



PERTH POST

JUNE 2, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

JUNE 2	NO SCHOOL-PA DAY
JUNE 14	FUN FAIR (3-7pm)
JUNE 22	Gr 6 GRADUATION
JUNE 28	REPORT CARDS SENT HOME
JUNE 30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PERTH?

Celebrating PRIDE Month with ceremonial flag raising !



Perth Garden Update!



Our re-naturalization project is in full swing! Thank you to the students in Room 107 who grew seedlings for our garden. Seedlings include butterfly weed, wild rye, evening primrose, thimble weed, coreopsis, and special native grasses. Also, the cup plant, whose leaves create a cup around the stem that fills with water after the rain. This becomes a water source for birds!

Thank you to the students in Room 108, who have carefully placed seedlings and who will be fertilizing them with the banana-peel compost tea they have been brewing.

The Eco club and rooms 304 and 106 have also had a prominent role in the development of this garden, along, of course, with Mme Nancy. Next up, labeling of species, literacy activities, and the ceremonial “Curious Garden” Walk!



This project is so broad-reaching that in years to come, this natural habitat will provide Perth with a safe location to release butterflies, that are hand-raised in many classes, enabling students to observe growth and changes in animals, including metamorphosis. This is only the first year of this exciting ‘pilot’ project.

If you would like to be involved with this project, we especially need volunteers to water over the summer. Please contact leslie.garber@tdsb.on.ca to sign up!

ROOM 301 (Ms Holman-GR 6) walking over to Brock School



Rooms 202, 209, 210 (Ms Aucoin, Ms Williams, Ms Maxwell and Ms Jachna
(Going to Blue Jays Game- Go Jays!)





Room 304 and 306 (Mme Bey and Ms Hsieh) go to the ROM



Hey Perth Panthers,

Our Scholastic Book Fair sold just over \$8,000 worth of books and goodies! With our amazing community's support we have earned \$4,500 back in Scholastic rewards points for our school. We will be able to purchase new books for our library and classroom

resources with our Scholastic rewards!

Thank you so much for your support and excitement regarding our book fair. A special thank you to the student volunteers, parent volunteers and staff members who helped out and ensured we had a great fair!

A big thank you to Ms Williams for leading this initiative.



ECO CLUB UPDATE:

Eco club doing some planting in our pollinator gardens,

Eco Club is excited to announce our second annual Clothing Drive! Please drop off gently used kids clothes in the box located at the main doors of the school before June 14! The drive itself will be at our Spring Fun Fair on June 14!

Eco Club got busy making signs for the clothing drive on GOOS paper on Friday at lunch. Awesome job Eco Champs!! We're also busy putting the finishing touches on our Eco Schools application to showcase all the hard work we've done this year. A HUGE shout out and thank you to Mme. Bey for all the work she's done on the application!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Students beginning Kindergarten will be invited to a school orientation and classroom visit in preparation of next school year!

You and your child will have the opportunity to see the school, visit a kindergarten classroom, meet with some of the members of our kindergarten education team, and get a sneak peek at what it is like to be a kindergarten student here at Peth (it's awesome!).

This is an opportunity for families to tour a kindergarten classroom and meet some of the wonderful educators in the kindergarten division. All parents/guardians registered have received an email invite with details of the time and other particulars. In addition, you will also receive a Google Slide Presentation prepared by the Kindergarten staff. We look forward to meeting and welcoming you!!



EXTRA CURRICULARS HAPPENING AT PERTH !

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

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



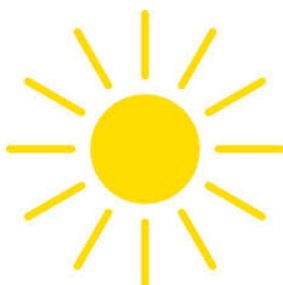
Nutrition Program

We are excited to announce that students are now receiving a nutritional snack in the AM and PM everyday.

SNACK for upcoming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
oranges, yogurt tubes	muffins, cheese strings	berries, crackers and granola bars	apples, crackers, granola bars	bananas fig bars

From the office staff:



Summer Weather: Now that Summer weather is upon us, here are some tips to support your child/ren

- Dress for weather: shorts, t-shirts
- Apply sunscreen (before coming to school)
- Wear a hat to protect face and eyes
- Send a full water bottle

Sign In and Out- Parents please note that there is a new sign-out book in the office!

When you are signing your child out of school during instructional hours you must use the sign-out book. If you are signing them IN they must get a late slip. Thanks for your assistance.

Moving? If you are planning to move and will no longer attend Perth Ave School, please email [Ms Fisher](#) so we can support your transfer and update our records.

Lost and Found -last call for year: Please visit the lost and found table outside of the office to re-claim your items before the end of the year. Items not picked up before June 30th will be donated.

Police Checks: For those who have not had a police check already: If you are interested in volunteering next year and haven't already filled out a police clearance, you are invited to come to the office to fill out a police check form. These checks take up to 6-8 weeks to be approved so when you get them back in the mail you must submit them to Perth in September in order to be added to the volunteer list.

Those of you with a completed police check must sign an annual offence declaration each year. This will be sent out via email to you when yours is due. Please fill it out digitally or print, sign and scan it - the email it back to the office.

If you have already done a police check you do not need to do another one! Please call the office if you have any questions.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT TDSB:

Parkdale Jr & Sr P.S



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78 Seaforth Avenue

(416)393-1280

parkdaleps@tdsb.on.ca

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

Join us for our in-person 2023 Elementary Summer School Program!

Dates: July 4 to July 28, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Our program offers:

- Literacy/Numeracy focused learning
- Engaging activities and critical thinking about social justice issues
- French Immersion programming Gr 1 – 4 only for students currently in those grades
- Mid- morning Nutrition break
- Access to Blue Jays RBI camp from 1:00 to 4:00p.m Mon - Fri

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting you!

For more information:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-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> AND

PERTH'S TWITTER ACCOUNT: [PerthAveJPS](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

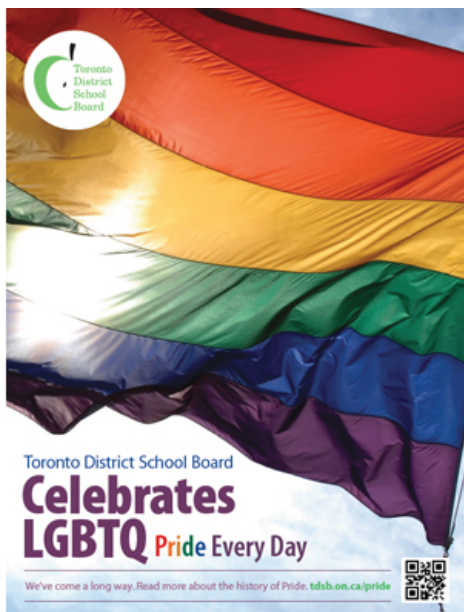
Days of Significance

JUNE

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Thursday	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	https://cnpea.ca/en/about-cnpea/blog/967-june-1st-is-intergenerational-day-canada
01 - 30	Thursday to Friday	Toronto Pride Festival Month	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto
04	Sunday	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://www.universalcompassion.org/event/saga-dawa-duchen-2022/
04	Sunday	Vesak (Wesak) Day	Buddhism	https://publicholidays.sg/vesak-day/
05	Monday	World Environment Day	United Nations	World Environment Day
12	Monday	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/125401235/celebrating-philippines-independence-day-is-a-way-to-pass-on-history

12	Monday	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations	World Day Against Child Labour
16	Friday	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Arjan
18	Sunday	International Day to Counter Hate Speech	United Nations	https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/UN%20Strategy%20and%20Plan%20of%20Action%20on%20Hate%20Speech%2018%20June%20SYNOPSIS.pdf
20	Tuesday	World Refugee Day	United Nations	World Refugee Day
21	Wednesday	Litha (Summer Solstice)*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.goddessandgreenman.co.uk/litha/
21	Wednesday	National Indigenous Persons Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit	https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/canada/national-indigenous-peoples-day?year=2023&language=ka
21	Wednesday	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union	https://www.humanistcanada.ca/about/
23 - 25(?)	Friday to Sunday	Toronto Pride Festival Parades	Toronto Pride	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_Toronto
24	Saturday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/the-birth-of-john-the-baptist/
24	Saturday	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture	https://pacmusee.qc.ca/en/stories-of-montreal/article/the-origin-of-saint-jean-baptiste-day/
26	Monday	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26	Monday	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
27	Tuesday	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://www.lutzelivetotell.org/calendar/ptsd-awareness-day/2023-06-27/
27 to July 01	Tuesday to Saturday	Hajj*	Islam	https://www.ilmuk.org/news/what-is-hajj-and-why-is-it-important/
28	Wednesday	Waqf al Arafah*	Islam	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_Arafah

June is Pride Month



June is Pride month across all of TDSB, a time to celebrate 2SLGBTQ+ communities and reflect on the important work that must continue to make our schools and workplaces more inclusive, welcoming and affirming for all. Pride month offers learning opportunities for each of us to engage in and learn from as we strive to celebrate 2SLGBTQ+ Pride every day at Toronto District School Board.

One of the ways that Pride month is recognized and celebrated at TDSB is through flag raising.

For your information, the significance of the colours of the Progress Pride flag are: LGBTQ 6 full sized color stripes representing life (red), healing (orange), sunlight (yellow), nature (green), harmony/peace (blue), and spirit (purple/violet)

Hoist: 5 half sized stripes representing trans and non-binary individuals (light blue, light pink, white), marginalized POC communities (brown, black), as well

as those living with AIDS and the stigma and prejudice surrounding them, and those who have been lost to the disease (black)

TDSB Celebrates National Indigenous History Month: June 2023

During the month of June, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is celebrated on Wednesday, June 21. This is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today.

It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast. Traditional foods are an important aspect of the feast as they signify connection to the land and animals.

Italian Heritage Month at the TDSB: June 2023

Italian Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) since May 2012. The Province of Ontario also marks Italian Heritage Month since 2010 because the Italian Heritage Month Act (link: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10i17>) was passed.

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Christie Pits riot that took place in Toronto in August 1933. To commemorate this moment in history, the TDSB's Jewish Heritage Committee in collaboration with the Italian Heritage Committee are offering TDSB students a chance to learn about the largest race riot in Canadian history.

This program is part of the committees' commitment to plan annual educational opportunities and to enrich the curriculum for further learning. With these actions our staff, students and our TDSB communities celebrate and learn about the diverse cultures of individuals within our schools and communities. Together, both committees created a program designed for students in Grades 8 and 10 to learn about the riot through a re-enactment, workshops, and a visit to a newly created TDSB Peace Garden at Christie Pits Park. For students unable to attend due to limited capacity, resources were also prepared for in-classroom teaching and discussion.

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To commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Christie Pits Riot, the Toronto District School Board Jewish Heritage Committee and Italian Heritage Committee have [gathered the attached daily quotes from notable](#) individuals. These quotes demonstrate the effects of the riots on our Canadian history that we remember today and always.

In addition to commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Christie Pits riot, the Italian Heritage Month planning committee has planned several virtual opportunities to celebrate the Italian heritage. One is honouring our Italian seniors. Maintaining Italian traditions and customs from generation to generation are very important and our elderly members within our families and communities are the key to preserving the vibrant culture of the Italian heritage. As part of Italian Heritage month, we also celebrate [Seniors Month](#) and have launched an activity for students from various Toronto District School Boards, to draw and write a message on a [postcard](#) that features a white lily, the national flower of Italy. These postcards will be distributed to the residents of Villa Colombo Home for the Aged during the month of June.

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month at the TDSB - June 2023

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the TDSB and has been since 2011. The Province of Ontario passed the [Celebration of Portuguese Heritage Act](#) in 2001.

This year our theme is Alegria / Joy!

The contributions of the Portuguese-speaking community to Canada are significant as they include the arts, sports, music, culinary arts, and many professional contributions to education and medicine. Canadians, along with all TDSB students, staff, and its communities all enjoy the energetic and vibrant traditions that are shared through the customs of the Portuguese-speaking community. Over 1,400 TDSB students speak Portuguese as their mother tongue or as a primary language. Internationally, there are 250 million Portuguese-speaking people worldwide, making it the fifth-most spoken language.

An invitation is being extended to all students, staff and the larger TDSB community to attend the annual Portuguese Parade! This vibrant and colourful parade brings the Portuguese-speaking community together and experience traditional music, dance, and food! All are welcome to join the fun and celebrate Luis de Camoes, poet and writer of Portuguese heritage who is regarded as a national literary icon. All wishing to participate in the parade are asked to meet at 9:30 am on Lansdowne between Bloor and College where we will then proceed to walk towards the parade designated area (see [attached flyer](#) for details of route).

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement - The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement offers a variety of programming for students, staff and families. Join us for our upcoming events including [The African Spirit, Race Consciousness, and Self-Actualization of Black Youth](#) on June 7 at 6 p.m. and [NCCM: Culturally Responsive Healing – Black Muslims](#) on June 8 at 6 p.m. To learn more, visit our [website](#) and follow @tdsb_cebsa on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

TDSB Backpacks & School Supplies Drive - Backpacks and school supplies can be expensive and represent a difficult purchase for some students and families. Our [Backpack & School Supplies Drive](#) is BACK ON and will run until the end of September. We are accepting donations of new products, including backpacks (gender neutral coloured with no commercial logos preferred), lunch bags, crayons, calculators, notebooks and basic school supplies. If interested in supporting, please complete an [online donation form](#). For more information contact BusinessDevelopment@tdsb.on.ca

Summer International Languages Elementary (ILE) & African Heritage (AH) Program - ILE Summer Program combines language & culture learning with engaging activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, and writing. No language background knowledge is necessary. Afternoon cultural programs, run by community groups, are also available. AH Summer Program connects students to the contributions, histories, legacies, cultures and traditions of people of African descent through inquiry and experiential learning. [Learn more](#).

Summer Language Classes for Newcomer Adults - The following Community Services Unit programs will be offering in-class instruction for newcomer adults this summer.

- [Language Instruction for Newcomers \(LINC\)](#) classes will operate on a summer schedule from July 10 to July 28.
- [Enhanced Language Training \(ELT\)](#) will deliver classes for newcomers with a background in Office Admin and Customer Relations starting on June 19; Sales and Marketing starting July 7; and Accounting and Financial Services starting July 7.



PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello Perth families!

Here are the Perth school council's latest updates.

May School Council Meeting

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Perth school council's last meeting of this school year. Lots of important information was shared, including the news that the roof over the gym will be repaired over the summer, which means there will be construction crews and heavy machinery in the neighbourhood, and that permitting for activities in the school has been cancelled for this summer. LEF will continue to run through the summer.

Also, news was shared about the timing of the social networking safety workshop (it will happen at the end of fall/early winter of next school year), and about pest control.

You can read the full minutes [here](#).

You can watch a recording of the meeting [here](#).

The first school council meeting of the 2023-24 school year will take place in September or October. Details will be shared closer to that time.

Perth Fun Fair!

... AND WE'RE LIVE!



The Perth Fun Fair will be back for the first time since 2019! It's a wonderful community building event, and our biggest fundraiser of the year. We hope you've made a point to invite all your family, friends and neighbours out to it, whether they know or have a child(ren) at the school or not. We can't stress enough that this is a community event and ALL are welcome!

Date: *Wednesday June 14*

Time: *3-7 p.m.*

Entry fee: *\$2 per adult or PWYC; children are free!*

Details about wristbands and tickets to be shared shortly!

You can find all of the details on the Perth Fun Fair [website](#), including details about the lots that will up for bid at our awesome in-person [silent auction](#)!

We really need volunteers to help out on the day of the Fun Fair. You can volunteer for specific roles and shifts. Volunteers are essential to making this event run smoothly, and we would be so grateful for your help. **We can't have a fun fair without you!!** To volunteer, please fill in this [form](#).

Please note: Volunteers must be parents/caregivers/family members of current Perth students.

Happy Pride!

Celebrate with **PRIDE**



On the second day of Pride Month and in light of the recent decision made by the York Catholic District School Board to not raise the Progress Pride flag outside its Catholic Education Centre, Perth SAC would like to reiterate its support for love in ALL of its forms and the beautiful diversity of gender expression within our community. We wish all of you, and especially our amazing LGBTQIA2S+ families a wonderful Pride Month ❤️

Elections Subcommittee

The Perth School Council is looking for volunteers to help engage people to run for the 2023-24 Perth School council.

If you'd like to be part of this subcommittee please reach out at perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

The election subcommittee will meet early in the school year to organize elections and engage nominees.

Please note: People who are running for election or their spouses are not allowed to be part of this 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.

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

–The Perth School Council Exec