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PARENT BULLETIN #04

The News

SATHYA SAI SCHOOL OF TORONTO-CANADA



Embracing Diversity: Islamic Heritage Month in Canada



October in Canada heralds the celebration of Islamic Heritage Month, a time dedicated to honoring the contributions and cultural richness of the Muslim community. This observance fosters unity, understanding, and respect for the diverse tapestry of traditions within the Islamic faith.

Canada's multicultural landscape is greatly enriched by its vibrant Muslim population. With roots stretching across the globe, Canadian Muslims contribute to the country's social, economic, and cultural fabric. Islamic Heritage Month provides an invaluable opportunity to recognize and appreciate these contributions.

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Meet Our New Grade Six Teacher: Jessica Zappulla



I have been working within the public board for about a year before teaching Grade 6 at Sathya Sai School of Toronto.

I speak both French and English along with some Sicilian. I enjoy being as creative as possible in my day-to-day life and read nearly every chance I get.

I went to school at George Brown College to study Baking and Pastry Arts. I was working in the industry for a few months before I decided to pursue my passion, which is teaching.

I received my Bachelor of Education at Lakehead University, and have an Additional Qualification in Special Education Part 1.

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Embracing Diversity: Islamic Heritage Month in Canada

Throughout history, Canadian Muslims have played vital roles in shaping the nation. From groundbreaking research in fields like medicine and technology to thriving contributions in arts, sports, and public service, their impact is felt across all aspects of Canadian society.

This month-long celebration encourages Canadians of all backgrounds to engage in dialogue, learn about the diverse traditions within Islam, and foster a sense of unity and mutual respect. It is a time to debunk stereotypes, foster understanding, and promote inclusivity.

Islamic Heritage Month also serves as a platform for meaningful conversations about contemporary issues facing Muslim communities in Canada. By engaging in open, respectful discussions, we can work towards creating an environment where everyone feels valued and included.

As we commemorate Islamic Heritage Month, let us celebrate the rich mosaic of cultures and achievements that Canadian Muslims bring to our society. Through education, dialogue, and appreciation, we can continue building a more inclusive and harmonious Canada for all.

For more information visit: <https://www.islamichistorymonth.ca/>



Picture Day

Tuesday, October 10

Students should be dressed in their summer uniforms.

- long sleeve white shirt
- navy vest and tie
- grey pants (boys or girls) or jumper/skirts for girls
- black shoes





DR. REVATHI
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

October 6, 2023

Dear Parents and Well-wishers of Sathya Sai School,

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring punctual attendance for your child(ren) at school. In the event of an absence, we urge you to promptly inform both their respective class teacher(s) and the school administration, specifying the reason for their non-attendance. Additionally, we emphasize adherence to safety protocols delineated by our dedicated Parent Patrol Team, with particular attention to the welfare of all users within the parking facilities. We further implore mindfulness in communication should any unforeseen circumstances arise.

We are pleased to inform you that we have obtained the institution code from the Toronto Police Services for the initiation of Vulnerable Sector Screening Certificates. We kindly encourage the expeditious acquisition of said certificates. We also extend a gentle reminder to all members of the Parent Council to ensure the readiness of their respective VSS certificates.

Please take note of the following upcoming events:

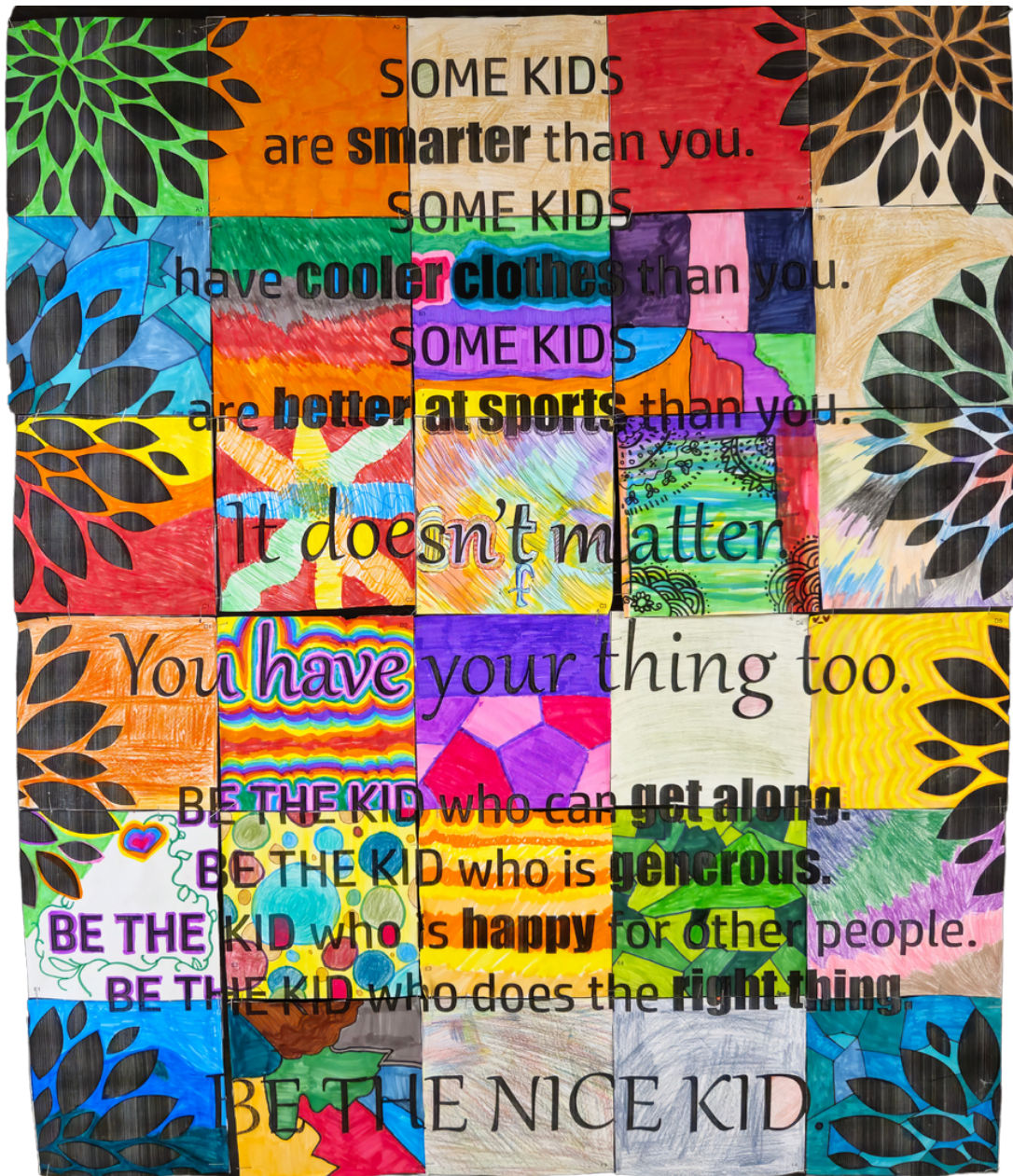
- **October 2, 2023 - October 31, 2023:** Food Drive Launched
- **October 9, 2023:** Thanksgiving Holiday
- **October 10, 2023:** Picture Day
- **October 13, 2023:** Professional Development Day (Half-Day + Progress report card creation)
- **Open House Week:** October 16-20, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- **October 26, 2023:** Distribution of report cards
- **October 27, 2023:** Parent-Teacher Interviews
- **October 28, 2023:** Family Nights - JK-Grade 8
- **October 30 – November 3, 2023:** Grade 8's Bake Sale

We would like to thank Mrs. Kartini Minstry, R.N. for her workshop for JK, SK, Grade 1 on the Importance of Handwashing.

In conclusion, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a safe and joyous celebration with your family and friends on this Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely,
Revathi Chennabathni

grade 8 mural art



The Grade 8's made a mural on their board that spreads a message about kindness and diversity. However, making a puzzle-like mural required more than just kindness. It needed unity and teamwork. Each student received a small piece of a puzzle and they colored it to their liking, which showed diversity in their thoughts. All the pieces looked very different from each other and held unique meanings. When all the students finished their part, the pieces were put together one by one onto the board which was a challenge because they had to find which one came next to each. When the puzzle was finished, the message that came up was, "Some kids are smarter than you. Some kids have cooler clothes than you. Some kids are better at sports than you. It doesn't matter. You have your thing too. Be the kid who can get along. Be the kid who is generous. Be the kid who is happy for other people. Be the kid who does the right thing. Be the nice kid." The students were proud of what they achieved together and realized that even though the message was about kindness, none of it would have been possible without their teamwork.

Food Drive

Beyond the school walls, the impact of a food drive resonates deeply. The collected items will be distributed to the food bank, ensuring that families facing hardship can enjoy nutritious meals during these challenging times.

This food drive serves as a testament to the power of collective action, demonstrating that when individuals unite with a shared purpose, they have the capacity to effect meaningful change. As the pile of donations continues to grow, so does the sense of pride and fulfillment among the students, knowing that they are making a tangible difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Items most in need:

- Canned Soup
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Stew (vegetarian only)
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food (preferably in pouches)
- Rice and Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Powdered Milk
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Beans
- Pasta Sauce



On behalf of
the Teachers & Staff
of Sathya Sai School
we wish you all
a very
Happy Thanksgiving!