# AMG Weekly Message November 26th

## Ms. LeBlanc - Grade 2/3

The students in room 28 have had meaningful discussions about what peace means to them after reading "The Peace Book" and "What does peace feel like?" We have used our five senses to explore what peace looks like, feels like, smells like, tastes like and sounds like to us. We have also shared in writing the ways that we can help create peace at home, at school and in the community.



#### AMG/The Grove Community Clean Up Day on November 27 from 1 - 4 pm

Reminder - the community clean up day is happening tomorrow from 1-4!

We have garbage bags and gloves and a few garbage grabby sticks! Come on down and help make the schoolyard all nice and clean again!

AMG/Grove Clean Up Day Poster

#### **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Get ready, get set, it's in the air On Monday starts the Scholastic Virtual Book Fair! Below is the link for a little preview!

#### **Book Fair Link**

Books will be shipped to school. As soon as a total of 25 books have been ordered, a shipment will be sent out. The fair is a bit late for Hanukkah gifts but with early orders, books will hopefully arrive by week's end.

Thank you for supporting the AMG/Grove library! Lori in the Library

# Message from Toronto Public Health

# Re: COVID-19 vaccine for 5 to 11 year-olds

As of November 19, 2021, Health Canada approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years old. Vaccines will be available at clinics in Toronto beginning Thursday,

November 25. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect your child, your family, and your community. It is a safe and effective way to reduce the risk of getting, spreading and becoming seriously sick from COVID-19. Please find attached a <a href="mailto:message from Toronto Public Health">message from Toronto Public Health</a> regarding the recently approved COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years old, including details on how to book vaccine appointments, now available, online or by phone.

# In-person and Virtual learning Switch Form

As you know, all TDSB students selected either in-person or virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year. At the time of selection, we communicated that there would be one opportunity to switch between inperson and virtual learning in February 2022. In order to plan ahead for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning for February 2022, parents/caregivers and students requesting a change <u>must</u> complete an Elementary Switch Form between **Friday, December 3 and Friday, January 7**. A form must be completed for each student requesting a switch. Parents/caregivers and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form.

More information about the Elementary Switch Form will be shared directly with parents/caregivers on December 3. Elementary classes will reflect changes due to switches beginning on **February 22**, **2022**.

Whether you choose a switch in learning model or not, a limited number of teachers or classes (or school for virtual learning classes) may change due to a possible re-organization. For more information, please visit <a href="www.tdsb.on.ca/switchform">www.tdsb.on.ca/switchform</a>. Please contact the Principal at your child's school with any questions. Thank you.

#### **Downtown Vocal Music Academy (DVMA)**

Thank you for considering the Downtown Vocal Music Academy (DVMA) for your child. Established in 2012, the DVMA is one of the Toronto District School Board's elementary academies. The DVMA offers an enriched education for students in Grades 4 to 8 who have demonstrated a passion for choral and solo singing, musical theatre, and the performing arts in general. Students at DVMA attend a full day programme in which they divide their time between academic classes focused on the Ontario Curriculum, Music, Choir, Drama, Dance, and Visual Arts classes that develop their creativity and performance skills. DVMA is an intimate performing arts school where the students have the opportunity to express themselves artistically on a daily basis and to form relationships with other students who share their interests. Students become a part of a close and caring community with a unique culture that balances academics with leadership, character development and innovation.

Please click the link to view our virtual open house. <a href="https://www.wevideo.com/view/2460215244">https://www.wevideo.com/view/2460215244</a>

#### **TDSB Continuing Education Programs**

## **Online International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Programs**

International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program is an enriching learning experience for students in grades K-8 to learn a new language and discover other cultures. Open to all TDSB and non-

TDSB students, programs are currently offered online and there is no language background necessary. Activities will be focused on building student's skills in oral communication, reading and writing. Registration is ongoing and can be done online by visiting the program website.

#### **Online Adult ESL Program**

Did you know that you can enroll in ESL classes for free\* with the TDSB anytime during the school year? (\*free for eligible learners)

Improve your English online with a variety of classes that fit within your busy schedule including parttime and full-time classes, evenings and weekends! There are several different classes being offered online with the TDSB, including:

- · Reading and Writing
- Listening and speaking
- Pronunciation
- · Conversational Skills Improve your communication skills with your child's school teachers, professionals, or government offices
- · IELTS/TOEFL preparation and other specialty classes

For more information about our classes and how to register, <u>visit our website and view our online</u> brochure.

# Learn4Life General Interest and Seniors Daytime Classes – Winter 2022 Registration Opens November 24, 2021

Turn your winter blues into watercolour hues with our Learn4Life General Interest and Seniors Daytime classes. From art, fitness and food, to languages, business and dance, we have both online and in-person classes to learn a new skill or take up an interesting hobby.

A few of the courses running this winter include:

- · HIIT Hiking
- · Online Art Meditation
- · Online Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- · Online Crochet and Knitting
- · Ballroom and Latin Dancing
- · Online Zumba
- · Online Asian Cuisine
- · Online Arabic Beginner
- · Online Guitar Beginner

New this year and for the first time, Learn4Life will be offering a course called Indigenous Awareness and Practices – Online. This online course will highlight the history, teachings, practices and issues facing Indigenous People's and communities.

Our online brochure is now live on our website, and registration is set to open November 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit our Learn4Life website.