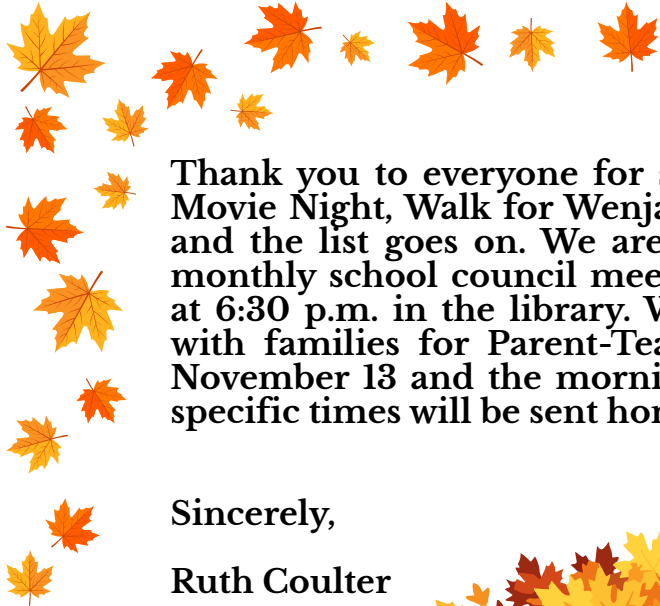


November 2025 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Thank you to everyone for support in so many areas lately: Movie Night, Walk for Wenjack, Cross Country, Boys' Soccer, and the list goes on. We are excited to host parents for our monthly school council meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We also look forward to meeting with families for Parent-Teacher interviews the evening of November 13 and the morning of November 14. A letter with specific times will be sent home shortly. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

Ruth Coulter



NOVEMBER IS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

The TDSB is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during November each year since 2018. Hindu Heritage Month has also been formally recognized in Ontario since 2016 through the Hindu Heritage Month Act.

Hindu dharma is one of the oldest living religions, flourishing for over 10,000 years. November is an opportunity to celebrate its rich traditions, teachings, and values, and to recognize its global contributions to compassion, tolerance, and inclusion.

This year's theme is **Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu – May All Be Happy**. This popular Hindu prayer for universal peace is deeply meaningful:

Hindu Heritage Month November 2025

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu (May All Be Happy).

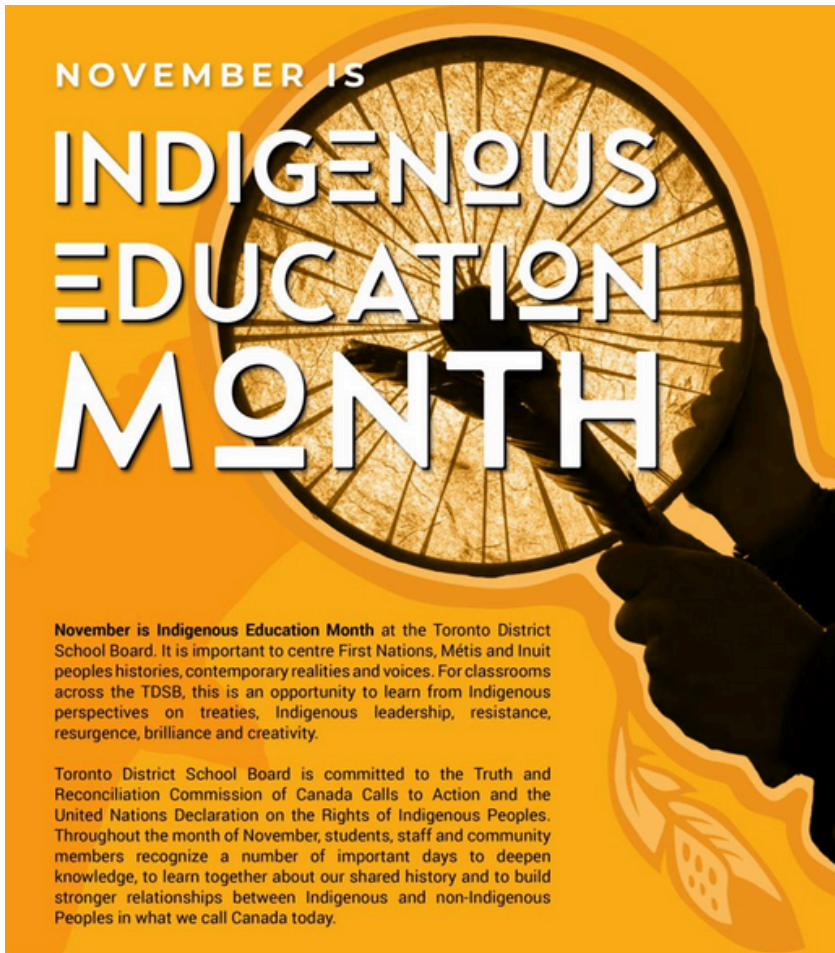


Myra Grade 2, Rene Gordan Health and Wellness Academy

- **Lokah** means “universe”
- **Samastah** refers to all living beings and creation
- **Sukhino** means “joy” or “happiness”
- **Bhavantu** means “so be it, by the grace of the divine”

Throughout November, several educational opportunities are being organized for TDSB students to learn more about Hindu traditions. An in-person celebration featuring student performances and guest speakers took place at Silver Springs Public School. Highlights will be shared soon for all to enjoy.

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Toronto District School Board is committed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Throughout the month of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples in what we call Canada today.

Please see **MyPath** for virtual events for Treaties Week, Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, and Louis Riel Day.

[Click here to access resources](#)



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The Urban Indigenous Education Centre will be hosting virtual sessions and providing resource packages to support students and educators in their teaching and learning.

Staff will also have learning opportunities available to them throughout the month.

Resources packages to support Indigenous Education Month are here:

- [Treaties Recognition Week](#) (Nov 2-8)
- [International Inuit Day](#) (Nov 7)
- [Indigenous Veterans Day](#) (Nov 8)
- [Métis Week & Louis Riel Day](#) (Nov 10-16)



ELIZABETH SIMCOE JR. PUBLIC SCHOOL

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES:

November 11: Remembrance Day Assembly a.m.; Progress Reports go home

November 13: Parent-Teacher interviews after school and in the evening;
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November 14: Parent-Teacher interviews a.m.

November 20: School Council meeting in the library @ 6:30 p.m.

November 21: Pizza Lunch