



PERTH POST

April 6, 2023

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable long weekend.
Please note there is **NO school** on **April 7 and April 10th**.
We welcome back students on Tuesday April 11th.

Dates to Note

April 7	Good Friday Holiday- NO SCHOOL
Apr 10	Easter Monday Holiday-NO SCHOOL (For those families celebrating Easter, we wish you a Happy Easter)

Theatrical Event with Room 305, Mme Smith's Class

As part of our Space Unit in science, the Grade 6 students of room 305 built 3D papier mache planets, moons and stars to represent our Solar System. The students decided to take this project one step further by writing a monologue in the voice of their character aka planet/moon/star. We invited a few classes to witness our Intergalactic Installation in the gym. The grade 5's were cast as neighbouring stars that ushered and watched over the audience throughout the performance. It was really special being able to share our learning with such enthusiastic and supportive peers, thanks Perth! (Mme Smith).



April 12, 2023 is the International Day of Pink!

A message from Mr Hodgson (he/him) In recognition of the International Day of Pink, we will have a school wide assembly . Please remember to send students dressed in as much **PINK** as possible.

Discrimination takes many shapes, whether it's based on race, age, disabilities, gender or sexuality. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists. So, every year, on the second Wednesday of April, we urge people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and continue working for equality and acceptance. (Michael Hodgson He/Him)

CELEBRATE THE ARTS AT PERTH

Hello everyone!,

We are so happy to announce that Perth Avenue Jr. School will be hosting an evening with the arts. This is not a standard concert. As we are celebrating all of the arts, some classes will be creating visual art, some media and others performance based arts work.

On Thursday, May 18th from 6:00 - 7:15 PM join us for an evening of the arts. We will feature creations and student work from dance, drama, music, visual and media arts. If you have heard of Nuit Blanche (a night of art installations across our city) then you will be so amazed to see our Perth Jour Blanc. Staff and students will lead our families through various locations to observe and even interact with student creations. Much more information will be coming soon.

EXTRA CURRICULARS HAPPENING AT PERTH !

Staff will announce, during AM announcements, details including time and place for events.

Event	Details
Basketball 5/6	Junior Grades
Grade 5/6	Volleyball
Primary Coding Club	Grades 1-3 Day 2 (am recess)
Juggling club	Grades 2-6. The schedule is as follows with Gr. 6 supporting as helpers:

	<p>April 4 Grade 5 & 6</p> <p>April 11 Grade 4</p> <p>April 18 Grade 3</p> <p>April 25 Grade 2</p>
Primary Choir	Day 3- in Room #111
Skipping Club	Gr 2/3 Tuesday AM at recess
(April 7 - Early June 16)	<p>Every Friday morning starting at 8AM intramural Soccer and Softball.</p> <p>It will alternate between sports every week.</p> <p>You must have a permission form signed to participate.</p>



Nutrition Program

SNACK for upcoming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL	made good bars	oranges ,crackers	grapes , goldfish	grape tomatoes, crakers

COVID – 19 Update: We continue to take our health and safety direction from the Ministry and Toronto Public Health, and it is important to note that this is the current information and may change. **Screening:** Students and staff should continue to do a daily self-assessment before entering school or Board buildings and stay home if they are sick. Complete the [TPH School Screening Tool](#) or [Provincial School Screening Tool](#) that is attached each day before arriving at school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Interested in volunteering at Perth? We'd love to have you!

The first step is getting your police check. Please come to the office and we'll give you a form to fill out! The police check form is a special size so you need to come in person. The cost is \$20 cash.

Keep UPDATED and IN THE LOOP by bookmarking the Perth Website
on your browser and checking back frequently!

The Perth School Calendar is there, newsletter archive, news from SAC
and reminders and event reminders from the school.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/PerthAvenue>



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Days of Significance

APRIL 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Saturday	Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival	Assyrian Diaspora	https://thereaderwiki.com/en/Kha_b-Nisan
02	Sunday	World Autism Awareness Day	Autism Speaks	https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day
04	Tuesday	Memorial of Jesus' Death	Jehovah's Witnesses	https://www.jw.org/en/library/books/bible-teach/the-lords-evening-meal/
06	Thursday	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/hinduism/what-is-hanuman-jayanti.aspx
06 - 08	Thursday to Saturday	Theravada New Year	Buddhism (Theravada)	https://feast-guide.com/en/celebrations/503.html
06 - 13	Thursday to Thursday	Pesach (Passover)*	Judaism	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/671901/jewish/When-Is-Passover-in-2022-2023-2024-2025-and-2026.htm
07	Friday	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Good-Friday
07	Friday	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/remember-victims-rwanda-day
07	Friday	World Health Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Day
09	Sunday	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday
10	Monday	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)	https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/family-and-parenting/easter-monday-2021-why-we-observe-easter-monday-is-the-date-a-bank-holiday-in-scotland-2537177
12	Wednesday	International Day of Pink	International Day of Pink Organization	https://www.davofpink.org/en/home
14	Friday	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Hinduism/Sikhism	https://www.astroswamiq.com/article/2022-vaisakhi-festival-date-and-muhurat-3134
14	Friday	International Day of Silence (2nd Friday in April)	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)	https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/

14	Friday	Mesha Sankranta – Solar New Year	Hinduism	https://www.drikpanchang.com/sankranti/mesha-sankranti-date-time.html
14	Friday	Orthodox Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-good-friday
14	Friday	Sinhalese New Year's Day	Sri Lankan Government and Buddhism (Theravada)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_people
14	Friday	Tamil New Year's Day	Sri Lankan Government and Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lankan_Tamils
16	Sunday	Orthodox Easter Sunday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/orthodox-easter-day
17	Monday	Orthodox Easter Monday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/orthodox-easter-monday
18	Tuesday	Laylat al Qadr*	Islam	https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/
18	Tuesday	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yom_HaShoah
21	Friday	Eid al-Fitr*	Islam	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Eid-al-Fitr
21	Friday	First Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
21	Friday	Grounation Day	Rastafarian Holy Day	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day
21	Friday	Jumu'atul-Wida*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jumu%27atul-Wida
22	Saturday	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism	https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/teei/akshava-tritiya?date=2023
22	Saturday	Earth Day	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day
24	Monday	Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/genocide-remembrance-day/41083.html

24	Monday	Yonge Street Van Attack (Actual Date 23 April)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_van_attack
25	Tuesday	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.vercalendario.info/en/event/catholic-liturgv-25-april-2023.html
28	Friday	National Day of Mourning in Canada	Government of Canada	https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/41165.html
29	Saturday	Ninth Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/

Latin-America History Month

This year the theme to mark Latin-America History Month is (Decolonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Honouring & Uplifting the Real Hxstories and Multiplicities of Our Identities. During the month of April, several activities are planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick-off Latin-America History Month with a virtual launch

The "x" in HXStories was purposefully chosen to decentre patriarchal HIStories and tell our multiple stories--historical, lived, and living. "The X is intended to reflect the many distinct identities, struggles, and intersectionalities as an inclusive and progressive term. The X is a way of recognizing our untold histories and pushing forward collectively to recover what has been stolen from us." ([Citation](#))

Since its creation of the Latin America History Month Volunteer planning committee in 2016, the membership, who is comprised of educators, community organizers, parents and TDSB staff and alumni continues to ensure that we are reflective of all intersectional differences within our communities of Latin America / Abya Yala / Pachamana and its diaspora, including those right here at the TDSB.

In alignment with the theme, this year we focus on centring, honouring and uplifting our real hxstories, both pre-colonial, and the realities of present-day due to colonization. We also centre, honour and uplift the multiplicities of our identities--recognizing fundamentally that our communities are not monolithic across all intersectional identity markers. We collectively push back on the "boxes" that have been imposed on our communities and take up the transformative power there is when we honour and uplift ourselves and each other in our totality.

During the month of April, several activities are being planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick off Latin America History Month with a virtual launch (save the date details are below).

Students from all grade levels from across the TDSB were invited to participate in a Creative Arts Contest. All students will also be provided with the opportunity to learn about the connections across what we call today the continent of *the Americas* through the Condor and Eagle Prophecy, learn through the storytelling of pre-colonial hxstories through the uplifting of Afro-Indigenous roots, and the realities of present-day through the powerful tool that music brings with Ruben Beny Esguerra. Ruen is a Canadian musical artist and poet based in Toronto who has been nominated twice for a JUNO Award.

We're also extremely proud to have author Leonarda Carranza read to our young students her recent book, *Abuelita and Me* in both English and Spanish and lead us through a discussion in alignment with this year's theme! Her picture book, *Abuelita & Me* won a 2022 International Latino Book Award, was nominated for a Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award, was a Kirkus Review Best Book of 2022 and was listed a Best Books for Kids & Teens by the Canadian Children's Books Centre. Students will also have the opportunity through a *Beyond Just a Career: Latin-America / Abya Yala / Pachamama Diaspora in K-12 Education panel* to connect with leaders and learn about their intertwined personal, educational, and professional journey towards intentionally choosing to

follow their calling into an educational space. Students will learn how the educational space is a site for transformation.

Please follow us on twitter: @TDSBLAHM

TDSB Latin America Month Virtual Launch Celebration

Save the Date

Thursday, April 13th, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Virtual link to follow

TDSB Student Census

The TDSB Student Census is a confidential and voluntary survey that asks students important questions about their school experiences and identities including participation in school activities, safety, well-being, mental health, outdoor learning, etc. It is an opportunity for students to share their voice and provide valuable information to help improve our schools and system. The TDSB is asking all parents/guardians/caregivers and/or students to consider filling out a census survey online. Detailed information about the Student Census and consent process was shared directly with parents/guardians via email during the week of March 27. For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/census and read the Student Census Questions and Answers.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province.

As stated in the Hispanic Heritage Month Act, (May 5, 2015): "Ontario is home to more than 400,000 first-, second- and third-generation Canadian of Hispanic origin. As early as 1914, Canadians who originated from 23 Hispanic countries began immigrating to the province and today the Hispanic community is one of the fastest growing in Ontario. Hispanic-Canadians represent a dynamic community that has made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario.

By proclaiming the month of October as Hispanic Heritage Month in Ontario, the province recognizes the rich contributions of Hispanic-Canadians to our social economic, political and multicultural fabric. Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province."

Sikh Heritage Month

This year the Sikh Heritage Month theme is Kes. Kes is one of the five Kahaars, indicators that Sikh individuals must acknowledge as part of their faith. The five Kakaars are five sacred articles of faith prescribed by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians.

Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the turn of the twentieth century. They have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and their traditions and culture continues to be a vibrant part of every aspect of life of Canadians today.

This year our theme is *Kes*. Kes is one of the five Kahaars, indicators that Sikh individuals must acknowledge as part of their faith. The five Kakaars are five sacred articles of faith prescribed by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. They are also known as the 'Five Ks' because each one starts with letter K representing Kakka in the Punjabi language. The five K's are:

- i. Kes;
- ii. Kirpan;
- iii. Karra;
- iv. Kangha;
- v. Kacchera.

We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our [virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch](#) to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians. Join us for a remarkable morning of information and celebration.

The results of our Sikh Heritage Month Poster/Video Contest which will be posted below. Kudos to all our students for their submissions, we're so proud!

As part of the celebrations to mark Sikh Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board, we are proud to share a [three-part Podcast series](#) with staff, students and the TDSB community on:

- [Episode 1](#) looks at *SEVA: Selfless Service* ([Episode 1 Transcript](#));
- [Episode 2](#) discusses *Oneness: Equity and Justice for All* ([Episode 2 Transcript](#));
- [Episode 3](#) talks about *Chardi Kala: External Resilience: Optimism and Joy* ([Episode 3 Transcript](#)).

Lastly during the month of April, Sikh Canadians recognize Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, which celebrates the Sikh New Year across Ontario. This year Khalsa Day will be celebrated on Sunday, April 30th in downtown Toronto at Exhibition Place. This celebration is the third largest parade in Canada with thousands of individuals joining in the festivities! We hope you are available to join us and join the event!

Elementary Summer School 2023: Registration Now Open!

The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 28, 2023. This year, one remote program will also be available. For more information, including a list of schools and online registration forms, visit our summer school program page.



PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hi everyone!

We hope you've had a great week. Here are the most recent updates from the Perth school council.

April Perth School Council Meeting

The next School council meeting will take place in the evening of **Wed. April 19**. An agenda and Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date. If you'd like Ms. Khan-Fitzpatrick to discuss something specific at this meeting, please email us at perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Call for Fun Fair Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE PERTH SAC FUNDRAISING
SUBCOMMITTEE IS HOPING TO HOST A
FUN FAIR THIS JUNE BUT
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

SEE DETAILS BELOW AND
SIGN UP TODAY



The Perth School Council's Fundraising Subcommittee is excited about the possibility of holding a Perth Fun Fair, likely in mid-June 2023! The event will happen after school and will likely run from 4 to 6 p.m. This is such a wonderful event as it builds community, is super fun, and also raises money for the school council. But a Fun Fair can only happen if there is enough volunteer support. Running a fun fair is a big task, and volunteers are needed to make sure it gets done right, so everyone is safe and has a good time. There are a mix of roles, including leadership roles and day-of ones; the details of the latter will be shared once it's been determined whether or not there is enough support to run a safe fun fair. Let's continue to do good work together to create a fantastic fun fair! Please fill in and submit the following Google Form no later than Friday April 7 to share your capacity to be part of organizing a fun fair. Please reach out at perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Here's the Google Form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGSdZZfID6_iK54Jw05zkBafzPpMCcHbUBdzLvOjSLi7jF6g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you!!

Free Wellness Event

BREATHWORK & WELLNESS SESSION



Free Sessions

April 5th 8-9pm & April 15th 6-7pm

please register in advance

Please join us for an experiential wellness session on how the power of the breath can quickly reduce stress, relieve anxiety, and help you and your kids get better rest. In this workshop you and your family get a taste of the SKY Schools Breathwork and Wellness Course.

<https://skyschools.org>

Please use the following link to register for this free session.

April 15, 2023 from 6-7 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/593160387687>

Pizza Day

The next Pizza Day will be on **Friday April 28**. As a reminder, the March Pizza Day has been rescheduled for **Friday June 23**.

Social Media

Please be sure to follow the Perth School Council's social media for information and more frequent updates.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/perthpanthers14>

Instagram: [instagram.com/perthave.parentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/perthave.parentcouncil)

You can also reach out at perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Take a peek at the School Council's [Linktree site](#), where you can find an archive of previous School Council meeting agendas and minutes, advocacy letters and other resources.

And please be sure to visit the School Council website at www.perthschoolcouncil.com/, which has tons of information Perth families need, including an event calendar.

Thank you for reading. We hope you have a wonderful long weekend!

–The Perth School Council Exec