

CN Tower Climb for Nature

World Wildlife Fund

APRIL 4 & 5

Climb as an individual or a team of colleagues, students or friends and family.

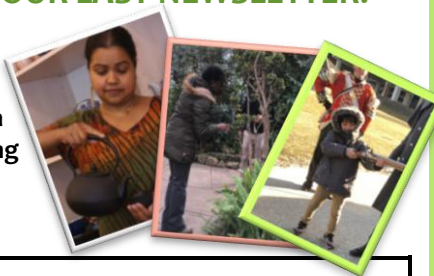
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WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

English Matters...

- ✓ Guided students to Fort York
- ✓ Took students to The House of Tea
- ✓ Escorted students to an early spring at Confederation Greenhouse
- ✓ Conducted a group to ice fishing



Dates to Note:

Sunday March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins	Clocks move ahead 1 hour
Monday March 16 to Friday March 20	March Break	No School!!
Tuesday March 17	St. Patrick's Day	Wear green; Drink green beer!!
Friday April 10	Good Friday	Easter Weekend
Sunday April 12	Easter Sunday	Long weekend!
Monday April 13	Easter Monday	No School!!



Canoe, Kayak or Stand-Up Paddleboard Lessons

The Complete Paddler offers instruction in Kayaking, Canoeing and Stand Up Paddling year round in a heated pool.

Or, if you're more adventurous, lessons are also available on Lake Ontario, (starting in June). Click their logo to learn more.



What is a Bucket List?

Make yours long and daring!!

A bucket list is a list of things you want to do, or see before you "kick the bucket"! Do some of your bucket list items in Canada. For example:

- Ski in the Rocky Mountains
- Eat poutine and maple syrup taffy
- Hang off the side of the CN tower...ahhh!



To "kick the bucket" is light-hearted slang, meaning to die. Use it informally.

For example:

- My aunt's cat kicked the bucket last week.
- I don't want to kick the bucket until I go on a polar bear safari and finish my bucket list!



DID YOU KNOW...?

Beginner

You can go to the **Bay of Fundy** this summer. It's between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. It is one of the 7 wonders of North America.



This is a sea stack.

Intermediate

The tides of The Bay of Fundy are 15m high. It takes 6 hours for the tides to change from low tide to high tide. The Bay of Fundy is not just famous for its tides. You can also experience a slew of geological discoveries and fossils, (dinosaur and animal) and marine life (whales, dolphins, seals, mud shrimp and more).

CLICK TO LEARN MORE & PLAN A VISIT!!

Advanced

Twice each day. 160 billion tonnes of seawater. ebb and flow in and out of the Bay of Fundy. This is more water than the flow of all of the world's freshwater rivers! The bay, the famous red mudflats and the cliffs were formed by continental drift millions of years ago. You can experience 2 inexplicably high and



low tides every 24 hours. Enjoy the tree-topped sea stacks, savour the breathtaking view, explore the sea caves and walk on the ocean floor!

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Things To Do

At the Toronto Zoo
A 1.5 km enchanted walk that travels into the future and back.
TERRA LUMINA CLICK TO LEARN MORE & PURCHASE TICKETS

Allan Gardens
Find a little spring at the Greenhouses of Allan Gardens.
Click here to find out more about your mini-spring adventure!

Nowruz
March 13 - 15
Click for details on how to Celebrate!

CN Tower Edgewalk
Reduce your Bucket List!
Click for more info

Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival
Sat. March 14 - Sun. April 12
Enjoy demonstrations, wagon rides, activities & pancakes with real maple syrup!!!
Click to learn more & buy tickets
at Kortright Centre for Conservation
Bruce's Mill Conservation Area
Terra Cotta Conservation Area
Island Lake Conservation Area

TORONTO COMICON
March 20 - 22
Metro Toronto Convention Centre.
With over 400 exhibitors, it's a celebration of entertainment and comic book culture!!
Click for more information.

Learn About Nowruz

Written by English Matters Student Farnia Mansourian, age 13

Nowruz is the Persian New Year, also known as the Iranian new year. Many Ethno-linguistic groups celebrate it on the first day of spring, March 20th every year! People do many different things for **Nowruz**, one of the most popular things they do is: setting up **The Haftseen Table** (Haftseen translates to "seven S's"). (See the picture, below)

The Haftseen Table includes Coins (*seke*), Vinegar (*serke*), an Apple (*sib*), Garlic (*sir*), Oleasters (*senjed*), Somac (*somaq*), and last but not least, Sprouting (*sabze*). Some other festive celebrations include: **The Chahar Shanbeh Soori Fire Festival** (this takes place on the last Tuesday night of the year), **Sizdeh Bedar** (*Sizdeh Bedar* takes place on the 13th day of the year), etc. Persians also do an annual spring cleaning to get ready for the new year!

Happy New Year!

WHAT SITES HAVE YOU SEEN?

English Matters would be happy to share photos of your Canadian adventures. If you have a picture from your travels in Canada that you would like to share in the newsletter, please send it to liza@englishmatters.ca.

Perhaps your photograph will be from one of your bucket list trips!

Here's an example of one of Lorrain's trips... **The Great Wall of China.**



BUCKET LIST



HAVE YOU RECEIVED A TICKET FROM THE POLICE?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Please ask an English Matters staff member or a native English speaker to help you understand the ticket.



Although we can't give legal advice, we can give help with English and even help go through the process with you.

A traffic ticket is a Provincial Offense. Somehow, we all get one or two.

The back of the ticket will have instructions on what to do with the ticket.

The options vary slightly, depending on where you receive the ticket. For example, was it in York Region, or in Toronto?

In general, there are 3 options:

Option 1 – Plead Guilty

By choosing this option, you are admitting that you are guilty and you must pay the total payable at the bottom of your ticket. You can pay the fine online, by mail or in person at any Provincial Offences Court location.

Option 2 – Meet with a Court Official.

You can plead guilty, but also request a lower fine, or additional time to pay. It is important to understand that the official may not remove or reduce demerit points and cannot change the charge, but will likely reduce the fine.

Option 3 – Plead Not Guilty, Go To Trial.

If you believe you are not guilty of the charge on your ticket, you must sign the back of your ticket under option 3 and mail or deliver it in person to the address on the ticket. Make sure to keep a copy of your ticket for your records. You will be notified of your upcoming trial date by mail.

Remember to ask for help and support! It's not so bad!

More Things To Do

The cherry trees in the Greater Toronto Area will bloom in late April or early May. Click here to see where the cherry blossoms are in the GTA.

BEAVER TAILS
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Find the BEAVER TAILS shacks by clicking here

Free Art Show
of the
Sheridan College Grads
Sheridan grads are hired by film studios like Disney and Pixar.
You can see the work of the most recent grads for free
April 11 -12 Click for details

Enjoy the snow before it's gone!!!
Not too far from Toronto is
Snow Valley Resort
Just north of Barrie, Ontario you can try skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and snow tubing!!
They also offer rentals and lessons.
Click for their website and learn more!!

BUCKET LIST

Hokusai Manga
Japan Foundation
Click for more

2020 BREAKOUT TORONTO
• Come to see March 20 - 22
• Come to play sign up by clicking
Tabletop Games Convention

CANADIAN HISTORY & CULTURE CORNER

Over the years, there have been many Canadian inventions. Some of these inventions are well-known, such as basketball, hockey and insulin. However, there are some inventions that many Canadians are not even aware of. Here is a list of just a few:

- **Peanut Butter** – was created in 1884 by a Canadian pharmacist Marcellus Gilmore Edson.
- **Road Lines** – The first road lines in the world were painted on a highway between Ontario and Quebec in 1930.
- **Electric Wheelchair** – The first electric wheelchair was developed in 1953 by George Klein, one of Canada's most accomplished inventors.
- **The Paint Roller** – was invented in Toronto by Norman Breakey around 1940. Unfortunately, he passed away before he could patent it, so he never profited from it.
- **Pablum** – or a baby's first cereal, was invented by 3 doctors at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. They invented it in 1930 to help reduce infant malnutrition.