:
Student Council

Competitions

- ✦ Historica Fair
- ✦ Speech Arts

Curricular Enhancement

- ✦ Family Literacy Night
- ✦ Family Math Night
- ✦ Scientists in the School

Community, Culture and Caring

Community - Mentoring

- ✦ Community Based:
One-on-One Mentoring Program, Toronto Police Services - School Liaison Officer

Community - Tutoring

- ✦ School Based:
Homework Clubs, Literacy & Numeracy Tutoring (Cont. Ed), Tutors in the Classroom (Elementary)

Culture/Caring

- ✦ Caring:
Corvette C.A.R.E.S., Settlement Education Partnership Toronto (SEPT), Treatment & Intervention Services

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:



- ♦ Fundraisers:
Pizza Days
- ♦ Nutrition Programs:
Snack Program
- ♦ Safe & Caring Schools:
Safe Arrival Program, Toronto First Duty
- ♦ Social Skills:
Character Development Program

Equity

- ♦ African Heritage Month Activities
- ♦ Asian Heritage Month Activities
- ♦ Assemblies
- ♦ Equity Committee
- ♦ International Heritage/Languages Program

Student Success

Transitions

- ♦ HEADS
- ♦ Welcome to Grade 1
- ♦ Welcome to Kindergarten

Remedial Activities

- ♦ Reading Recovery

Specializations and Other Programs

Other Programs (Not deemed specialized)

- ♦ ESD
- ♦ ESL
- ♦ Early Years Literacy Project (EYLP)
- ♦ Inner City
- ♦ OFIP

Special Education Programs

- ♦ Junior Behaviour Program

Information about the success of our programs comes from a wide variety of student assessments. These assessments are based on clear expectations for all learners, consistent with those described in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

The primary purpose of student assessment is to improve learning. Assessment has the greatest potential to improve learning when it is an integral part of classroom activities. Teachers assess student progress towards achieving the expectations on an ongoing basis by using strategies such as projects, class presentations, homework assignments, classroom observations, portfolios of student work, and tests.

Schools use assessment information and information from other sources to make informed decisions for school improvement planning. Schools identify areas of strength as well as areas that require improvement. Input is obtained from a variety of sources such as student assessments, teacher feedback, parent feedback, and community surveys. In this way, schools monitor, celebrate and improve their efforts in providing a supportive and challenging learning environment for all their students.

WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR

Corvette Junior Public School's staff and School Council are committed to the improvement of student achievement. Student assessments allow us to identify the strengths and areas for improvement of our programs, as well as to enhance student learning.

Assessment information is used to develop improvement goals, strategies and resources related to Corvette's School Improvement Plan.

Corvette's School Improvement Planning team have developed the following plans for this year based on the feedback received from a wide variety of recent student assessment processes.

Each year, the staff at Corvette Jr. P.S. is committed to continue the initiatives from previous years. The new staff are given the professional development opportunities needed to understand and implement programs.

Literacy

School based / Boardwide / Provincial-wide Staff Development

- ✦ Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership
- ✦ Literacy Resource Room
- ✦ Six Plus One Traits of Writing Program
- ✦ Early Years Literacy Project - Balanced Literacy
- ✦ Professional Book Club
- ✦ DRA (Grades K- 3) / C.A.S.I. (Grades 4-6)
- ✦ School Tracking / Support Team: to assist teachers in program modifications
- ✦ Dibels Literacy Assessment
- ✦ Literacy Night for Parents
- ✦ Literacy Committee

Numeracy

School based / Provincial-wide Staff Development

- ✦ Balanced Numeracy Program
- ✦ Numeracy Across the Curriculum

- ✦ Class Foci: Activity Centres, Daily / Weekly Problem Solving
- ✦ Math Night for Parents
- ✦ Numeracy Committee

Science and Technology

School based / Provincial-wide Staff Development

- ✦ Science and Technology Resource Room
- ✦ Greening Committee
- ✦ Scientists in the School

Personal and Social Responsibility Safe Schools and Guidance School Plan Parents and Community School Plan

- ✦ On-site Community Resource Personnel
- ✦ Nutrition Program Staff and Community Member Volunteer Program
- ✦ Boardwide lockdown procedures to help ensure safety
- ✦ "The Corvette Way"
- ✦ Playground expectations for student safety
- ✦ Parent Safety Program
- ✦ Safe Schools Committee

Music

School based / Board-wide Staff Development

- ✦ Music Program
- ✦ Steel Pan Band
- ✦ Choir

Character Development

School based

- ✦ Character at Corvette Program
- ✦ Passport 2 Character
- ✦ Recognition of students at monthly Captain Awards assemblies
- ✦ Character Development Committee

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Parent And Community Involvement

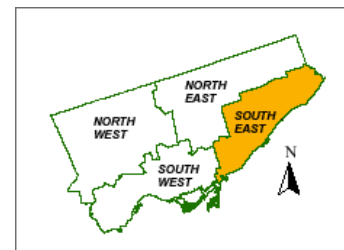
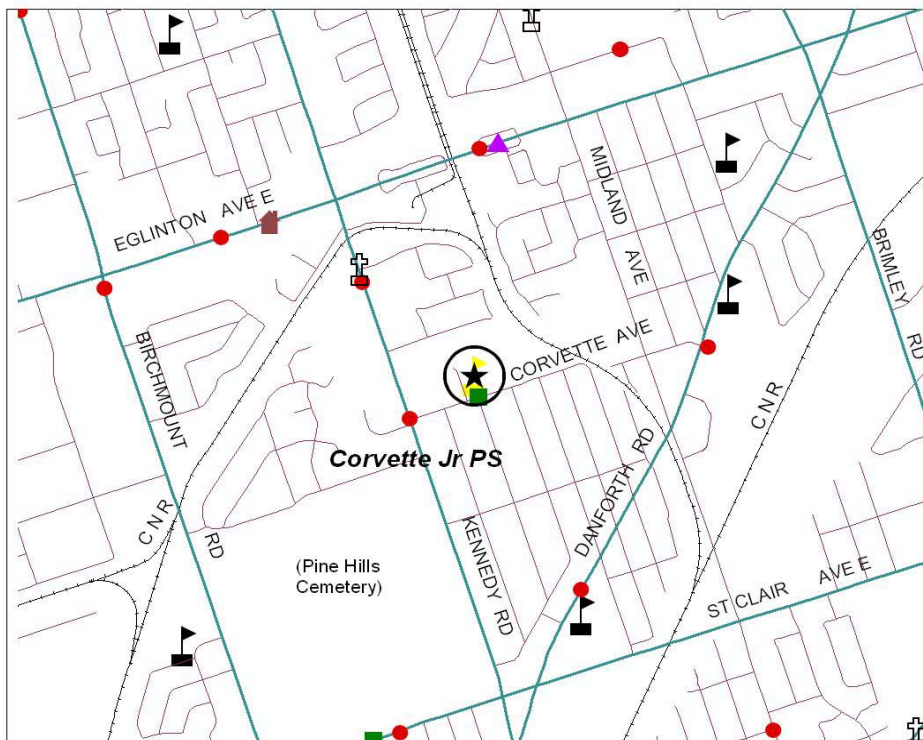
Parent Involvement:

- ✦ Corvette's School Council
- ✦ Parent volunteers in classrooms, library, excursions, special events and the Nutrition Program
- ✦ Family Resource Centre: pre-natal and parenting programs
- ✦ Fundraising initiatives to support school programs
- ✦ Corvette Early Years: Learning Together Pre-School Program: Drop-in program involving parents
- ✦ Corvette Summer Program: Drop-in program involving parents

Community Links:

- ✦ Not Your Average Daycare (N.Y.A.D.), Kiddie Kare, Birds and Bees Child Care
- ✦ Community College Program - Seneca College - HEADS
- ✦ Faculty of Education - Teacher candidates: Queen's University
- ✦ Toronto Police Services
- ✦ Co-operative Education Programs: Secondary School Placements
- ✦ Summer Program - In partnership with NYAD (Not Your Average Daycare), East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club, Toronto Parks and Recreation, Toronto Public Health, Aisling Discoveries and Toronto Community Living
- ✦ Royal Bank of Canada: Grant for field trips and special programs

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



- ★ OUR SCHOOL
- ▴ TDSB Elementary School
- ▾ TDSB Secondary School
- ⊕ Separate School
- Daycare/Nursery School
- Family Resource/Parenting Centre
- ▲ Community/Recreation Centre
- 🏠 Public Library

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Notes: The map shows the locations of local schools, community and social service facilities. For more information about these locations please contact the school. Sources: TDSB - Academic Accountability, Facility Services; City of Toronto - Children's Services, Toronto Land Information Services.