Cummer Valley Middle School

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GRADE RANGE: 6 to 8

Interesting Feature

A Diverse Student Population

* About 20 languages and 30 countries are represented.
* Many in our student population have origins in the Pacific Rim.
* The most prevalent languages, other than English, are Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Farsi.
* This diversity helps our students to learn to interact positively and collaboratively with each other, preparing them for an increasingly pluralistic society.

Cummer Valley Middle School opened in 1985 and was named in honour of Jacob Cummer and his family, who were among the first settlers in this area. The school was built in 1960 and was called Northmount Junior High School until 1985.

The school currently has about 600 students in Grades 6, 7, and 8. The school services three elementary schools and provides a transition program that supports the unique needs of students during their early adolescent years.

Special Programs

Cummer Valley houses Special Education classes at each grade level, including the Gifted program. We also offer a core English as a Second Language program at each grade level. We offer a robust Band and Strings program. In Grade 6, students select either a band or string course of study for their middle school years. We operate an enriched Design and Technology program whereby students are engaged in technology-based projects.

More Information about Cummer Valley Middle School

Achieving Success

In order to achieve academic success, students at Cummer Valley are expected to:

- attend and be punctual
- be prepared for and participate in the learning process
- respect the rights of others

Our Learning Environment

We are committed to providing a caring and safe learning space to ensure a positive and supportive environment for all our students. The healthy relationships among students, staff and parents are integral and essential parts of the Cummer Valley community. Our three settlement workers do their best to support newcomers to Canada on an ongoing basis.

Character Education and 21st Century Competencies

Throughout the year our students learn how character traits and 21st century competencies help them become successful and contributing members of a global society. Students are recognized for demonstrating these attributes on a monthly basis. We also honour the Future Aces values, which emphasize academic achievement, cooperation, excellence and service to others.

Our School Also Offers...

Music:

- band, strings, music concerts/shows, music festivals

Leadership Opportunities:

- Student council
- Conferences: TDSB Student SuperCouncil, We Day
- WE Charity (formerly Free the Children)

Additional Features

- Welcome Information for Newcomers
- Dental screening
- Kids, cops and computers
- Immunization clinic

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=3210&schoolId=210

Student Life - Where You Belong

- Be the Change club
- Art club
- Lego Robotics
- Tech crew
- Chess
- Peer helpers
- Girls' club
- School show
- Yearbook
- Knitting club
- **Music:** Junior and Senior Strings, Junior and Senior Band, Jazz Band
- **Sports:** basketball, volleyball, badminton, cross-country, track and field, soccer
- **Competitions:** First Lego League, Science Olympiad, Mathematics: CNML, Pythagoras (Gr. 6), Euler (Gr. 7), Lagrange (Gr. 8), Gauss (Gr. 7 & 8)

What Sets Us Apart

EcoSchools Gold Status

EcoSchools is a TDSB initiative to reduce energy and waste production at TDSB schools. The Eco-Team at Cummer Valley comprises four sub-committees, and students and parents are encouraged to support or participate in any or all:

- Eco life
- Eco literacy
- Eco energy
- Eco waste

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Information Communications Technologies:

We embrace the use of Information Communications Technologies (ICT) to enhance learning and extend the classroom beyond the limitations of our walls. We use Academic Workspace and Google Apps for Education to allow students to communicate within the safety of the TDSB's network. We offer full, school-wide access to wifi, with newly upgraded bandwidth. Students are learning how to safely use computer tools and the Internet to build their digital citizenship.

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Healthy School Programs:

- Nutrition break
- Breakfast Club, offering healthy breakfasts

Parent and Community Engagement

The **School Council** at Cummer Valley is an active one. The members are very involved in advocating for our students, communicating with the larger parent community, organizing general meetings and special events, and providing input to the school and the TDSB. The School Council hosts general meetings, which focus on topics of current interest to parents such as parenting adolescents, media influence on our students, and internet safety.

As the first school to incorporate the **Future Aces Creed** back in 1977, we have a special relationship with the Carnegie family and the Future Aces Foundation.

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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