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Welcome back!

It's been a busy start to the school year, but things are settling down. Students are getting to know their new teachers, and classes are settling into a routine. There are a few classes in some schools that are oversubscribed, but these will be addressed soon.

As you no doubt have heard, there has been a huge problem with school bussing. New drivers are filling the routes every day and the situation is much improved. For more details, see the story on page 4.



Hollycrest Middle School is one of 26 Etobicoke Centre schools to receive solar panels.

Education is a partnership between schools, parents and students. Research shows that the more parents are involved in their children's learning, the better the children do. If you're looking for tips to help your child with homework, or online resources that they can use, check out the board's new webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow to learn more.

There has been a change in administration in our area. Superintendent Susan Winter has retired after 36 years of service to Etobicoke public schools (see story on page 3). Susan will be replaced by three new superintendents in an administrative reorganization led by the TDSB's new Director of Education, John Malloy. To learn about our new superintendents, see page 3.

Our schools in Etobicoke Centre will soon sport a new look. Solar panels are being installed on the roofs of almost every school in our area this year. This will provide not only a source of green energy and an opportunity for our children to learn about the environment, but much needed revenue that has already been used to pay for much needed roof repairs.

The Special Education Forum is entering its sixth year of advocating for students with special needs. Guest speakers will be covering topics including changes to the gifted screening process, transitioning to the workforce, and the closure of sheltered workshops (see Meeting Schedule on page 4).

For those of you interested in learning more about financial literacy, you're welcome to attend my first **Ward Council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 - 8:00 pm** at Richview Collegiate. One of my primary goals during this term of office is to find ways to address youth violence in our community. Our second Ward Council meeting on November 8 will include a panel of guest speakers who will help us to better understand the causes of youth violence and ways to address it.

I wish you a wonderful start to an exciting new school year. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at chris.glover@tdsb.on.ca.

A handwritten signature of Chris Glover in black ink.

SOLAR PANEL UPDATE:

Etobicoke Centre schools receive new solar panel roofs over summer break



Rooftops at 26 Etobicoke Centre schools have been fitted with solar panels like these ones at Hollycrest Middle School.

You may have noticed a lot of activity on the rooftops of our schools this summer. The Solar Schools Project that began in the spring of 2014 is an exciting initiative that will see solar panels installed on the roofs of 311 TDSB schools. As one of the greenest boards in Canada, we're proud that this project will generate energy equivalent to the amount used annually by approximately 4250 households in Toronto.

Of the 311 contracts received from the Ontario Power Authority, 26 are for schools in Etobicoke Centre. These solar projects are expected to be completed by the end of this year. Below is the list of schools:

Bloordale Middle School; Broadacres Junior School; Burnhamthorpe Collegiate Institute; Central Etobicoke High School; Dixon Grove Junior Middle School; Eatonville Junior School; Etobicoke Collegiate Institute; Hilltop Middle School; Hollycrest Middle School; John G. Althouse Middle School; Kipling Collegiate Institute; Martingrove Collegiate Institute; Mill Valley Junior School; Millwood Junior School; Parkfield Junior School; Princess Margaret Junior School; Richview Collegiate Institute; Rosethorn Junior School; Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy; Seneca School; Silverthorn Collegiate Institute; St. George's Junior School; Valleyfield Junior School; Wellesworth Junior School; West Glen Junior School; Westway Junior School.

The revenue that the TDSB will receive from its solar partner, Schooltop Solar Limited Partnership, over 20 years for the development of the 63 solar sites is estimated to be approximately \$4.3 million and will continue to support needed roof replacements.

Our teachers will also be able to use the solar installations as a tool to engage students in the classroom by discussing the importance of reducing our energy consumption and the impact of energy use on the environment.

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PROFILE

Susan Winter retires after 36 years in public education

A lifelong resident of Etobicoke Centre, Susan Winter knew a thing or two about the schools in the area. As a student, she attended Briarcrest JS, Westway JS, Dixon Grove JMS and Kipling Collegiate. She later started teaching for the Etobicoke Board of Education at Broadacres JS and Bloordale JS. After

two years, Susan went to Park Lawn as a teacher and remained there for 17 years until becoming a vice principal at James S. Bell JS. After two years as VP, she was promoted to Principal at Briar Hill JPS where she stayed for three years. Her second principal position at Hollycrest MS lasted for four years and she then served as Superintendent for another eight years.

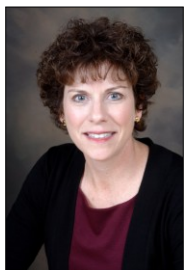
Despite her hectic schedule and the responsibility of managing 29 schools, Susan attended every one of my meetings bringing an unbelievable wealth of knowledge and addressing parents' questions and concerns. She was an incredibly capable administrator who built a strong team of principals in Etobicoke schools.

Susan wanted the community to know that she "enjoyed each role in her career and supporting children and families." Of her plans for the future, Susan says she plans to travel and spend time with her family, particularly her new grandchild who was born in June.

I thank Susan for her tireless dedication to education and wish her all the best.

New superintendent leadership in Etobicoke

The implementation of the new Learning Centres model will mean fewer schools per superintendent allowing them more time to spend with schools and the community. Each of the four Learning Centres will include approximately seven superintendents led by an executive superintendent with additional system-wide responsibilities. Below is the list of Superintendents of Education for Etobicoke Centre and their schools:



Beth Butcher

Executive
Superintendent
of Learning Centre 1



Annie Appleby

Broadacres, Central
Etobicoke, Etobicoke
Collegiate, Hilltop, Humber
Valley Village, John G.
Althouse, Martingrove
Collegiate, Princess
Margaret, Rosethorn,
Seneca School, St. George's



Karen Falconer

Burnhamthorpe
Collegiate



Glenford Duffus

Bloordale, Briarcrest,
Eatonville, Hollycrest,
Mill Valley, Millwood,
Silverthorn, Wellesworth,
West Glen



Angela Nardi-Addesa

Dixon Grove, Kipling Collegiate,
Parkfield, Scarlett Heights,
Valleyfield, Westway

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Driver shortage causes school bus delays



Bus companies will be hiring and training extra drivers to deal with the shortage.

As you may be aware, the Toronto District School Board has experienced significant and unprecedented school bus delays. Two of the companies that were contracted to run routes for both the public and Catholic schools in Toronto do not have enough drivers to fill all of their routes. For now, the TDSB and the Toronto Catholic District School Board are bringing in extra drivers, having buses do extra routes and relying on taxis.

Principals are ensuring that any students currently being transported to school early by their parents or guardians, as well as leaving late, due to bus delays will be supervised by school staff. When the

dust settles, there will be an investigation to find out how this happened and to make sure it does not happen again.

For information on school bus delays, please click on the bar at the top of the Toronto Student Transportation website at www.torontoschoolbus.org or call 416-394-4BUS.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

WARD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:30 -8:00 PM

Richview Collegiate, 1738 Islington Avenue

Focus: Financial Literacy

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:30 -8:00 PM

Scarlett Heights EA, 15 Trehorne Drive

Focus: Youth Violence

SPECIAL EDUCATION FORUMS:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:30 -8:00 PM

Martingrove Collegiate, 50 Winterton Drive

Focus: Changes to the Gifted Screening Process

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 6:30 -8:00 PM

Central Etobicoke High School, 10 Denfield Street

Focus: Closure of Sheltered Workshops

Contacting Chris

I am here to help you with your questions and concerns. You can reach me by phone, e-mail, fax, mail, or through my website.

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