



Kidz Chronicle

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

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Election Results

Has there been anything like this before? 17 May 2024 marks a significant milestone in the history of CityKidz Pre and Primary School. Today, learners from Grade RR to Grade 7 voted in the school's first ever subject election. This morning, colourful subject stands were decorated with balloons, bunting and election posters. Vuvuzelas and drums accompanied the amapiano beats in a last attempt to sway the voters' minds. Election spirits and flags were raised high. Slogans and songs like, 'Who is the winning team?' were given full-throated support by excited learners.

Then it was time to vote. Learners lined up at the hall where names were checked by CKIEC officials, distinguished by their white T-shirts. Notable visitors such as Michael Lewis and Pulane Faku from the Department of Education, attended the event helping to ensure the integrity of CityKidz voting day. Voters climbed the stairs and cast their ballots, in secret, in special voting booths. Thumbs were marked by Official Malume Andy, to indicate a voter had voted and a sticker for every voter was handed out by the Election Officials.

Back in class, all the learners could talk about was which team would win. Would it be English Blue? No, definitely Maths Red. Just a minute, don't forget about Afrikaans Yellow and then of course, the Scientific Green Team. Finally, the moment arrived. The votes were counted, including some votes from sick learners who could not be at school but who did not want to miss out.

With bated breath, we all listened as Mrs Reynolds read out the results:

Green – Sciences/LO

Red - Maths

Blue - English

Yellow - Afrikaans

Congratulations to the Social Science/LS and LO-Green Team. A well-deserved win. However, the CityKidz election is a victory for all. This remarkable event is a testament to the hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment of the principal, educators, administrative and maintenance staff who have worked tirelessly to bring about a unique school election that plants the seeds of civic rights and responsibilities in our learners.

A lot of fun was had throughout the campaign. More importantly, our learners were educated about congratulating the winner, commiserating with the losers, and accepting the election result. Already, every CityKidz learner has a head-start in life, having had this amazing voting experience. *Written by Tanya Chan-Sam*



Elections : Your vote counts



Elections : Have your say...





CityKidz Election Report

Session	Possible number of Votes	Possible other Votes	Total Possible votes	Afrikaans	English	Maths / NS-Tech	SS-Hist, Geo / LS /LO	Spoilt Ballot	Actual Votes	NON ATTEND-ANCE
1 (08:00 - 09:30)RR-1	245	14	259	42	63	60	72		237	22
2 (09:30 - 10:45) 2-3	222	14	236	21	56	94	64		235	1
3 (10:45 - 12:00)4-5	218	15	233	21	23	21	158		223	10
4 (12:00 - 13:45)6-7	193	15	208	13	26	42	124		205	3
Total:	878	59	937	97	168	217	418	0	900	37
Percentage:				10,35%	17,93%	23,16%	44,61%	0,00%	96,05%	4,11%

Election reflection: Written by Ayanna Johnson 3A

Before the election day all the teachers were creating slogans and manifestos and all kinds of things to make us vote for them. I saw many posters and placards around the school. I loved the one that said I am a smart cookie! We were all happy and excited but I was nervous. All the teachers were trying their best to make us vote for them. There was one subject that I loved the most. This subject sold sweets and pencils and all kinds of fun things. All the kids went home thinking of the voting day. Lovely!



On the subject elections day, everyone was excited but nervous. The teachers were setting up the decorations and making sure the ballot boxes and papers were in the correct place. Then it was our turn to go. They took us to the voting booth. I had butterflies in my stomach. I got my voters sticker. To my dismay my favourite subject Afrikaans did not win. The Globe trotters won.

The life lessons I got from our voting day is that voting is important because you get to pick your leaders.

Grade 7—What Do All These Changes Mean?

In a recent enlightening discussion, Beauty Ngobeni, a dedicated representative from the *Senzakwenzeka Child and Youth Care Organization*, delved into crucial topics surrounding sexuality. With a focus on empowering youth, Ngobeni provided invaluable insights into navigating puberty, understanding consent, and recognizing the perils of inappropriate online media. Her talk not only shed light on often overlooked aspects of sexual education but also fostered a safe space for open dialogue and growth, ensuring a more informed and empowered generation.

Feedback from two Grade 7 learners who attended the talk:

“The Sexuality talk was fun. I felt comfortable enough to ask questions without feeling judged. The topics were interesting, and I love how the guest speaker encouraged us to look after and protect ourselves from harmful situations.” – Ntando Shange.

“The experience was amazing, and I found the talk to be very informative and educational because I gained a lot of knowledge. Miss Beauty Ngobeni was an amazing guest speaker and I’d like to highlight how well she interacted and engaged with the audience. All I can say is thank you to the school for granting us this amazing opportunity and experience.” – Chisom Amakor (Head Boy 2024)

Written by: Miss Nokwanda Ndlovu



Horizon Soccer Tournament and Netball & Soccer vs Nationwide

Horizon High School recently hosted a thrilling soccer tournament, featuring fierce competition among 12 schools. Making an impressive debut, our CityKidz team clinched third place in their first-ever participation. Their remarkable performance not only showcased their skill and determination, but also set a promising precedent for future tournaments. The day was a resounding success, filled with high-energy matches and a spirit of sportsmanship, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating next year's competition. The **teams' hard work and efforts were evident in the manner** in which they played their games, it was not an easy tournament but against all odds, our CityKidz team was shining like bright, bright stars!

Scores:

Draws: 2

Wins: 1

Loss:0

Scores against Nationwide School for Academic Excellence:

Soccer:

U11: 4-2 to Nationwide

U13: 1-0 to CityKids

Netball:

U11: 0-0

U13: 6-2 to Nationwide

Well done boys and girls, you have made us so proud!



Astroquiz....Provincial Level.... Here we come....

Astroquiz teams at CityKidz waited with bated breath for the Round 2 District results.

All teams who scored 18 out of 30, i.e. 60%, qualified for Round 3, the provincial round.

Team Didintle scored 21 out of 30. Team Chisom scored 18 out of 30.

CityKidz junior astronauts are through to the next round. This is a first for us. These two teams are going where no other CityKidz space travellers have gone before.

TEAM DIDINTLE

Didintle Mataboge

Hope Gumede

Nonhle Sibanda

Lesedi Tshwale

TEAM CHISOM

Chisom Amakor

Yoliswa Madyibi

Uyandiswa Zwane

Favour Uguchukwu

From Round 1 to Round 4, which is the national level, are completed on the Zastronomy App. Round 3 takes place on Thursday 11 July. These astrokids will be studying hard over the holidays to make sure they stay in orbit. We wish them good luck.



Miss Boksburg Finalist

By Minenhle Tshabangu

I joined the Miss Boksburg pageant because I have always found it interesting, and I wanted to find out more about how pageants work. When I won, I was very emotional because I **didn't think that they would call my name. Being announced as a finalist made me realize that** hard work really does pay off in the end and to never give up on yourself. Joining this pageant made my self-confidence grow and I now believe that I can reach my goals no matter how big they are.

At the beginning of the pageant all the contestants were asked to introduce themselves and **they also asked us for our mottos and advocacy. My motto is "my looks don't matter because I have dreams to chase, not people to impress."** I chose **Mental Health as my advocacy because I wanted to find out more about how to take care of yourself mentally. I also think it's** important for people to understand that mentally, some people may not be okay, and it is important to know how to help. Mental health among the youth is very important to me because of issues like body shaming and bullying.

The vision for Miss Boksburg is driven by team building potential and capacity of empowered young girls from Ekurhuleni (East Rand).

We bring young girls together through talent and positive benefits. We motivate and educate Young Girls on how to attain their goals and to ensure that their goals are achieved.





Creative memories



Sick Children need to recuperate at home.

We are writing to remind everyone of the importance of keeping sick children at home to ensure a healthy learning environment for all children and staff. The 2024 influenza season is upon us, and we are experiencing an increase in the number of flu cases.

When a child attends school while sick, they are more likely to spread their illness to classmates, teachers, and other staff members. This can lead to increased absences, disruptions to learning, and even outbreaks of illness. If your child is ill, it is often most appropriate to keep him/her home from school.

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. Please plan for childcare ahead of time so you will have a place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

Our school protocol states that you should not send your child to school if he/she had:

- Fever in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhoea in the past 24 hours
- Chills
- **Sore throat • Rash • Strep Throat** - must take an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Bad cold (upper respiratory infection) - Respiratory Symptoms: Symptoms such as coughing, congestion, especially if accompanied by a fever with a very runny nose or bad cough especially if it has kept the child awake at night.
- Head lice - must be treated according to the nurse or doctor's instruction and are completely nit (egg) free, before returning to school.
- Contagious illnesses: If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness, such as the flu, chickenpox, or pink eye, they should stay home until they are no longer contagious (consult your doctor for specific guidance).
- Eye infection - must take an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

We understand that keeping a sick child home can be inconvenient, but it is the best way to prevent the spread of illness and ensure a healthy school environment for everyone





Spelling Bee Contestants

CityKidz Spelling Bee teams 2024 are hard at work training to commit to memory tricky words with silent letters, double letters that can trip you up, words like bureaucracy, counterfeit, endeavour. Two hundred other words have to be inside **the competitors' heads by D-day, 13th June 2024.**

Spellers are setting time aside each day to practice. The teams have been conducting mock spelling bees to simulate the competition environment. **They've employed various tactics and methods to help them remember words.**

Here are some spelling bee tips:

Mnemonic Devices

- Acronyms and Rhymes: Create acronyms or rhymes to remember tricky spellings.
- Chunking: Break down long words into smaller, manageable chunks.

Learn Word Origins

Understanding the origin of words (etymology) can provide clues to their spelling. For example, words of Greek origin often have the "ph" sound, while Latin-based words might have "qu."

Example: photographic – Greek origin
quintessential – Latin origin



Utilise Technology

Spelling Apps: Use spelling bee preparation apps that offer practice tests and word lists.

Online Resources: Websites like spelling-bee.com and Vocabulary.com provide valuable tools for spelling practice.





Saddle up!

R10.00

**SADDLE UP
&
RIDE ON OVER TO
CityKidz's
Civvies Day**

Friday 07th June

Line Dancing
Mechanical Bull Rides R5.00
Corn Dogs R15.00
Doughnuts R15.00
Cowboy Combo Cakesicle + Popsicle R25.00

Dress: Country & Western

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Hee Haw...Guess what's coming up!??



PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL
CityKidz
Strive to Achieve

COUNTRY CIVVIES DAY

HEE HAW
You're invited

R10
REGISTRATION

Friday June **07**

- LEARN THE MOVES
- DRESS UP COWBOY STYLE
- COMPETE FOR PRIZES

Each Grade will get a turn to line dance



MOVE UP
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Term 2 Exam Timetable– NOTE DISMISSAL TIMES

27/05/ 2024 Monday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Field Grade 6 and 7 Break: 10h00 - 10h25: Funky Factory Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 12h30 - 12h40 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 12h30 - 12h40: Field Third Session: Teaching continues. Periods 9/10/11 Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: Afrikaans Gr 4, 5, 6 & 7 Session 2: EMS Gr 7 Normal dismissal times-14h00
28/05/ 2024 Tuesday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h00 - 10h25: Field Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 12h30 - 12h40 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 12h30 - 12h40: Field Third Session: Teaching continues. Periods 6/7/8 Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: Maths Gr 4,5, 6 & 7 Session 2: NS/Tech- Grade 4/5/6 Session 2: NS- Gr 7 Normal dismissal times-14h00
29/05/2024	GENERAL ELECTION	
30/05/ 2024 Thursday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Field Grade 6 and 7 Break: 10h00 - 10h25: Funky Factory Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 12h30 - 12h40 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 12h30 - 12h40: Field Third Session: Teaching continues. Periods 3/4/5 Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: SS- Geog Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 Session 2: Gr 7 Technology Normal dismissal times-14h00
31/05/ 2024 Friday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h00 - 10h25: Field Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Third Session: Teaching continues. Period 2 Grade 4-7 Dismissal Times: 13h00	Session 1: Creative Arts Gr 7• Session 2: Life Skills/PSW Gr 4/ 5 & 6 Session 2: Life Orientation Gr 7 Normal dismissal times-13h00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27/05	28/05	29/05	30/05	31/05
CASS FP Exams as per TT above	CASS FP Exams as per TT above	SA NATIONAL ELECTIONS NO SCHOOL	CASS FP Exams as per TT above	CASS FP Exams as per TT above
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
03/06	04/06	05/06	06/06	07/06
CASS FP and IP Extra Mural RR,R &1	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 2& 3	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 4 & 5	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 6&7	CASS FP and IP CIVVIES DAY

What's
Happening

over the
next two
weeks?

Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Grade Challenge 2024

Great news ... it's a whole-school competition again!!! The *Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Planter Grade Challenge* is aimed at taking something ordinary –tyres and bottle caps and re-purposing them to create colourful, functional wall hangings (bottle caps) and outdoor designer planters made from tyres. This time the competition will involve an entire grade. (Non-Homeroom teachers, Admin and Maintenance will be allocated to assist a grade.)

At CityKidz we want to encourage and showcase how recycling can transform our environment. All you need to do is create, within your grade, one awesome planter structure made from tyres and one wall mural made from bottle caps. Choose a theme relevant to our community or elaborate on our theme "Be kind". (The measurements for the wall mural/ hanging MUST be, nothing more and nothing less, than the stipulated requirement: 2m x 2m.)

Each grade will submit a group entry (two items). Therefore, the project will focus on teamwork, foster collaboration, and cohesion. Over the next couple of months, you need to encourage children to collect bottle caps! Encourage responsible sourcing, set up bottle cap collection points and organise washing of bottle caps. Start sourcing board, tyres, glue, paint, varnish, soil, plants, and other essentials, if needed.

Choose the desired location and space needed for your grade. Ensure the wall space has a suitable surface for a mural and properly primed for adhesion of the board. How you, as a grade, go about this is entirely up to your grade, but it is important to get your parents involved.

Remember, the tyre and wall mural will be showcased as one grade entry with two items per grade. It might seem easier this way, but the competition is going to be on another level. This year 2024 is an election year and casting a vote is very important, therefore we will also consider a public voting component, learner votes as well as inviting external judges for the competition to ensure impartiality and fairness. This adds to the excitement and allows for our CityKidz community to be involved and for children to cast valuable votes.

The criteria on how *The Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Planter Grade Challenge* will be judged are indicated below. I have also included some photographs to inspire you in creating wonderful pieces. This challenge is a fantastic way to combine creativity, sustainability, and practicality.

There will be prize money for the winning teachers and a prize for the winning grade!! I'm sure you will all be brainstorming with great ideas and adding your own creative twist on how your grade can create a lasting *Bottle Top*

Wall Mural and Tyre Planter.

Remember, the possibilities are endless when it comes to submitting a fantastic entry. With a little imagination and effort, you can transform our areas that add character and sustainability to our school. So, get creative, and give dull areas a new lease on life!



SPELLING BEE



enthusiasm
exaggerate
entitlement
examination
entrance
exceptional
entrepreneur

exclusion
envelope
excursion
envious
execution
environment
exemplary

Quote for the Week

*Just believe in yourself.
Even if you don't, pretend
that you do and, at some
point, you will.*

VENUS WILLIAMS



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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL



General Knowledge Question for the week.

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

What is the chemical symbol for Gold?

What is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet? **Delta**

BEHAVIOUR BANK AWARDS

Most Merits for Week Ending 24/05/2024 Term 2

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Zoe	Ncube	Grade RRB	Langelihle	Hlongwane
Grade RRC	Mphoenhle	Ramonetha	Grade Ra	Enzokuhle	Shange
Grade Rb	Azile	Maphiri	Grade Rc	Amahle	Jiyane
Grade 1A	Chantal	Bvute	Grade 1B	Nhlamulo	Shirindzi
Grade 1C	Bongeka	Nhlinziyo	Grade 1D	Sandile	Moyo
Grade 2A	Burinyuy	Kouta	Grade 2B	Thandolwenkosi	Nkomo
Grade 2C	Kairo	Korovedzai	Grade 2D	Bahle	Mpofu
Grade 3A	Oluhle	Shongwe	Grade 3B	Onyinyechukwu	Gwabeni
Grade 3C	Lesedi	Raditau	Grade 3D	Siyabonga	Makhanya
Grade 4A	Lulama	Baloyi	Grade 4B	Nkosinathi	Zwane
Grade 4C	Precious	Moyo	Grade 4D	Musawenkosi	Nkabinde
Grade 5A	Morena	Senoe	Grade 5B	Kokamo	Setogang
Grade 5C	Mbalenhle	Ndlovu	Grade 5D	Asante	Vunguvungu
Grade 6A	Curtis	Asante	Grade 6B	Noluthando	Zondo
Grade 6C	Munachimso	Obisi	Grade 6D	Lukhanyile	Gumbi
Grade 7A	Lwandle	Mazibuko	Grade 7B	Nkanyiso	Thebekwane
Grade 7C	Oratile	Mokapela			