



Happy Friday, AYJ Community! Hopefully this 1st of April treated you well and you were NOT a victim of any pranks or gags!!!

As always many important updates are included in this week's community message,

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Virtual Interview Afternoon/Night – Thursday, April 7th

The afternoon/evening of **Thursday, April 7th** is officially confirmed for our **Semester Two Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews**. All interviews will be scheduled using a virtual (Zoom) format from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the afternoon and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the evening.

You are now able to schedule appointments by following the instructions below. The Interview sign-up form will close on **Wednesday, April 6th at 11:00 pm**.

A. Instructions for booking your on-line appointments with our teachers:

1. Prepare a list with the names of each teacher you would like to meet
2. Go to the A. Y. Jackson scheduling website at <https://parentinterview.com/s/ayj>
3. Enter your child's 9-digit TDSB student number and click "Sign In"
4. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
5. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
6. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see
8. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
9. Print out, email or copy down your schedule

Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule.

If you misplace your schedule, you may use your child's student number to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time.

If you experience any difficulty using the service, please email support@parentinterview.com

B. Attending the Interview

By 12 pm on April 7, 2022, you will receive an email from each of child's teacher with a Zoom link for your interview. Be sure to create a list of the teachers and their respective links so you can access your meeting readily and on time.

You will only be able to access the meeting during your reserved time slot.

You must use your real name to access the meeting.

Please have your cameras on during the interview.

We look forward to speaking with you.

C. Special Day Schedule for Thursday April 7th

Per 1: 9:00 -9:35

Per 2: 9:40 – 10:15

Per 4: 10:20 – 10:55

Per 3: 11:00 -11:35

D. What to do if the teacher sign-up is completely FULL or does NOT align with your availability?

Please contact the teacher, either by phone or by email to make alternative arrangements.

Staff email contact information is attached and also posted on the AYJ website.

[28a-Sem 2 Teacher Contacts and Assignments.pdf](#)

Semester Two Credit Rescue Days – Mon Apr 11th & Wed Apr 20th

As we approach the Mid Term (and hence mid term report cards), students will be given the opportunity to salvage missed assignments and evaluations during our Credit Rescue Days scheduled for **Monday, April 11th & Wednesday April 20th**.

On these two Credit Rescue Days, **ONLY** students invited to participate by their teachers will be expected to attend school on these days. Students **NOT** engaged in Credit Rescue Activities will be assigned Asynchronous/Independent work that can be completed while they are at home. Students will need to log in to their BrightSpace Classrooms from home during their regularly assigned class times to be marked present for those days. Teachers will be sending out invites to students/families in the days preceding each Credit Rescue Day.

Students will be able to find their teachers on these days by accessing them in their classrooms at their regularly scheduled times during each day (i.e. Period 2 teacher at 10:20am to 11:35am). Students may also spend longer than their scheduled class time (not including over lunchtime) with a teacher should they require additional time and support.

There will **NOT** be any Cafeteria service for students at school on these days.

Please keep in mind that **Wed Apr 20th** is a **late start day** and as such Period One support will begin at 10:00am and the class schedule that follows will be adjusted accordingly.

Yearbook Sales Extension

Cash on-line has been re-opened so students/families can purchase a yearbook (link is below). They will remain on sale for **\$30 until April 15th**. After this time, the price will go up to \$40 so don't miss out on this deal get your yearbook today!

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/115560/153/False/True>

Summer School Registration

Registration for in-person and remote summer school opens April 19th. More info can be found [here](#)

Registration for eLearning summer courses opens April 5th.

More info can be found [here](#)

AYJ Key Club

Key Clubbers from the Eastern Canada District participated in the 74th annual DELC Conference (District Education Leadership Conference) which was held virtually on the weekend of March 25 and 26, 2022.

AY Jackson Key Clubbers attended workshops, received training, shared their experiences and accomplishments.

Our AY Jackson Key Club sponsored by **East York Kiwanis** also had an opportunity to share their accomplishments over the past service year.

We are very pleased to announce that AY Jackson Key Club received the following awards:

R.A. BOB CAGEORGE DISTINGUISHED CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Gold Category Winner

First Place in the DIGITAL POSTER CONTEST

First Place in the VIDEO CONTEST

First Place in the SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

Third Place in AJ TONY PELOSSE SINGLE SERVICE AWARD

Honourable Mention in GOVERNORS DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT AWARD

Arianna T., Grade 12 Student awarded the **DISTINGUISHED EXECUTIVE OFFICER AWARD**

Miyuru R., Grade 11 Student and Wendy Y., Grade 12 Student, jointly awarded the **DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY/TREASURER AWARD**

Samantha J., Grade 9 student, awarded the **KENNETH S. WYNKIE OUTSTANDING KEY CLUBBER AWARD**

Our first-place submissions will be entered into the International Key Club Conference.

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, April 7 th	Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews – Special Day Schedule (see above)
Monday, April 11 th	AYJ Credit Rescue Day – see item above
Thursday, April 14 th	AYJ Virtual Music Night – details will follow
Friday, April 15 th	Stat Holiday – Schools CLOSED, NO CLASSES
Monday, April 18 th	Stat Holiday – Schools CLOSED, NO CLASSES
Wednesday, April 20 th	AYJ Credit Rescue Day – see item above
Wednesday, April 20 th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – credit rescue begins at 10:00am
Wednesday, April 27 th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am

Hispanic Heritage Month at the TDSB

During the month of April, the TDSB recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month. In March 2010, our TDSB Board of Trustees voted that April be designated as Hispanic Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board.

As stated in the Hispanic Heritage Month Act, (May 5, 2015): "Ontario is home to more than 400,000 first-, second- and third-generation Canadian of Hispanic origin. As early as 1914, Canadians who originated from 23 Hispanic countries began immigrating to the province and today the Hispanic community is one of the fastest growing in Ontario. Hispanic-Canadians represent a dynamic

community that has made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario.

By proclaiming the month of October as Hispanic Heritage Month in Ontario, the province recognizes the rich contributions of Hispanic-Canadians to our social economic, political and multicultural fabric. Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province."

Sikh Heritage Month at the TDSB - April 2022

Sikh Heritage Month is proudly recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of April since 2016 as the Board of Trustees voted to designate April of each year Sikh Heritage Month making the TDSB the first school board in Canada to do so. This designation matches the recognition by the Province of Ontario that proclaimed Sikh Heritage Month Act in December 2013, and the recognition proclaimed by the Government of Canada on April 30, 2019. Sikh Heritage Month is recognized nationally across Canada.

This year our theme is Come to learn, go to serve; the goal of education is to serve humanity.

Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the turn of the twentieth century. They have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and their traditions and culture continue to be a vibrant art of every aspect of life for Canadians today.

We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians. Join us for a remarkable afternoon of information and celebration (see below and [flyer](#) for full details).

Latin-America History Month at the TDSB - April 2022

Latin-America History Month is proudly recognized at the TDSB during the month of April as a result of a motion passed through our Board of Trustees in 2016.

This year the theme to mark Latin-America History Month is (DeColonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Learning about our collective pasts through the art of healing.

Since its creation of the Latin-America History Month Volunteer Planning Committee in 2016, the membership continues to expand searching every year for more intentional ways of working in solidarity with Indigenous Nations of Turtle Island (Canada) and ways to bring Elders, Knowledge Keepers, educators and families together to decolonize understandings of Latin-America. The Latin-America History Volunteer Planning Committee comprised of TDSB staff, former students, parents/caregivers, and community members.

During the month of April, several activities are being planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick-off Latin-America History Month with a virtual launch (see below and [flyer](#) for details). We're pleased to share with you the results of a Creative Arts Contest (to be posted shortly on the TDSB website) where all TDSB students were invited to participate from all grade levels. Elementary students will also be provided with the opportunity to learn about the art of healing and the powerful tool that music brings with Ruben Beny Esguerra, a Canadian musical artist and

poet based in Toronto. Ruben Beny Esguerra has been nominated twice for a JUNO Award (2018 JUNO Awards in the World Music Album of the Year category and for the 2022 JUNO Awards in the Global Music Album of the Year category.)

Learning about careers in various fields, our students will have the opportunity to connect with accomplished Latin-America leaders and acquire information about their educational and professional journey to success. In addition, secondary students will further their learning on art as a form of healing by attending a workshop hosted by a member of the Afrolatinx community.

That's all for now AYJ, have a super weekend!

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See the light . . . BE the light!

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