

SPRING  
2024

# PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Latest news and bulletin updates

## Message from the Principal

Spring is definitely in the air and we are now in the final stretch of the school year.

We have had so many wonderful things happening throughout the school and in our classrooms, many of which will be highlighted throughout our Spring Newsletter.

A special thank you to our wonderful School Council who hosted a Dance-A-Thon just before the March Break and raised \$3793.65, which surpassed the goal of \$2000.00! The students danced their hearts out and had a wonderful time raising money to support buying new technology for our school. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Speaking of amazing events, our School Council is looking for Volunteers for our upcoming Fun Fair scheduled for June 15th from 11-3pm. Without the support of volunteers, this event may not be able to happen, so if you are able to help, please email our phenomenal School Council Chair at [Nicole.Capes@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Nicole.Capes@tdsb.on.ca).

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible team at Pleasant PS., who continue to provide engaging programming and support various clubs, teams, events and initiatives that supports our goals for student achievement and well-being. I feel very lucky to work alongside such a committed group of teachers, support staff, caretaking team, our partners with Early ON, Pleasant Daycare and last but not least, our amazing Acting OA Miss Diana! She has been the glue that holds us all together and I feel very fortunate to have her in the absence of Ms. Defazio.

It is a true honour and privilege to serve as Principal in this very dynamic community and I look forward to our final few months of this school year and the many more wonderful things to come.

In appreciation of you all,

Karen



### About The Author

Our very own Mr. Kernaghan is the proud author of the above book *New School, No Problem*.

Mr. K. has been teaching for the past 14 years and wrote this book with the hope that it will help ease some of the stress and anxiety children may face when dealing with these life experiences and changes.

Congratulations Mr. K.!!!

## Photo Retakes

Monday, April 22

Edge Imaging

Edge Imaging will be back at Pleasant PS for photo retakes of any students that were absent during photo day or are new to our school.

## Dental Screening

April 29-May 3

Toronto Public Health

The dental hygienist from Toronto Public Health will be screening all students from April 29- May 3.

## Pizza Days

Mark Your Calendar

School Council

Friday, April 26th

Friday, May 31\*

Friday, June 21st

## Intramurals

### Soccer

We will be starting up some fun intramural soccer games during the whole month of May. Permission forms to participate will be given in the next few weeks by

**Primary** (grade 1 - 3) students will play **Monday and Wednesday** during the first recess (10:35 - 10:50 a.m.).

**Junior** (grade 4 - 6) students will play **Tuesday and Thursday** during the first recess (10:35 - 10:50 a.m.).

### Intramural Cornerball (Primary Grades 1 - 3)

Corner ball was played during January and February with over 100 students involved from grades 1 - 3. The students had fun learning a soccer like game and playing with different students in their own grade. Thanks to Ms. Brierley for teaching the students during gym classes.

Thanks to our junior students who volunteered to help the primary students: Prapti, Kira, Charlotte, Sozhin, Melody G., Alice Elsa, Gwyneth, Ksenia, Feodor, Ismael and Saamiya. Thanks to all our teacher volunteers for supervising the games.

## Track and Field

Pleasant's Grade 4-6 Track and Field Meet will be on **Thursday April 25** on Pleasant's back field.

It will be a full day event where students are outside all day except for lunch and washroom breaks.

Students should dress for the weather with hat, sunscreen, proper footwear and athletic clothing. They will need plenty of water and a proper lunch and snacks to get them through the day.

Looking forward to a fun day!

### Intramural Volleyball (Junior Grades 4 - 6)

Volleyball was played during February and April with over 50 - 60 junior students involved from grades 4 - 6. The students got together with other students in their own grade to learn to serve and volley the ball. Thanks to Ms. Brierley for teaching the students during gym classes.

Thanks to the following junior students who volunteered to help with setting up the equipment. Arvand, Aran, Mani, Ivanka, Olivia, Arad and Zeinab.

Thanks to all our teacher volunteers for supervising the games.

### Jay's Care "Girl's at Bat" Program (January-March)

Over the 3 months we had 14 Junior students involved in the program: Michelle R., Anita V., Amirah C., Erika T., Seh Ah A., Ivanka X., Liza J., Olivia S., Yeriel L., Gwyneth A., Kate O., Sophia G., Marita M., and Rosa M. The students had fun learning about the sport of baseball and good memories as a team. Thanks to the Jays Care School Program for providing indoor baseball equipment for Pleasant. Thanks to coaches: Ms. Brierley, Ms. Milford-Warren, Mr. Keraghan and Mr. Cho.

### Junior Boys Basketball (Grades 4 - 6)

The Junior boys basketball team (Aran A., Arsam A., Adrian K., Lucas K., Tianren Z, Noah J., Gio S., Arad A., Parsa A., Seongjin K., Joshua J., Nicky K., Ryan L., Asher M., Yunoo S. and Heyi Z.) represented Pleasant P. S. and played a basketball tournament at Beverly Glen Junior P. S. in February.

They played 3 games against 3 different schools. For some of the boys it was their first time on a competitive team. Overall we won 1 game and lost 2 games.

## ECO NEWS

### POPSICLES FOR FLOWERS

The ECO team will be selling double popsicles for \$2 each on Friday, April 19th.

The ECO team is committed to raise money for the purchase of two large planters for the front of the school and colourful flowers to plant. They will also be planting flowers and sweet grass in the courtyard to have it ready for all classes to use for learning opportunities and for the grade 6 graduation in June.

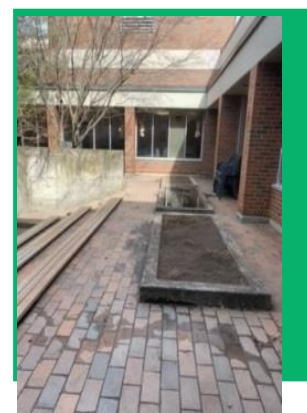
Thank you for your help and generosity



### ECO UPDATE

#### The Latest...

Our amazing ECO team has cleaned the enclosed courtyard of the school. They worked hard and as a team. Classes will be able to enjoy outdoor learning opportunities here, such as planting vegetables and plants, watching them grow and flourish, using the space for presentations and other activities.



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## Bicycle Safety

The latest updates



Similar to walking, cycling is good for children's health, the environment and our communities.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), bikes are considered vehicles. Therefore, cyclists must follow the same rules and laws as drivers do. To ensure a safe trip when riding a bike, consider some of the following tips from MTO:

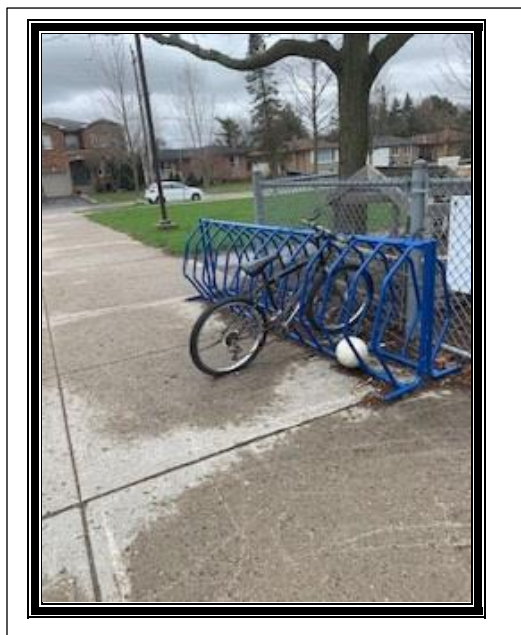
- Do not ride your bikes or scooters on school property
- Wear a helmet every time you ride – it is the law for anyone under the age of 18.
- Wear bright clothing so drivers can see you better.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Ride beside parked cars as if all the car doors were open. As long as you are riding in a straight line, motorists coming from behind will see you and give you enough space.
- Use hand signals early when turning or stopping – this lets drivers know what you are going to do next.

Always stop:

- At stop signs and red lights.
- At the edge of the road. Look all ways to see if the road is clear before entering a road.
- For stopped school buses when their red lights are flashing.
- For pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Two metres behind bus and streetcar doors and wait until the passengers have got on/off or reached the curb.

In Toronto, children 13 and under are allowed to ride on sidewalks; however, it is illegal for older cyclists to do the same. When riding on sidewalks, children must still exercise caution and follow traffic rules.

Bicycles can be locked at the front of the school in the bike rack



Toronto Public Health

## Dental Screening

April 29- May 3

The dental hygienist from TPH will be at Pleasant PS to provide dental screening for all students. Toronto Public Health provides annual dental screenings in local public schools. Parents are notified in advance of the screenings and are able to opt out if they do not want their child to be screened.

The school screening programs do not replace a dental examination that is done at a dentist's office. The screening can provide an early sign of possible problems that should be looked at more closely.

Toronto Public Health also provides free non-emergency and emergency dental care for eligible children, youth (0-17 years) and adults. Visit <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/dental-and-oral-health-services/free-dental-care/> for more information.



- Do you brush your teeth at least once a day?
  - Make sure you use a soft brush to gently clean all surfaces – the front, back and chewing surfaces.
- Do you floss daily?
  - Flossing cleans the surfaces between the teeth, where your toothbrush can't get.
- Every three to four months, you should replace your soft toothbrush with a new one.

## Classroom Art



## Pleasant Multilingual Ambassadors

We are very fortunate here at Pleasant PS to have a diverse school community and with this comes many students that are bilingual and trilingual.

Some of these students have volunteered to be multilingual ambassadors for our newcomers to Canada. Their role is to liaison between new families and the school. Their interaction with new students makes the transition to a new country and environment a little less overwhelming.

We would like to thank the following ambassadors for their assistance in interpreting and welcoming our new students:

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Kurdish<br>Artin, grade 5                        | Ukrainian<br>Lucas, grade 5                  |
| Azerbaijan<br>Nadir, grade 5<br>Inji, grade 4    | Russian<br>Feodor, grade 5<br>Omar, grade 6  |
| Somali<br>Saamiya, grade 6                       | Korean<br>Evelyn, grade 5<br>Joshua, grade 6 |
| Mandarin<br>Heyi, grade 6<br>Tianren, grade 6    | Nepali & Hindi<br>Prapti, grade 6            |
| Tagalog<br>Aedrien, grade 5                      | Tajik<br>Mohiniso, grade 6                   |
| Georgian<br>Mariam, grade 5<br>Anita, grade 4    | Turkish<br>Nadir, grade 5                    |
| Romanian<br>Ksenia, grade 5<br>Michelle, grade 4 | Arabic<br>Mahmoud, grade 5                   |
| Farsi<br>Arsam, grade 6<br>Anali, grade 6        | Urdu & Hindi<br>Hooriya, grade 6             |

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## TDSB Summer Programs

Explore various TDSB summer programs now open for registration at the TDSB. Programs include:

### Elementary

- [Elementary Summer School](#)
- [Special Education and Inclusion Summer Program](#)
- [Summer Music & Art Camps](#)

### Secondary

- [Continuing Education Secondary Credit](#) (Registration opens Friday, April 19)
  - [e-Summer School Program](#) (Registration tentatively opens on Monday, April 22 for TDSB students and Monday, May 6 for NON-TDSB students)
  - [International Youth Summer Program](#)
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## Pleasant PS Earth Day Community Clean Up!

Date: Monday, April 22nd, 2023, 1:00-1:40 p.m.

(RAIN DATE IS Tuesday, April 23rd @ 1 pm)

Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 where students raise awareness by cleaning up their environment.

Our students will be going outdoors to collect any garbage that surrounds the school on Monday, April 22nd in the afternoon. Gloves and garbage bags will be given out by our Eco team to all students. You can help the environment by doing your own cleanup around your neighbourhood as well!

Happy Earth Day!



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## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

### PIZZA LUNCH!

If your child would to have pizza on our pizza days, please visit <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> for payment and choices.

Thank you to our School Council for organizing and supporting our school with their fundraising initiatives.

Funds raised by the Council go towards technology in classrooms, extracurricular activities, subsidized field trips etc.

Friday, April 26th

Friday, May 31s

Friday, June 21st



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## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED...**

Parent council wants to thank all Pleasant families for their generosity with our dance-a-thon fundraiser. Our goal was to raise \$2000, but in total we were able to raise an incredible \$3793.65 to go towards technology in our school. Congratulations to Ms. Shahin's kindergarten class for raising the most money per student! We also had three raffle prize winners, picked at random from all our amazing fundraisers, with a top prize of a Family Movie Night Out, and Gift Cards to Indigo Book Store for our second and third prize winners.

We will be bringing back smoothie sales in May and June (Friday May 3rd and Tuesday June 4th). Pizza lunches are also back and will be on Friday April 26th, Friday May 31st, and Friday June 21st. Please check your school cash online account to pay online, or return the paper form that was sent home with your student by Monday, April 24th. Thanks to your support we have been able to bring in programs, supplies, and equipment to support learning in our school, all while bringing fun to Pleasant Students! Our next parent council meeting will be held in May (date to come) if you'd like to be involved.

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