



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PERTH?



Eco Club had an incredibly successful Rail Path Clean Up last Friday! Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help, we collected about 60 lbs of garbage from our beloved ecosystem!



We had a great time planting corn, sunflowers, beans and tons of wildflowers in our planters at the front of the school on Friday! We're beginning to develop our naturalized garden in front as well and we're looking for any parents who would be willing to help by delivering compost to the school on the City's upcoming Compost Days hosted by our ward's City Councillor, Alejandra Bravo. Please email Natalie at [natalie.meyers@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:natalie.meyers@tdsb.on.ca) if you're interested in helping out! Thank you!



Mr. Prager and Ms. Meyers' classes are collaborating on a project for our Eco Arts Night on May 18. We're making sea creature costumes out of recycled materials for the kindergartens for a special secret performance! Stay tuned and come see us on May 18!



## CELEBRATE THE ARTS AT PERTH!

Hi Perth Community,

We are excited about our first ever Perth Arts Celebration for Thursday, on May 18th. It will be an open house community event honouring all art forms: music, dance and drama presentations, visual art and immersive installations, all with an ecological theme. It's our first year trying this more inclusive format. This allows us to accommodate our full

school community, encourages connection by offering a more inclusive model focusing on student voice and choice.

May 18 - Tentative Schedule:

3pm - Kindie Performances

5 pm - Arts Night Performances on Stage

5:30 pm - 6.15pm Pert Vert Gallery - hallway walk

- \* Students who are doing stage presentations will arrive at 4.45pm and go directly to their homerooms. Please keep in mind *students will not have supervision until 4.45pm.*
- \* Homeroom teachers will communicate with you if your child is performing the night of.
- \* This is a standing room event. Seating is available for those who require it.

To share the details with our wider community, we're launching a poster contest. The winning entry will be shared digitally with the Perth Community. All are welcome to apply. Details here.

Thank you for all your support!

Your Arts Team

Deirdre, Michael and Laura

Here is a link to sign up for a task: [📅 Perth Arts Night - May 18 - Community Support](#)

Hey Perth Panthers!

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On Thursday, May 18th, the book fair will be open until 5:00 PM. Thursday night will be the book fair's Family Event Night and families can come explore before our Arts Night begins.

All families who attend will be entered into the family event door prize. The winning draw will win \$25 in books for your family PLUS \$25 in books for your child's classroom. The winning draw will be announced during our Arts Night performance.

To prepare for our awesome book fair you can explore our virtual book fair here: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5206024>

Through the virtual book fair you can view book trailers and see some of the books that will be available. Once the book fair has begun you will be able to purchase books via the website and books will be shipped to Perth and distributed to students." Thanks to Ms Williams for leading this!

**PERTH'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
**MAY 15-19TH, 2023**

**WHEN?**  
**OPEN DURING PRIMARY PM RECESS AND AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 3:40PM.**  
**OPEN LATE ON THURSDAY, MAY 18TH UNTIL 5PM**

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**BOOK FAIRS**  
Bolder. Proud. Stronger Reader.

May 15-19, 2023  
In the library (afternoons)  
open until 5pm on Thursday May 18th  
All purchases support our school!

## 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.

## STUDENT PICK -UP (ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION)

When students have appointments and need to leave early, parents/ guardians are asked to give advance notice, when possible, by emailing the office at [kyree.vibrant@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kyree.vibrant@tdsb.on.ca) and cc ing the teacher.

You can prevent delays in getting your child and interruption to your child's school day by **avoiding pick up during recesses and lunchtime**. Please keep in mind that **AM recess for all is from 9:55-10:10am**. Lunch is between **11:30-12:30pm**. Primary recess is from **1:50-2:05pm** and junior recess is from **2:20-2:35pm**.

Near the end of the day, students who have appointments can be picked up from the office, but otherwise, please greet your grade 1-6 child/children outside at dismissal time - 3:15pm with the rest of the class. Thanks so much for your cooperation!





## Nutrition Program

SNACK for upcoming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
grapes and crackers	cheese and melba toast	strawberries and granola bars	bananas and goldfish	berries and granola bars

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



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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

MAY 2023

Date	Day of Week	Event	Source	Website
01	Monday	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://beltane.org/about-beltane/">https://beltane.org/about-beltane/</a>
01 - 05	Monday to Friday	Canadian Children's Mental Health Week	Canadian Mental Health Association (Adopted by Toronto District School)	<a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-Well-being/Childrens-Mental-Health-Week#:~:text=This%20year%2C%20the%20TDSB%20recognizes,Intersecting%20Identities%20and%20Well%20Being.">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-Well-being/Childrens-Mental-Health-Week#:~:text=This%20year%2C%20the%20TDSB%20recognizes,Intersecting%20Identities%20and%20Well%20Being.</a>
02	Tuesday	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
05	Friday	Nation Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.mmiwq-ffada.ca/final-report/">https://www.mmiwq-ffada.ca/final-report/</a>
05	Friday	Red Dress Day: Reflection on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	Northern Indigenous Health	<a href="https://www.indigenoushealthnh.ca/news/national-day-awareness-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-and-two-spirit-people">https://www.indigenoushealthnh.ca/news/national-day-awareness-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-and-two-spirit-people</a>
07	Sunday	International Family Equality Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in May)	Family Equality Council	<a href="https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/">https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/</a>
15	Monday	International Day of Families	United Nations	<a href="#">International Day of Families</a>
17	Wednesday	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	<a href="https://may17.org/about/">https://may17.org/about/</a>
18	Thursday	Ascension of Jesus Christ	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://metro.co.uk/2018/05/10/happened-ascension-day-celebrated-7533524/">https://metro.co.uk/2018/05/10/happened-ascension-day-celebrated-7533524/</a>

22	Monday	<b>Queen Victoria Day</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria">https://www.royal.uk/queen-victoria</a>
24	Wednesday	<b>Declaration of the Bá'b*</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
26 - 27	Friday and Saturday	<b>Shavuot*</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-2022/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-2022/</a>
28	Sunday	<b>Pentecost</b>	Judaism/Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html">https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html</a>
28 to June 3	Sunday to Saturday	<b>National AccessAbility Week</b>	Government of Canada	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html</a>
29	Monday	<b>Ascension of Bahá'u'llah*</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/">https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/</a>
29 - 02 June	Monday to Friday	<b>Bike to School Week</b>	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://bikemonth.ca/bike-school/bike-school-week">https://bikemonth.ca/bike-school/bike-school-week</a>
31	Wednesday	<b>World No Tobacco Day</b>	World Health Organization	<a href="https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-no-tobacco-day">https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-no-tobacco-day</a>

## Jewish Heritage Month

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. 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 more information, please contact [shari.schwartz-maltz@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:shari.schwartz-maltz@tdsb.on.ca).

## 2023 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 at a number of our sites. 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 and register

## Asian Heritage Month

The TDSB is proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians during Asian Heritage Month. This year our theme is Joining Our Table: Celebrating Asian Canadians. During the month of May we are honoured to share with you several opportunities and resources to learn about the traditions, customs, and significant individuals that this heritage brings. Stay tuned as we share details with you throughout the month of May!

## PIAC Ready-Set-Engage: Bridging the Gap

Saturday May 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Ready. Set. Engage....in person after three years!

The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee's annual parent/caregiver conference returns to Earl Haig Secondary School on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 9am to 3:30pm. Join us as we present Ready-Set-Engage: Bridging the Gap Part II. Take the opportunity to meet and network with other parents and caregivers from across the Toronto District School Board, and attend workshops that will provide resources to support School Council and the well-being and achievement of students.

Topics will range from Parent Engagement, School Council basics, to Mental Health and Well-Being. New this year, a special theatrical performance, themed around mental health and well-being in the learning environment.

Conference is free with breakfast and lunch included. Special requests for language, ASL interpretation, childcare and bus transportation will be provided, upon registering before Friday, April 21, 2023.

Register now at [bit.ly/bridgingthegap2023](https://bit.ly/bridgingthegap2023)

## 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.

## Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Renewal



The TDSB is renewing its Multi-Year Strategic Plan and we invite you to get involved and Have Your Say! Please consider completing the MYSP online survey and visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal) to learn about a variety of opportunities to contribute.

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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/census) and read the Student Census Questions and Answers.



# PERTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello Perth parents and caregivers!

We hope you had a lovely last two weeks. Here are the Perth school council's most recent updates.

**Save the Date for the Perth Fun Fair!**

## THE PERTH FUN FAIR IS BACK!

**June 14<sup>TH</sup>  
3-7pm**



**Save the date!** On Wednesday June 14th, from 3–7 p.m., Perth is bringing back the popular Fun Fair! Stay tuned to find out how you can purchase tickets, bid on items in the Silent Auction and plan your afternoon filled with food, entertainment and more!

We need volunteers to make this a fun and safe event! Please fill in this [form](#) if you'd like to volunteer!

We can't wait to see you!

### **Call for Silent Auction Donations for the Fun Fair**

As is tradition, we're holding a silent auction during this year's Perth Fun Fair! Our silent auction helps raise funds to enrich our students' educational experiences. We are reaching out to our community for donations to help make this event a success. However, we face a unique challenge, as this is our first year asking for fun fair donations since the onset of the global pandemic. We understand that it may be more financially challenging for businesses in this climate, so we are turning to our Perth caregiver and parent community for help.

**Do you or someone you know provide a service or product that the community might not know about?** We would greatly appreciate it if you could reach out to your connections and ask if they would be interested in donating any items for our silent auction. This could be anything from gift cards to local businesses, handmade crafts, or even unique experiences.

If you or someone you know is interested in donating an item for our silent auction, please reach out to Silent Auction lead Arielle Berger at [ariellekay@yahoo.ca](mailto:ariellekay@yahoo.ca)

### **Call for Entertainers for the Fun Fair**

Attention Perth Parents: The school council is looking for parents involved in the arts – actors, musicians, visual artists, jugglers, dancers – any craft that you might be able to contribute to our Fun Fair this year. Even if you aren't a performer but have a connection to something that could be added to our Fun Fair entertainment lineup please let us know. You can email [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com) or Teresa Pavlinek, the Entertainment co-ordinator for the Fair, at [tpavlinek@gmail.com](mailto:tpavlinek@gmail.com)

### **April School Council Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the April 19 school council meeting. Lots of important topics were discussed, including the model for next year's classes, Eco-Club happenings, Fun Fair, the upcoming student arts evening, an online safety workshop plan and more!

You can read about it all in the minutes here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rbQw8gvyv-00mS3A4F9B0PcCtBCTcC7F8/view?usp=sharing>

And you can watch a recording of the meeting, which will be available for 40 days, [here](#).

### **May School Council Meeting**

The next school council meeting will take place in the evening of **Monday May 29**. 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](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto: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/](http://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