



PERTH POST

Feb 3, 2023



SCHOOL INFORMATION

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Feb 10	SAC fundraiser (School Dance) 6:30-8pm
Feb 15	Term 1 Report Cards go home
Feb 17	Parent Teacher Interviews - NO SCHOOL
Feb 20	Family Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL
March 2	Literacy Night at Perth- 6-7:30pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PERTH?



LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE:

January 25th saw the triumphant return of the Perth Lunar New Year Parade!

Students staff alike were delighted to welcome the dragons to the hallway outside their classrooms. Music and drumming accompanied the dragons, as well as students wearing red, and traditional dress representing their Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean heritage. Thanks to Ms Lee, Ms Creedon, and Ms Garber for organizing the parade. Thank you to all the students who participated and cheered on the dragons! Happy Lunar New Year!



Perth is excited to announce our upcoming

Literacy Night

Are you interested in learning more about how to support your child's literacy development at home in a way that complements what we do at school??

The focus of this evening for parents and caregivers is to:

- Raise awareness about the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read Inquiry
- Share knowledge about the science of reading and how that informs our practice at Perth.
- Demonstrate strategies that can be used at home.

Date: Thursday, March 2nd

Time 6:15-7:30 pm

Format: A brief presentation followed by two breakout sessions.

Breakout Sessions:

- *Grades K -2 Focus (English and French): Phonemic Awareness: What is it? Why does it matter? How Can I Help at Home?*
- *Grades K -3 Focus (English and French): Phonics: What is it? Why does it matter? How Can I Help at Home?*
- *Grades K-4 Focus (English and French): But I don't speak French! How can I help support my child's literacy skills in French?*
- *Grades 4-6 Focus (English and French): My child is in a junior grade: How do I support my child's reading and writing?*

Please note: This evening will be a focused learning opportunity for adults. If necessary, childcare will be provided - see registration form.

Please complete this [google form/registration link](#) to indicate your interest. Please **RSVP by Monday January 30th** to reserve your spot.

We look forward to seeing you there!

EXTRA CURRICULAR HAPPENING AT PERTH !

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

Event	Details
Grade 5/6	Volleyball
Primary Coding Club	Grades 1-3 Day 2 (am recess)
Juggling club	Grades 3-6..The schedule is as follows with Gr. 6 supporting as helpers: Jan 24 Grade 3 Jan 31 Grade 5 Feb 7 Grade 4 Feb 14 Grade 3
Primary Choir	Day 3- Starts Feb 3 in Room #111
Skipping Club	Gr 2/3 Tuesday AM at recess
Dodge Ball Floor Hockey Grades 3- 6	Every Wednesday @ First Recess Dodge Ball Academy Grades 1- 2 Both will run until March Break

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.

Parent/Guardian Rep: We are in need of parents/guardians interested in being part of the Health and Safety team at Perth. If you are interested please contact Ms Khan-Fitzpatrick.



Chess Club

The Chess n' Math Association will be running Chess Club again in the new year!

Thursdays during the lunch hour. Cost is \$135 for 8 weeks

Jan 26-Mar 23 Register online at <https://chess-math.org/perth-winter2023>



Nutrition Program

SNACK for week of Feb 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
pears	cheese strings and crackers	bananas	blueberries and crackers	granola bars

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.

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

FEBRUARY 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Wednesday	Winter Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	https://www.envirocentre.ca/events/winter-walk-to-school-day/
01 - 02	Wednesday and Thursday	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan	Imbolc / Candlemas The Goddess and the Greenman
02	Thursday	Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	Meeting of the Lord - OrthodoxWiki
03	Friday	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)	What is Setsubun?: Traditional Event in February - Japan ...
05	Sunday	Magha Puja Day (Lantern Festival)	Buddhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lantern_Festival
06	Monday	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	United Nations and World Health Organization	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
06	Monday	Tu B'Shevat*	Judaism	Tu Bishvat 101 - My Jewish Learning
13 - 17	Monday to Friday	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	https://www.actioncanadashr.org/srhweek
15	Wednesday	Parinirvana Day (Buddha's Death)	Buddhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/bhutan/buddha-parinirvana
18	Saturday	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-miraj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey
18	Saturday	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/maha-shivaratri-2021-history-significance-and-celebration-101615434959914.html
20	Monday	Family Day (Ontario)	Government of Ontario	How Did Family Day Get Its Start? - 123Dentist

20	Monday	Louis Riel Day	Métis Nation (Manitoba)	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/canada/manitoba/canada-manitoba-louis-riel-day
20	Monday	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations	World Day of Social Justice
21	Tuesday	International Mother Language Day	United Nations	International Mother Language Day
21 - 23	Tuesday to Thursday	Tibetan New Year (Losar)	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet
22	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday (1 st Day of Lent)	Christianity (Western)	Ash Wednesday - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online
22 to 22 March	Wednesday to Wednesday	Sha'ban and Mid Sha'ban*	Islam	https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/the-benefits-of-shaban-the-neglected-month
26 to 01 March	Sunday to Wednesday	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
27	Monday	Clean Monday (First Day of Lent)	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	https://greekreporter.com/2021/03/15/clean-monday-everything-need-know-greece/

Chinese Heritage Month at the TDSB - February 2023

TDSB Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. During this month, several learning resources and educational opportunities will be provided to our students and staff to further enhance their knowledge of the Chinese heritage. This year, two significant events will be highlighted to mark Chinese Heritage Month.

The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most significant holidays for Chinese communities around the world. The date is selected by the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar and the celebration lasts 16 days. This year marks the Year of the Rabbit, which began on Sunday, January 22, 2023. At TDSB, the theme Year of the Rabbit: Kind, Generous, and Harmonious is being celebrated. All TDSB students were invited to submit images to reflect the theme. The winning posters may be found on our TDSB website (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>).

This year, the Chinese Heritage Committee selected a second theme: Honouring a Legacy of Conviction and Fortitude to mark the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 (known as the Chinese Exclusion Act).

African Heritage (Black History) Month at the TDSB.

During the month of February, the TDSB proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2022-2023 is *Black Joy*.

The first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament was the Honourable Jean Augustine, who introduced a motion to the House of Commons to recognize February as Black History Month. In December 1995, Canadians officially recognized February as Black History Month across our nation. At the TDSB, a motion to recognize African Heritage (Black History) Month was carried in January 2002 and reaffirmed again in January 2004.

The theme of *Black Joy* was selected this year by the African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee. This academic school year, "Joy" is one of TDSB's two overarching priorities. The first priority being the importance of joy, engagement and

belonging in our schools as a foundation for academic achievement and student success; and the second priority being the elimination of disproportionate outcomes for students. Black Joy emulates how Black People have been able to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally as a People and as a Community, despite the systemic barriers and oppression faced.

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!

Registration for English Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at school in September!

Registration is via [Online Portal](#)

Perth Avenue PS is a closed catchment school. If you live in catchment, your children are entitled to attend Perth when they are school age. Please check [HERE](#)

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

TDSB Schools Safe Arrival Calls Update

Updates have recently been made to TDSB Safe Arrival calls. Moving forward, the main school number will be displayed when parents/guardians/caregivers receive a call to report that a student is absent from school. Previously, a number beginning with 833 was displayed for callouts (some families may be familiar with seeing this number appear when receiving a call from TDSB).

To report a student absence, parents/guardians/caregivers may call the school phone number directly or call 1-833-250-2290 and will receive the same options.



PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello everyone!

We hope your February is off to a great start! Here are the Perth school council's most recent updates.

Next Perth School Council Meeting

The next School council meeting will take place in the evening of **Wed. March 8**. 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.

Valentine's Day Dance – Friday February 10

PERTH PANTHERS' 2023

VALENTINE'S

BEATS BY DJ KEVIN

FRIDAY, FEB 10

6:30-8PM • IN THE GYM

DANCE

PIZZA + JUICE + POPCORN
FOR SALE
CASH ONLY

\$2 PER CHILD • \$1 PER ADULT • OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN
STUDENTS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!
BRING REFILLABLE BOTTLES FOR WATER FILLING STATION

TO VOLUNTEER OR SEND MUSIC REQUESTS
email: perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com

The Perth School Council is so pleased to announce that we will be holding **a dance in the Perth school gym on Friday Feb. 10 from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.** This is a fundraiser for the school council.

Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$2 per child and \$1 per adult or pay what you can. We will also be selling pizza, juice and popcorn.

All are welcome!

To volunteer or send music requests for DJ Kevin to play, please email perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Pizza Days



The Pizza Day subcommittee was thrilled to bring Pizza Days back to Perth Ave. JPS this week!

Pizza days will continue to happen on the **last Friday of each month until May 2023.**

The next pizza day is Friday Feb. 24!

On pizza days, **all students will each receive two slices of cheese pizza (the cheese contains no rennet).**

Please indicate if your student will need a gluten-free option.

The cost for the full program per student is \$25.00. Any remaining funds will be directed toward the school generated funds pool, which helps to pay for items that will enrich the education experience of Perth students and support their families and caregivers. Some examples of items that have been paid for with these funds in the past include Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy books for classrooms, the schoolyard revitalization, dance workshops, field trips and an upgraded sound system for the school gym.

If you haven't already please sign up for School Cash Online to contribute. It's the easy and safe way to pay for all school events, trips and contributions like this one!

www.schoolcashonline.com

Thank you for your support and participation!

- Perth JPS Pizza Day Subcommittee

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.

That's it for us right now. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

– The Perth SAC exec