

Cottingham Junior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 6

Interesting Feature

School Location

Cottingham is located in a quiet neighbourhood between Yonge Street and Avenue Road, mid-way between St. Clair Avenue and Bloor Street. In 1955, the original three-storey school was replaced by the current building.

Cottingham, "the heart of the community".

Cottingham is committed to providing a learning environment that fully prepares children for successful living in a challenging world and that encourages self-directed problem solving and active participation. Teaching and learning focus on the acquisition and application of knowledge, attitudes, and skills. Evaluation consists of varied approaches; student progress is communicated to both parents and students. Expectations for achievement and work habits are high and consider individual differences.

School Population

Cottingham is a small community-oriented school with about 125 students who come from a diverse background.



Strong Parental Involvement

Parents need to feel welcome in the school and they will be regularly informed about their child and about the activities of the school through newsletters, report cards, Curriculum Night, interviews, telephone calls, monthly School Council meetings, and informal visits. We continue to build and nurture a strong partnership between home and school.

School Climate

We create a welcoming, secure environment enabling children to assume responsibility for their own behaviour through mutual trust and respect. It is expected that school rules will be followed and that conflicts and problems will be resolved in a peaceful manner. Clear expectations are enforced consistently and fairly.

Additional Features



Student Life - Where You Belong

Students' school experiences are enhanced by the vast array of activities offered them during the school year. Students have the opportunity to participate in both school and intermural teams, such as basketball and badminton as well as in the various teacher led clubs (i.e. chess, Scrabble, Bucket ball). Music is an integral part of the students' learning experience and programs such as, Choir, Strings, Band and ORFF are introduced to the children in order to enrich their learning.

A variety of, Outdoor Education Centres stays, and excursions to Ottawa are only a few of the examples of the many ways in which the staff create authentic learning and hands-on experiences for students.

In addition to all of the above many visiting artists, drama productions, are brought into the school so that students have an opportunity to develop their skills and appreciate various art forms. Students in programs such as mask making, dance, drama, and print making only to mention a few of the activities available.



What Sets Us Apart

Cottingham is a very unique school with dedicated staff and wonderful parent involvement. Staff continually engages in professional development in order to consolidate skills and learn new teaching strategies. Enrichment activities are provided in areas of dance, storytelling, poetry, and music. Curriculum is enhanced by programs such as Scientist in the School as well as a variety of guest speakers.

EQAO assessment results at both grade 3 and 6 are good. Strategies for growth and to improve student achievement are discussed and implemented on an on going basis.





Parent and Community Engagement

- Window Design for a local florist for Remembrance Day - Boys' and Girls' Club - Liaison with Public Health Nurse in conjunction with Toronto Schools on the Move - Visits and workshops from the Community Police Office - - - - - We have a School Council with many active parent members. - We welcome and appreciate our regular parent volunteers who assist all aspects of school life, including field trips, assisting in the classroom, school-wide activities, Family Dance, Fun Fair, Literacy Night, driving our sports teams to away games, art, holiday baskets, bake sale, and pizza lunches. - We welcome all parent involvement as it helps to make Cottingham the "heart of the community". - - - - -



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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