

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Wow!! Where has this school year gone??

Many people are using the phrase "only four more weeks" (some already talk about days left) but we would prefer to use the phrase "still four weeks left". It is a time of the year when the weather hints of summer holidays but the calendar reminds us we are still in school. We encourage the students to remain focussed on their school work, to continue completing assignments, to study for tests and quizzes, and to participate in class activities. To help the students we ask that parents remain connected with their children, encourage them to study, and encourage them to finish this year with a strong effort.

This is also once again the time of the school year when we begin to finalize our plans for next year. We have set our class structure for next year and teachers will be working together to create new class lists. This often creates the dilemma for parents of "Do I call the school and make a special request for my child's class assignment?". At Portage Trail the teachers will be making class lists based on their classroom experiences with the children considering their social, emotional, and educational development which is often different than it is at home. Even when a parent provides a request, it is the teachers and principal who will make the final decision based on all the students involved as well as the school learning environment. It has been my experience that good decisions are made by the teachers. If you do have a particular request that you would like us to consider, please submit it to Mr.Peron in writing before the end of the school year. As in years past, students will find out their class placement in September.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The theme for June is
Perseverance

Congratulations Graduates!



Good Luck in Grade 9!!

**Portage Trail
Community School**



Blazers Newsletter

YOU'RE INVITED TO PORTAGE TRAIL'S JUNE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

All parents and caregivers are invited to join us for last SAC Meeting of the 2018-2019 School Year. Light refreshments will be served and Child Minding available.

When: Wednesday, June 5th

Time: 6:15(Refreshments), 6:30(Meeting)

Where: In the Library

Join us!

I have included the teaching roster for the 2019-2020 school year as it presently is planned, however, please be aware that changes may still occur over the summer months. We wish everyone a great final four weeks of school!

M.Peron, I.Jabari & L.Evans

Portage Trail Teaching/ECE Staff ~ 2019-2020

JK/SK	V.Andreacchio
	TBD
JK/SK	P.Fotiadis
	A.Macedo
JK/SK	M.Correia
	I.Furtado
Grade 1	M.Kule
Grade 1	T.Clark
Grade 2/3	P.Magalhaes
Grade 2/3	L.Cunsolo
Grade 2/3	H.Klayman
Grade 3	N.Brown
Grade 4/5	K.Kostopoulos
Grade 4/5	W.Ouderkirk
Grade 5	J.Baclija
Grade 6	T.Woodbine-James
Grade 6	K.Berg-Weltman
Grade 6	G.Davis
Grade 6	A.Griffiths
Grade 7	P.Kerins
Grade 7	G.Vaccaro
Grade 7	P.Ormazza
Grade 7	S.Bettencourt
Grade 8	C.Haladay
Grade 8	S.Subramaniam
Grade 8	L.Dehal
French	C.Bennett
French	M.Santaguida
French	TBD
Library/Resource	M.Akbary
ESL	J.Beeharry
ESL/Numeracy	M.Bailey
PE	R.Kerins
PE	S.Cho
ISP Autism	TBD
ISP Autism	TBD
ISP PH	S.Anvar
Resource	H.Patel
Resource	V.Broomfield

Our Staff:

At this time, I would like to announce a number of changes to our staff for the next school year. **We say goodbye to some amazing staff members!** Every year, we find ourselves saying good-bye to some incredible individuals. Due to a combination program changes as well as staff members returning from leaves of absences, a retirement, and moves to other schools, we will be losing several teachers. We will be saying goodbye to **Mr.Smythe, Ms.Ramoutar, Ms.Tran Yue, Ms. Mohabeer, Mr.Fanjoy, Ms.Gill, Ms.Maqbul, Ms.Nishimura, Ms.Lillie, and Ms.Watts.**

Welcome back!

We would like to welcome back one of our staff members. **Ms. Correia** who will be returning to us in October, as their Leave of Absence come to an end.

Annual June Fun Fair Returns!!

Join us on June 20th beginning at 5pm for Food, Fun, Games, Prizes & Raffle.



Portage Trail is on Twitter follow us at: @PortageTrailCS



Go to our website to find up to date information about Portage Trail Community School

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/portagetrail/>

Have a great summer!

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to extend our best wishes to all of you for a safe and enjoyable summer! We hope to see all of our children back in September!

For those who are graduating or moving, we trust you will remember your years at Portage Trail with fondness. We wish you continued success along your journey to higher education! Keep working hard and continue to make us proud!

New School Year Begins – Sept.3, 2019



Portage Trail Community School

Office Tel: 394-4260

Office Fax: 394-4299

Mr. M. Peron, Principal
Ms. L. Evans, Vice-Principal
Ms. E. Hastings, Office Administrator

Mr. Chris Tonks, School Trustee
Ms. Angela Nardi-Addesa, School Superintendent

Staying Sharp This Summer:

Math:

The following are some fun summer math activities students can enjoy while they improve, build, or practise math skills. These electronic supports are easy to access and provide a variety of activities, games and videos at different grade levels.

Gizmos:

<http://www.explorellearning.com/>

TVO:

<http://homeworkzone.tvokids.com/school-age>
[KhanAcademy: https://www.khanacademy.org/](https://www.khanacademy.org/)
[Mathies: http://oame.on.ca/mathies/index.html](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/index.html)
[FunBrain: http://www.funbrain.com/](http://www.funbrain.com/)

Literacy:

Visit the Public Library for fantastic ideas on how to engage your child in reading over the summer!

Thank you to our School Advisory Council:

We would like to thank all of our parent-volunteers for this school year! Special thanks are extended to the members of School Council Executive:

Marian Thompson (Co-Chair)
Michelle Orchard (Co-Chair)
Seydy Salinas (Treasurer)
Colleen Sutton(Secretary)

*Also...a big thank you to **Mr. Daniel Jeffers**, our (Model Schools) Community Support Worker.*

School Year Calendar

The 2019-2020 school year at the TDSB begins on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 following the Labour Day long weekend. For more information about important dates and holidays for the upcoming school year, please visit: [School-Year-Calendar-2019-2020](#)

Continuing Education – Improve your English with us

Adults are welcome to join the many English as a Second Language classes offered at various locations across Toronto. In addition to classes throughout the year, summer school will be offered from July 8-31. We offer a wide range of levels, from beginner to advanced, to help you build your language skills and to help you reach your life goals. The Adult ESL program is free for eligible learners.

For more information, visit www.ESLtoronto.ca or call 416-338-4300. @TDSB_ConEd

Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

Register your child in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from SK to Grade 8, our language learning programs involve cultural activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing. Classes begin July 2 – 26.

Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for a complete list of participating schools and language classes. @TDSB_ConEd