

## **AMG Weekly Message**

**November 12, 2021**

### **Progress Reports and Initial Observations Sent Home – Tuesday, November 16th**

Paper, yes paper, copies of the Progress Reports and Kindergarten Communication of Learning - Initial Observations will be sent home for In-School students on Tuesday, November 16th. Virtual Students will receive their reports electronically on the same date.

Connected to the Progress Reports is an opportunity for families to have a conversation with their child's teacher. During the week of Nov. 15 - 19, your child's teacher will arrange to have a discussion with you about your child's progress. These meetings may be over the phone, zoom, or other method. Teachers will be connecting with you directly to schedule your Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conference.

### **Friday, November 19th - Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences - PA Day – No School**

#### **Grade 5/6, Room 26 - Mr. Aguiar**

The students in room 26 continued to look into the tough topic of the Holocaust. Many students had no idea what it was. Others knew very little. We started with some vocabulary (Holocaust, Nazis, concentration camps, antisemitism). The class worked in small groups writing the little they knew in pencil on a mind-map. The next day they researched the 5 Ws of the Holocaust. They were given a heads-up that they would see upsetting images as they gathered information. Their research was written in marker on their mind-maps and then shared with the class. The discussions were rich and deep. To end the lesson we did a Loving Kindness practice (part of our mindfulness class). After a lot of sadness, it was the perfect way to bring calm and positive energy back into these growing minds.

#### **Grade 7s - Newsletter November 12, 2021**

For the last couple of weeks, students in grade 7 have taken part in discussions about the Human Rights and Responsibilities and Obligations of Canadians. Students learned that one's Freedom of Speech does not take priority over someone else's Human Rights. They understand that throughout our history, and in present times, many brave women and men, including our Indigenous brothers and sisters, have been fighting for equity, equality and inclusion. Students understand that Canada is a better place because of their sacrifices. Students in grade 7 understand that with rights come responsibilities and obligations.

In Art class, students have spent some time creating and depicting a moment in time in the lives of those women and men, from different cultures ethnicities and beliefs, who have come together in turbulent times and showed great bravery and courage fighting for the rights, freedoms, and privileges that we so enjoy today. We Remember!

[Samples from Ms. Da Silva's Class](#)

#### **Grade 8 to 9 Transition**

Grade 8 is an exciting year, as you look forward to high school. Understanding the options and choices for high school can seem overwhelming. Please know that our Grade 8 teachers have started to work with their students as they transition to high school. We know that families have lots of questions about the transition and we are here to help support you. AMG Grade 8 students are part of a Google Classroom specifically to support them in the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9. Please have a look at the classroom with your Grade 8 student, explore the links and information posted and email your teacher if you have not yet been invited to join it. We will use this classroom to post information about

open houses, to explore options for high school, select courses and more the students as the year progresses

You can find more information about the transition to High School within the TDSB at this website <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Beyond-8>  
Here is an informational video to watch as well. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kgOiH8Lyxk>

We look forward to exploring high school options and supporting our students in making choices as the year goes on.

Thank you, Catherine Munro VP

### **Hi AMG Grown Ups,**

AMG Parent Council will be hosting another parent council meeting on Tuesday, November 16th.  
[Agenda](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94668490726>

Meeting ID: 946 6849 0726

Looking forward to seeing all of you again!

### **AMG Needs Your Help!**

We've raised \$3995!

Thanks to this amazing community, we are so close to reaching our \$5000 goal! We have two weeks left before the end of the campaign - can we do it??? YES, WE CAN!

Please join us in supporting AMG this year so that we can provide academic and in-school enrichment this year. Your donation will play an important role in providing these kids with a wonderful school experience this year. We are so grateful for your support!

Donations can be made using [schoolcashionline.com](https://schoolcashionline.com) and selecting Alexander Muir/Gladstone as the recipient school.

Thanks again for your consideration and support!

ANAPHYLAXIS -is a life threatening condition. Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. Prevention is the best approach. Please speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain PEANUTS. Peanut allergy is one of the most common food allergies, and it is considered a priority food allergen by Health Canada. (<http://foodallergycanada.ca>)

### **Claude Watson School for the Arts**

Claude Watson School for the Arts is a TDSB grades 4—8 school focused on the arts. Claude Watson School for the Arts offers an enriched arts education in music, drama, dance and visual arts. Each day the students divide their time between academic classes and an exceptional arts program that develops their creative potential. Each year Grade 3 students apply for entry into our Grade 4 program. Students interested in placement in grades 5 – 8 are welcome to apply but there are very limited places available.

Parents and students who are interested in applying for CWSA are encouraged to attend one of our information sessions.

More information about Claude Watson School for the Arts can be found on our website

[www.claudewatson.org](http://www.claudewatson.org).

### **Apply To CWSA**

Applications are accepted online. The application system is now open. Please see below the link to apply for the 2022/2023 school year. The application system closes on Friday December 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Late applications are not accepted.

<https://sprs.tdsb.on.ca/public/Welcome.aspx>