

December 1, 2020

Hello Albion Heights Parents

There is only 3 weeks of school until the Christmas Holidays and still so much to do.

We are hoping that you are finding these parent emails helpful. As we are trying to reduce paper copies, it is important that you check your emails regularly for important information.

Transition to High School Parent Information Sessions

For the Parents of grade 8 students in-school

Last Friday we did send a paper copy of important Grade 8 to 9 high school information to students attending in school. Grade 8 teacher also shared the same information in their Google classroom under the Guidance section.

For the parents of Grade 8 students in Virtual School

To support our families and Grade 8 students, the TDSB will be hosting four (4) Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transitions Information Sessions for Parents that focus on the Top 10 Tips and Considerations in the Transition to High School process.

A central email will be sent to the families of all Grade 8 students on December 1st to make them aware of this opportunity. This email will contain active links to our Zoom Webinar site, and the passcode to enter. There will also be a link that parents can use to request an interpreter.

These sessions will take place via Zoom as follows:

Date	Time
Monday, December 7	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 7	7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8	7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

t Sandra.Buie@tdsb.on.ca to make arrangements.

Community Support Worker

Albion Heights JMS is lucky to have Kofi Sankofa - a community support worker - working with our parents and community this year. His contact information is as follows: 647-995-2626 or kofisankofa@tdsb.on.ca. Please contact him if you need assistance.

CSWs have collaborated with Toronto Public Health Liaison Nurse, Rexdale Community Health Centre and Black Creek Community Health Centre to organize a presentation on Covid-19: Prevention and Community Safety. The session will explore Safety Protocols, Prevention, Pop Up Community Testing Clinics, and Voluntary Isolation Quarantine Centres. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to join us on [Zoom](#), Wednesday Dec 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm. More information is provided in this [flyer](#).

Gifts

Toronto Public Health has recommended that in light of Covid 19 that there should be no gift giving. If it is absolutely necessary consider a gift card.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

I am hoping everyone was able to connect with your child's/children teacher(s). If you were not able to please email/call the teacher and arrange for an interview.

Empathy Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a certificate for showing empathy at school :

Dahir - Ms Bullar's class

Wilkesha - Ms. Kim's class

Idhaant - Ms Bonilla's class

Geovanni - Ms Davis' class

Sameer and Anylah - Ms. Chawla's class

Larah - Ms. Potton's class

Trinity - Mr. Enniss' class

Abdul - Ms. McPherson's class

Ushitha - Mr Atwal's class

Sharray - Ms Falbo's/Ms Hayhoe's class

Tiffany - Mr. Ushirode's class

Khizer - Ms. Gupta's/Ms Acosta class

Christina - Ms. Papia/ Ms. Osowsky's class

Wintery Weather

Occasionally severe winter weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board to cancel transportation or close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or, if conditions become severe during the school day. Those students in grades 6-8 who have had their parents sign the severe weather form will be dismissed during the school day if the schools are closing.

Information on closure of school and cancellation of transportation services will be posted on the TDSB website at www.tdsb.on.ca . If you have signed up with TDSB Transportation Bus Planner <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/> , you can check the delays and cancellations and sign up for the email notifications.

Stay Safe

Sandra Buie and Angana Naik