



PERTH POST

March 24, 2023

Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful March Break. Students have returned refreshed and ready to learn. We are excited about the next term and all the great things happening at Perth. Thank you for your continued support!

SCHOOL INFORMATION



It was a big day for community building!

The Friendship club, hosted by our two amazing CYW student teachers Zeba and Makayla, had its first meeting on Wednesday with over 60 kids from grades 1-6 participating! The club is so big we will be dividing it in two going forward. Kids had a great time making new friends and learning social skills through art and games!



ECO CLUB UPDATE!



Eco Club hosted 6 classes outside on Wednesday afternoon for the Great Gulp in celebration of [World Water Day](#)! We did some fun water dances led by Mr. Hodgson then we all took a drink out of our reusable water bottles at 1 o'clock to raise awareness of access to clean drinking water and reducing our use of single-use plastics. The junior students will be using footage from the event to make short films about World Water Day and hope to have a school screening soon!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Perth's World Water Day celebration a huge success!!



Eco celebrated Earth Hour on Friday by unveiling our anti-idling signs with the help of School Trustee Alexis Dawson and City Councillor Alejandra Bravo and her staff member Suhaib!!

We're so proud of our hard work on this campaign over the past two months and students were thrilled to put our signs up around the school to remind drivers to turn off their engines in our school zone! Thank you to everyone who helped with this important project!!

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 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
(April 7 - Early June 16)	Every Friday morning starting at 8AM intramural Soccer and Softball. It will alternate between sports every week.



Floor Hockey
winds up for
the season!
(Perth Team pic)

FRENCH IMMERSION RESOURCES for Parents/Guardians:

For parents of students in French Immersion who are interested in learning how to pronounce French sounds so that they can better support their children at home. We are sharing this resource in response to a parent question from Literacy Night.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeTvwXavx7SWUqr9y7sB3q5aYQBNMAOk>



SCHOOL PARKING LOT: NEW CHANGES- PLEASE READ BELOW!!

From the Health and Safety Committee:

Due to ongoing safety concerns, the Health and Safety Committee (comprising administration from both schools, daycare administration, SAC , custodial and Perth staff) has made the decision to chain off the entry of the school parking lot at 8:30 am each day.

The chain will be taken down the next day when the custodial staff arrive at the building. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms Khan-Fitzpatrick.

TUTORING INFORMATION:

The TDSB continues to support students with unfinished learning through the Ministry's funding for Tutoring programs until March 31, 2023. Tutoring may be accessed in schools, communities, and online. We encourage principals and vice-principals to speak with teachers who may be interested in beginning or expanding tutoring programs. All tutoring services are voluntary. There is no obligation for any student to participate in tutoring.

TDSB students have free, unlimited online tutoring available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through [Paper](#) and [Brainfuse](#). The TDSB is not operating online tutoring services. This means that TDSB staff will not be present during tutoring sessions.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and/or Students (18 years or older) who wish to participate in one of these free online tutoring services should contact the company directly to learn more about their services and the registration process.

Information will be going out to students and parents/caregivers/guardians today about tutoring. As well, information about Tutoring @ the TDSB is available on the public website:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2022-2023/Tutoring>.

Please continue to share the tutoring opportunities with students and parents/caregivers/guardians regularly.

The following Tutoring Fact Sheet provides more information about tutoring, community organizations offering tutoring and online tutoring opportunities.

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/docs/Winter_2022-23_Tutoring_Update_Students_Parents_Guardians_Caregivers.pdf



Nutrition Program

SNACK for upcoming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
fig bars	berries and crackers	bananas	clementines and crackers	ginger snap cookies

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.

Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary-School Students

Register for this webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary-school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary-division (Grade 3) and junior-division (Grade 6) assessments have been modernized. The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q & A session with EQAO staff. **Registration:** www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507

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.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Days of Significance

MARCH 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
07	Tuesday	Purim*	Judaism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purim
08	Wednesday	Holi*	Hinduism	https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/holi-festival-colors-meaning-180958119/
08	Wednesday	International Women's Day	United Nations	International Women's Day
10	Friday	Kuan Yin Birthday	Buddhism (Taiwanese)	https://jinpaper.com/blogs/post/kuan-yin-birthday
10 - 12	Friday to Sunday	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Hola_Mahalla

13	Monday	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology	Official Church of Scientology: What is Scientology?
14	Tuesday	Chet (Sikh New Year)	Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chet_(month)
20	Monday	Nawruz (Persian New Year)	Government of Iran Holiday	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/novruz
20 - 21	Monday and Tuesday	Ostara (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan	https://wiccaliving.com/wiccan-calendar-ostara-spring-equinox/
21	Tuesday	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21	Tuesday	Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year)	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
21	Tuesday	Ohigan (Spring Equinox)	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)	https://kokoro-jp.com/culture/2908/
22	Wednesday	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism (Balinese)	https://pelanbali.com/2019/03/01/nyepi-day-how-balinese-people-celebrate/
22	Wednesday	World Water Day	United Nations	World Water Day
22 - 23	Wednesday and Thursday	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism	https://publicholidays.co.id/bali-hindu-new-year/
23 to Apr 20	Thursday to Thursday	Ramadan*	Islam	https://www.livescience.com/61815-what-is-ramadan.html
25	Saturday	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox & Western)	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity
30	Thursday	Shri/Rama Navami	Hinduism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama_Navami

International Day for the Elimination against Racism

The Toronto District School Board is committed to addressing incidents of hate and racism that continue to take place throughout the district. Globally, March 21 is marked as the [International Day for the Elimination against Racism](https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day). On March 21, 2023, the Toronto District School Board will host a series of professional learning opportunities for Kindergarten to grade 12 students, staff, and parents/families/caregivers. These sessions will provide opportunities for interactive conversations about the need for racial literacy in all classrooms and schools, as well as some tangible take-aways to continue this work in all curriculum areas.

School communities and families are invited to participate in the day by doing the following:

1. Read out the United Nations Declaration on the International elimination of Racism:
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>
2. Affirm your commitment to taking concrete actions against racism in your curriculum, school environments and beyond.

TDSB Earth Hour 2023

During Earth Hour, TDSB schools and offices are asked to go as electricity-free as possible for ONE HOUR on March 25th at 2pm. Earth Hour falls on a weekend this year. Wherever possible, our schools and offices will turn off interior lighting, and any non-essential electronics and power bars.

This year energy reduction will be tracked at each TDSB school, with the top 25 Elementary and Secondary schools getting a shout out. Let's make this year our biggest energy reduction ever! To help maximize your energy reduction, explore the TDSB EcoSchools Earth Hour resources.

High Water Levels Bring Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

GREEK HERITAGE MONTH at TDSB 2023

Greek Heritage Month



"Joy, Engagement, Belonging"
"Ευτυχία, Ενθάρρυνση, Ενότητα"

March 2023

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Greek Heritage Month (GHM) during the month of March.

During the month of March, several activities will be shared to mark GHM. A poster contest was held and all students from the Toronto District School Board were invited to submit images that best reflected this year's theme. The selected images are posted below.

The theme for this year is based on TDSB's priorities:

"Joy, Engagement, Belonging"

Visit the [GHM website](#) for information and resources

This year's website includes "Daily Announcements" along with featured focussed days with activities. "Musical Mondays"

"Traditional Tuesdays"

"Wonder Wednesdays"

"Theatrical Thursdays"

"Foodie Fridays"

[Greek Heritage Month - Calendar of Activities \(google.com\)](#)

Join us on Friday, March 24th for a Social Event at Floga Restaurant – [see flyer to RSVP](#)

Join us on Sunday, March 26th at 1:30pm for the Greek Independence Day Parade on the Danforth ((meet at 15 Phin Avenue at 1pm).

TDSB's Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO)

Did you know?

The PCEO hosts webinars! TDSB families are invited to join us for a series of engaging and informative conversations on topics we heard you want to learn more about. Hear from leading experts and participate in question and answer sessions online.

These conversations are jointly hosted by the TDSB's Parent and Community Engagement Office and the [Parent Involvement Advisory Committee](#) and generously supported by the Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out Grants.

To learn more about the upcoming discussions, [Join the Conversation!](#)

PAST CONVERSATIONS Missed a Conversation? All past Conversations can be viewed on the [PCEO YouTube channel](#).

Nominations for the 2023 Excellence Awards are now open!

TDSB staff make our schools and workplaces incredible spaces to learn, work and play. We all know stories of staff who go above and beyond for students, colleagues and the broader community, and every year, the TDSB Excellence Awards are a chance to spotlight these stories and recognize the efforts of TDSB staff.

Nominate a TDSB staff member for a 2023 Excellence Award today!

Last year, the Excellence Awards were modified to align with our shared system priorities and help highlight TDSB staff's efforts to foster joy, engagement and belonging in our schools, workplaces and communities as a foundation for academic achievement, student success and service excellence. Nomination categories also reflect our shared commitment to Indigenous rights and human rights, equity, anti-racism, anti-oppression – all within a framework of creativity and innovation.

Learn more about the Excellence Awards and answers to frequently asked questions.

Nominations can come from staff, students, parents/caregivers or community members. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 4 p.m.



PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hi all! We hope you had a fun March Break and a wonderful week.

Here are the Perth School Council's most recent updates.

March 8 Perth School Council Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the March school council meeting. You can read the minutes here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AyNpraiGvTGo0REIL28hkYFHkSziSd8SjBMN7qFc-Sw/edit?usp=sharing>

Next 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.

Pizza Day Change

In order to ensure that all Perth students are able to fully participate in Pizza Day, the Pizza Day scheduled for March 31 is being rescheduled so as not to conflict with Ramadan. The exact date of the rescheduled Pizza Day is to be determined and will be shared once it's been finalized.

The next scheduled Pizza Day is Friday April 28.

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