



Dundas Public School
935 Dundas St. E.
Toronto, Ontario

February 2017



FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

February is African Heritage Month. It is a time to learn about and pay tribute to the many ways in which Black Canadians and people of the African Diaspora have helped shape our society, and to recognize the invaluable contributions they have made to our province, country and world. This year’s theme is “Celebrating 150 years of African Heritage.” The month will focus on the contributions peoples of African descent have made to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and the Rites of Passage Process. We will celebrate African Heritage Month with a school-wide assembly on Feb. 21, 2017 where we will have Roland Acheampong, a former member of Canada’s National Track and Field Team as a guest. Finally we will also have our Scholastic book fair take place in the library during the week of Feb. 13 to 17 2017.

During the week of Feb. 6-9, 2017 all students will be able to order candy grams to send a friend on Valentine’s Day– Children will have an opportunity to send a friend a special note with the candy gram. Ms. Nahrabeki’s class is organizing this event to support Sick Kids Hospital. The last day to order candy grams will be Thurs. Feb. 9, 2017 for delivery on Tues. Feb. 14, 2017. Our girls’ volleyball team is getting ready for their tournament on Feb. 22, 2017 at Secord PS. The co-ed basketball team has started their Division two games. They won the first game against Ossington/Old Orchard PS – 12-6. On Feb. 13, 2017 at Queen Alexandra Middle

School at 4:15pm the team will be playing Hawthorne PS. The away games are on Feb. 8 at Ossington/Old Orchard PS and Feb. 10 at Hawthorne PS both starting at 4:15pm.

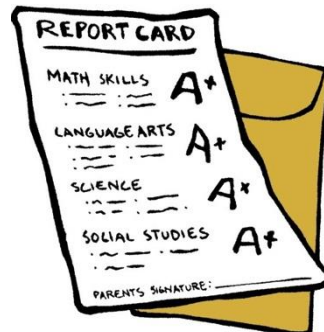
February’s character trait is Fairness. From a very early age we learn that life is not fair. Children have a keen understanding of this concept. When someone breaks a rule, or makes a decision or behaves in a way that puts children at a disadvantage, they instantly say “that isn’t fair!” As parents we need to teach our children that fairness is about actions and consequences that are moral, honourable and equitable. On March 1st, 2017 we will be celebrating the character trait of Fairness. Our spirit theme is Backwards/Inside Out Day!

WEATHER

We’re almost halfway through winter and we’ve been lucky this year because it’s been quite mild. However, like most years we have some indoor recesses when it’s extremely cold outside, but we do prefer to have children spend time outdoors for fresh air and exercise, so weather permitting, we will send students outside for recess. Please check the weather every morning and make sure the children are prepared for whatever the weather may be for the day. We will, of course, keep children inside if the weather is prohibitively cold, but we always strive to provide outdoor activity throughout the year.

Being prepared for the cold means being able to enjoy our Canadian winters. We encourage all students of all ages to wear layers: snow pants, gloves/mittens/, hats, scarves and/or earmuffs. Many students even bring an extra pair of socks to change in to so that they keep their feet dry throughout the day. Let’s stay warm, be prepared to enjoy the outdoors, and embrace the winter!

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, February 15th. Thursday, February 16th in the evening and Friday, February 17th in the morning parent/teacher conferences will take place. Monday, February 20th is **Family Day**, so there will be no school for students on that day.



FEBRUARY IS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MONTH

Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed at the Toronto District School Board. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and your child.

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must be four-years-old by December 31 2017. For registration in Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31.

Please visit the TDSB website or call the school to find out more information about kindergarten registration at 416-393-9565. Please also let friends and neighbours know that we will start registering students in February. We have set aside for registration, Wednesday, February 22nd and Thurs. Feb. 23 2017 by appointment. Translation services in Mandarin and Cantonese will be available from 10:00am to 1:30pm.

For more information, please visit tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.



IMMUNIZATION

Students must be up-to-date with their immunization or have a valid exemption form to attend school in Ontario. The required immunizations protect against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, meningococcal and varicella (for students born on or after January 1, 2010). Important boosters are given to children in kindergarten and again during the high school years.

Please note that your doctor does not send the information to Toronto Public Health.

Every time your child has an immunization, report the information to Toronto Public Health by one of the following ways:

- Online at www.toronto.ca/health and click on "Report your school-aged child's vaccine"
- Fax: 416-338-2487
- Mail a copy to:
Toronto Public Health, Immunization
235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON
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For more information visit our website at Toronto.ca/immunization or call us at 416-392-1250. Interpreters are available Monday to Friday 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Dates to Remember

- Feb.6-9 – Candy Gram orders
- Feb. 13 – 17 – Book Fair in the library
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Report Cards go home
- Feb. 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Feb. 17 Parent/Teacher Interviews – No School
- Feb. 20 Family Day
- Feb. 21 African Heritage Assembly 9:15am
- Feb.22 Girls' Volleyball Tournament
- Feb.28 Family Dance Night – 6:00pm
- Mar. 1 Character Assembly-Fairness
Backwards/Inside out Day 10:20 am