



James S. Bell Junior Middle Sports and Wellness Academy March 27, 2014



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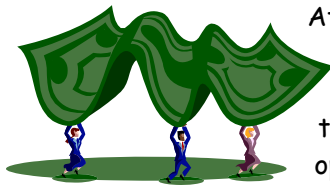
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TDSB 2014-2015 Budget

The TDSB passed its first balanced budget since amalgamation without making any classroom cuts.



At the March 5th Board meeting, Trustees approved the 2014-15 budget on operating expenditures and school-based staff

allocations. Trustees approved recommendations to address the \$12.4 million funding shortfall. The approved plan includes savings realized from operational changes in Facility Services, non-school based staffing reductions through attrition, and increased efficiencies in the Permit and Payroll departments. School-based staff allocation decisions were determined primarily by student enrolment. Trustees approved the addition of over 900 new school-based positions for the 2014-15 school year. For the full list of approved budget recommendations and staff allocations, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/budget.

Schoolyard Project Update

As of February 28, 2014, TDSB has allocated \$75,000 for new play

structures and \$30,000 for replacing asphalt. Additional funding is still needed.

Master planning began on February 25th. The Turfgrass Institute from the University of Guelph, and Vertechs Landscape Architects will conduct a full review of the field this spring, and will design the master plan.

Once the master plan is completed, the Project Committee will establish priorities, and will continue to seek funding support from the TDSB and the City of Toronto, and other venues.

Registration for 2014-2015 still open.
Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca
and click on **Elementary School** and
then the **Elementary Academies**
button or call the school at
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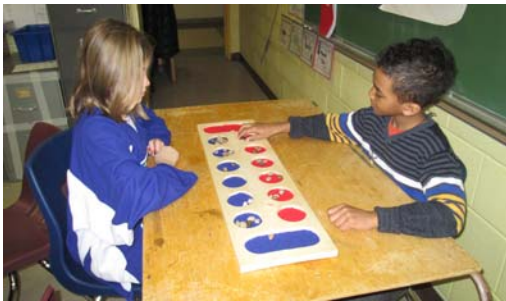


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Math Games Club - Mancala Tournament

The grade 5 and 6 students who are in the Math Games Club have been playing a variety of math games since November in order to further develop their problem solving and strategy application skills. Since the beginning of February, these students have been involved in a fairly intense Mancala tournament.

Mancala is a game that has been played for thousands of years in both Asia and Africa. Now, it is played worldwide and is an enjoyable family game. The object of the game is to have the most stones in your house through strategic moves.



Congratulations to Ary who was our Mancala champion this year, followed closely by Shahroz and Jamie T. Win or lose, all the students have been enjoying themselves as well as the challenges that have been presented to them through this forum. The students are now gearing up for their SNAP Math Fair which will be held in May. A special thank you to Ms. Tenga for hosting the club and coaching the students.

Scrabble Tournament

The JSB Scrabble Team entered their

first tournament at the School Scrabble Canada Toronto Western Region Qualifier on February 27th at Swansea P.S. Nine Gr.5 & 6 students represented JSB: Aibhlin, Sarah M., Eshan, Jonas, Zenon, Beth, Alison, Daniel S., and Tyler. It was a full-day of intense competition where they learned many new strategies. Eshan and Jonas placed in the top 10. Congratulations! Thank you to Mr. Dosanjh for coaching, and to parent volunteers for their support.



Weston Environmental Leaders for Tomorrow

Forty-eight Gr.5 and 6 students from Mr. Dosanjh, Mr. Maxwell and Ms. Gardiner's classes attended an outdoor education program at the Claremont Field Centre, Pickering, on March 19th to 21st. They went with great anticipations for outdoor games, field and stream studies, and seeing wildlife. Even the intermittent snow, rain, and sleet could not damper their spirits. They hiked, snow-shoed, played survival games, built snow shelter, roasted marshmallows around camp fire, and saw coyotes up close. They left feeling sad, yet glad to rejoin their families. They are now charged with choosing and researching an environmental topic and taking actions!



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student mental health a priority. Schools can promote positive mental health, identify and intervene early to prevent the onset of problems and respond to children and youth in distress. Every school must have a mental health action plan in place by the end of the school year.

As a Sports and Wellness Academy, JSB already has many wellness initiatives in place. One of our most successful strategies is now being used in other schools, namely, all grades 1 to 8 students are expected to be involved in at least one extracurricular activity each term. Let us give ourselves a pat on the shoulder for this recognition!

Help Reduce Air Pollution No Idling Cars, please

The EcoTeam is asking parent drivers to support them in their effort to help reduce air pollution. They are reminding parent drivers to turn off the car engines while waiting to pick up their child or children. You will be seeing the EcoTeam with their friendly poster reminders on the sidewalk in the coming month.



Talking about extracurricular activities, the newest club is the Square Dance Club for primary children every Wednesday at lunch recess. The master dancers are Ms. Kobylansky, Mr. Barton, Mrs. Debowski, Ms. Chard and Ms. Leis.



LCI Teens Against Bullying

A Gr.11 leadership group from Lakeshore C.I. did several interactive workshops on anti-bullying with our middle school students during the month of February. The presenters role-played different bullying scenarios, and had our students problem solve and enact their alternative solutions. Our student feedback to the presentation was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to further collaboration with LCI students.

Youth and Children Mental Health & Well-Being

Mental health and well-being is essential to student success. TDSB is making



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Humber College/UNB Health Fair

On April 4th, nursing students from Humber College/U of New Brunswick will be hosting a health fair for our grade 1-4 students in the Hot Lunch Room. They will be leading interactive workshops on anti-bullying, and on how to recognize and handle anxiety and stress, They will show the older students how to access KidsHelpPhone. There, you see, it's another mental health and well-being action that we have for students!

Character Trait for April: Co-operation



Within a family, a school and a community, we are all individuals, but in order to function together we must work as a

team and co-operate with one another. Co-operation is vital for success in school, healthy relationships and life overall. To help your child to further develop their co-operation skills:

- Practice teamwork and co-operation by engaging in fun activities like baking together, playing games, completing puzzles and engaging in team sports.
- Do household chores together.
- Create a team atmosphere by having all family members participate in choosing

where to go for dinner, what movie to watch etc.

- Remind your child that everyone has strengths and ask them to think about what other assets team members bring to the table particularly in areas where they do not get to choose who they must co-operate with.
- Engage in volunteer work in the community. This is a great way for children to see how co-operation and collaboration can help others.

“He that does good to another does good also to himself.”

~ Lucius Annaeus Seneca

New Early French Immersion Open House

Tuesday April 1st; 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Islington JMS

44 Cordova Avenue (Islington & Bloor)

New SK class of 30 open to Ward 3 families. Program will continue to Gr.8 at Islington in subsequent years.

For child-minding, please email debbie.wagdin@tdsb.on.ca

Ward Forum

Thursday April 24th; 7:00 to 8:45 pm
Etobicoke School of the Arts - Library
675 Royal York Rd.

The ward forum will discuss issues important to school councils. School council chairs and co-chairs from several schools will attend to exchange ideas as well as share their success stories over the past year. For child-minding, please email debbie.wagdin@tdsb.on.ca

**Trustee Pamela Gough invites
Ward 3 Parents to attend an
Open House
on the new
Early French Immersion Program
opening September 2014 at Islington JMS**

Tuesday April 1, 2014

7 – 8:30 pm

Islington JMS

44 Cordova Ave.

Please register for child-minding by emailing Debbie.Wagdin@tdsb.on.ca

Please join me on Tuesday April 1st at 7:00 pm at Islington JMS (44 Cordova Ave. – Islington and Bloor area) to hear all about the Early French Immersion (FI) program that will be opening at Islington JMS in September 2014.

Due to the enrollment in this popular FI program, a Senior Kindergarten class of approximately 30 students will start in September drawing from Norseman JMS, Park Lawn JMS, Sunnylea JS, Etienne Brulé JS and Islington JMS students who have registered for the FI program in January. In future years, this class and the others that will follow are planned to continue to Grade 8 at Islington, at which point students will continue in French Immersion at Richview Collegiate.

Registration into this new program is guaranteed for all parents who applied by January 30, 2014. If there is room, new registrants will be accepted up to the enrollment limits and can join the waiting list through the online pars system.

John Tancredi, Co-Ordinating Principal of the French Immersion programs will be present to take any of your questions about the program and a tour of the school will be part of the evening's agenda. Please register for child minding by emailing Debbie.Wagdin@tdsb.on.ca.

TDSB Trustee Pamela Gough

invites you to a

Ward Forum



to discuss issues
important to your
School Council

Meet the School Council Chairs
and Co-Chairs of Ward 3!
Exchange ideas as well as success stories.

Thursday April 24

7:00 to 8:45 pm

**In the Library at Etobicoke School of the Arts
675 Royal York Rd.**

Light refreshments will be served
To register for Child-minding please email: Debbie.Wagdin@tdsb.on.ca

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Day 4</i> Sr. Coed Volleyball @JSB, all day French Immer. Open House, Islington, 7pm	2 <i>Day 5</i> School Council, 7 pm	3 <i>Day 1</i> Sr. Coed Volleyball @Islington	4 <i>Day 2</i> Nurse Health Fair, am Sr. Coed Volleyball @Islington Subway Lunch	5
6	7 <i>Day 3</i>	8 <i>Day 4</i>	9 <i>Day 5</i> Sr. Badminton Tourny @JSB, all day	10 <i>Day 1</i>	11 <i>Day 2</i> Extreme Pita Lunch	12
13	14 <i>Day 3</i>	15 <i>Day 4</i>	16 <i>Day 5</i> Police talk, Gr.1/2, am Badminton Tourny @JSB, all day	17 <i>Day 1</i>	18 Good Friday No School	19
20	21 Easter Monday No School	22 <i>Day 2</i> Gr.4 & 4./5 to Library Poet reading, 2 pm	23 <i>Day 3</i>	24 <i>Day 4</i> Sr, Badminton West Conference @JSB,; Ward Forum, ESA, 7 pm	25 <i>Day 5</i> Grad photo day, am Eco Book Trade Pizza Lunch	26
27 Col .Sam Smith Park Community cleanup, 9-3 pm	28 <i>Day 1</i>	29 <i>Day 2</i> Terrific Tigers Assembly, 9:20 am	30 <i>Day 3</i> House Day, am			