



Good day AYJ Community,

We are now fully into March and the pace will begin to pick up as we work through second semester while at the same time get fully engulfed into planning for September 2022!

Please read through the items in this week's update.

African Heritage Celebration Virtual Assembly

As we know, the TDSB and many other organizations around the world celebrate African Heritage month every February.

Today, we concluded our month long set of activities and initiatives with African Heritage Celebration Virtual Assembly.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students and staff involved in the preparation and presentation of all of our month long activities culminating with this morning's virtual assembly.

Well done everyone!

Please also note that the TDSB officially recognizes many different cultures and heritages throughout the school year. We invite any and all interested students and/or student groups to gather with a staff advisor to propose and plan similar celebrations and presentations in the months ahead!

Link to this morning's African Heritage Celebration Virtual Assembly:

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/rec/share/8r8LvG5qG5Z8o44euMWNCHjRILQdLcM9YTVFEk6g2bKH360wBTpbzWf3-jOPoN3-S2zb86HpCn1Cus8R>

Medical Grade Masks for the AYJ Student Body

Please know that through the efforts led AYJ Trustee James Li and others, the TDSB invested in medical grade masks for our student population.

AYJ's shipment arrived this week and we will have these masks ready for distribution through our classroom teachers effective Monday, March 7th. Students, please see your teachers if you require a mask.

TPH Vaccination Clinic at Zion Heights Middle School – Sat Feb 12/2022

TPH has organized a Vaccination clinic at Zion Heights Middle School. Further details can be found below:

Date	Saturday, March 5th, 2022
Time	12:00pm- 6:00pm
Location	Zion Heights Middle School
Address	5900 Leslie Street, North York ON, M2H 1J9

Please find attached the following:

- Parent/Guardian Letter
- The Promotional Poster (**has link for appointments**)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet
- link to [Consent Forms](#) (If the parent accompanies the child to the vaccine appointment, the consent form is not required.)
- Tip sheet on how to talk to kids about getting vaccinated

TDSB Mental Health and Well Being Webinar – Thurs Mar 10th @ 7:30pm

We are excited to announce the TDSB's 4th **Let's Connect About Mental Health and Well Being** webinar on **March 10th, from 7-830 pm** spotlighting **Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Voice**. The flyer attached has the Zoom Link for the event and please share and circulate throughout your school communities. As always, this will be co-facilitated by, myself, our wonderful Mental Health Leads and amazing PSS staff members!

Key note speaker is Heidi Bornstein and special facilitator in one of our 6 Themed Break Out rooms, is Dr. Gajaria from CAMH.

The Breakout Rooms are:

- **Coping in 3rd year of Pandemic**
- **Social media & technology safety**
- **Understanding and Addictions Disorder as a result of the Pandemic**
- **Coping with Child/Children with Complex Needs during the Pandemic**
- **How to Reach out to Access Professional Support Staff**
- **Staff to Demonstrate TDSB Mental Health Tool Kits**

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Mental Health Leads, Imani Hennie-Hamadi at Imani.hennie-hamadi@tdsb.on.ca and Annette Grossi at Annette.grossi@tdsb.on.ca .

Yearbook 2021/2022

Even amidst the pandemic, AYJ continues to be a vibrant place! Our yearbook editors and photographers have been busy capturing and memorializing some of our school's events, such as grads and school photos, sunrise breakfast, Halloween pumpkin carving contests, escape rooms, movie nights, etc., for this year's book. Students and their families are encouraged to purchase a school yearbook through cash-online. The cost of a yearbook is \$30 and they will be on sale from Feb. 11 – March 11, 2022. Don't miss out...reserve yours today!

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, March 11th

Mon Mar 14th to Fri Mar 18th

Monday, March 21st

Final day of classes prior to **MARCH BREAK**

MARCH BREAK, School CLOSED, NO CLASSES

First day of classes post **MARCH BREAK**

Greek Heritage Month at the TDSB - March 2022

March is Greek Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Greek Canadians to Canada, and an occasion to mark and enjoy the history of Greek culture.

The theme for this year is based on healthy living:

"Harmony of Life Healthy Mind, Healthy Body"

Visit the GHM website for information and resources: https://bit.ly/GHM_TDSB

This year's website includes "Word of the Day" and "Daily Announcements" along with featured focussed days with activities.

- "Movement Mondays"
- "Travelling Tuesdays"
- "Wellness Wednesdays"
- "Thoughtful Thursdays"
- "Foodie Fridays"

That's all for now AYJ.

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