

**December  
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# PRINCIPAL NOTES



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Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that it's almost the Winter Break. The progress reports have gone out and parent interviews are over. I hope all of our parents have had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher. If you weren't able to connect on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, don't worry – just call the office or email the teacher and ask for an interview. We are here to keep you informed of your child's progress and answer any questions or concerns you might have.

## Winter Concert



December is fast approaching. There will be lots to look forward to. We will have a JK/SK Winter Concert on December 21 at 1:00 pm and that same day, at 6:00 pm, our gr. 1- gr. 6 students will be performing for you. More information will be coming to you, closer to the date. Just keep that day free for a great day and evening of entertainment!



## Decemberfest

Ms Lai, our Music teacher, is going to celebrate Decemberfest the week of Dec. 18. Every morning that week she will have carol-singing in the gym for our students. I am sure there will be some holiday class parties to look forward to, as well.



## Pizza Day

Just a reminder, Parents, that the last Thursday of every month is Pizza Day. We have had issues with School Cash Online and this month we had to resort to our cash envelopes but hopefully, next month, we can resume our cashless system.



## School Council

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 pm, in-person, in the staff room.



## Staff Update

We have a new staff member. Welcome to Jessie Marshall, our new CYW. She is working with Mrs. Basmayor in Room 29.

## Dental Screening

The week of December 11-14, Toronto Public Health will come in and do dental screening for our students. Fortunately, this year, all the children will be checked, unlike previous years. The oral health staff member will check mouths for cavities and potential problems. If essential treatment is necessary and problems are detected, the family will be notified and a dental visit will be recommended. If you don't wish to have this service, please inform your child's teacher.



## Raise a Reader – Part 3

Welcome to Raise a Reader Part 3. We are thrilled to continue our journey of exploration into the wonderful world of reading with you. This upcoming session we will review and continue to learn new strategies to build and strengthen our children's reading skills, enabling them to surpass their potential and instil a love for reading. To register for Part 3, please take a moment to complete the registration form below. This session will be taking place on Wednesday, December 6th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, and will be virtual.

Resources from Part 1 and 2 are available for your reference, and you can access them here:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/donnacardozacsw/raise-a-reader>

Registration Link for Part 3: [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qdOisrj8tHd2YI-bGZZv3IXBC8g\\_OZtMD](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qdOisrj8tHd2YI-bGZZv3IXBC8g_OZtMD)

Part 3 Overview:

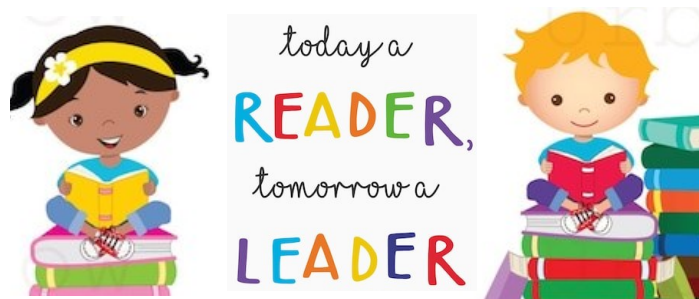
6:35- 6:40 - Toronto Public Library: Dive into a wealth of resources offered by the Toronto Public Library with Community Librarian Rosa. In this brief presentation, we will learn how the many services the library offers can support you and your child(ren) in cultivating a love for reading.

6:40-6:45 - The Importance of Reading: Join a brief discussion led by a TDSB Principal, who will address data as it relates to the significance of reading and its impact on your child's development.

6:45-7:05 - Shared Read-Aloud and Reading Strategies: Our team, featuring a TDSB SIP Coach and Speech & Language Pathologist, will guide you through an engaging shared read-aloud and provide valuable reading strategies.

7:05-7:45 - Interactive Breakout Sessions: We're excited to offer breakout rooms catering to various age groups. Choose from K-2 (French), K-2 (English), Special Education, Grade 3-6, and Grade 7-8 sessions to engage more deeply in tailored reading strategies. We eagerly anticipate your participation in this important and enriching event. And remember, attending Raise a Reader Part 1 and/or Part 2 is not a prerequisite for joining us for Part 3.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to TDSB Community Support Worker, Donna Cardoza, at [donna.cardoza@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:donna.cardoza@tdsb.on.ca) or call 647-403-5821. Thank you for your commitment to your child's reading journey. We can't wait to learn and share together on Wednesday December 6th!



## [Learn4Life Adult Community Programs - Winter 2024 Registration Now Open!](#)

Winter 2024 registration is now OPEN for Learn4Life's Adult General Interest Program with courses in business, languages, art, music, sports, dancing, and more! Open to adults 18 years of age and seniors, the Learn4Life program offers a unique and valuable opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests, expand their knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning with a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions.

New courses this term include:

- Adventures in Photography
- Bringing Stories to Life Through Book Illustrations
- Create Your Own Natural Cosmetics
- De-Stress and Relax
- Pastry Arts for Everyone
- Golf Training Program
- Portuguese Essential Conversation
- Afrobeat Aerobics
- Understanding Landlord Rights and Responsibilities

[Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information](#)



## [The International Day of Disabled Persons](#)

On December 3rd, we observe annually, the International Day of Disabled Persons. The International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by [United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3](#). It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic, and cultural life.

For further information, please visit the [United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities webpage](#).



## [Webinar Wednesdays](#)

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement presents [Webinar Wednesdays](#). This virtual series aims to support and empower Black parents and caregivers, and families raising Black children in Toronto District School Board (TDSB) schools.

Through collaborations with various TDSB Departments, the series offers resources and information to families about system navigation processes and builds on their knowledge and advocacy skills to improve Black students' academic achievement and overall well-being.

Date: December 6, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3Rh52Jz>

For more information contact, [jeffrey.caton@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jeffrey.caton@tdsb.on.ca), Centrally Assigned Principal, or [lindsey.marshall@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:lindsey.marshall@tdsb.on.ca), Program Co-ordinator, Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.



## Digital Media Literacy Skills in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Free Parent/Caregiver Online Workshop -  
November 29th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

It can be challenging to sort fact from fiction online, and an increase in hate speech, alongside ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, have made it even harder. This [virtual workshop](#) is designed to help parents and caregivers learn simple skills for spotting misinformation in the context of social media platforms and AI.

To register, visit: [www.ctrl-f.ca/en/TDSB](http://www.ctrl-f.ca/en/TDSB)

Registration is free and will be limited to 300 spots.

This session is a repeat of the April and October 2203 sessions.

### Presenters

Kim Davidson is a teacher-librarian and digital media literacy specialist who has been with TDSB for 22 years. She is also a member of CIVIX's Board of Directors.

Ken Boyd is Director of Education at CIVIX, a charity dedicated to building the habits and skills of active and informed citizenship among youth.

Any questions, please email Kelsey Davis [kelsey@civix.ca](mailto:kelsey@civix.ca) .

Parents, there is a PA Day on Friday, December 8. Hence, there is no school on that day for our students.

The last day of school for this year is Friday, December 22, 2023. The Winter Break is from December 23 - January 7, 2024. The first school day of the New Year is **Monday, January 8, 2024.**



The staff here at Lord Roberts wish all our students and families a wonderful, relaxing and fun holiday break with family and friends. For all those who celebrate...



**Happy Kwanzaa! Happy Hannukah! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!**

Sincerely,

T. Dillinger

Principal

