



Chief Dan George PS

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SAFE ARRIVAL

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April 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our Perfect Attendance Awards have been going strong in the month of March! We had **55 students** with perfect attendance! We are hoping for lots of CDG ball caps to be distributed between now and the end of June for 5 months of perfect attendance. As we strive to focus our instruction on literacy and numeracy, it becomes even more important for us to spend as many minutes on-task as possible. Remember: Students who miss 13.5 days of school every year from JK to Grade 12 will miss **1 full year** of learning by the time they graduate! You can make a difference on your child's absences. Please try to plan appointments around the school day as much as possible so our students don't miss out on learning time. Every minute counts!

If your child is going to be away due to illness or medical appointments, please ensure you call our Safe Arrival line at **1.833.250.2290** before 8:30 am every morning. This will ensure our automated system does not call to confirm the absence.

April is Earth Month! Across the TDSB and Canada students and families are encouraged to remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Reducing our overall waste is the most effective way to minimize our impact on the environment. In addition, for students, sending lunches and snacks in reusable containers helps to minimize waste.

Are you looking for some family-friendly ideas to celebrate Earth Month? Why do you give one of these ideas a try:

- **Community or Schoolyard Clean-Up:** Organize a clean-up event with your friends and family in a local park, or our very own school yard! Grab some gloves and bags and away you go!
- **Plant a Tree or Start a Garden:** Planting trees, flowers or a small garden not only teaches responsibility but also gives back to our earth. If you don't have a yard, why not try a small container garden indoors?
- **Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Create a checklist of some natural items (e.g., different leaves, rocks, birds). Then go for a walk and see how many you can find!
- **Earth-Friendly Craft Activities:** Look for recyclable materials around your home. See if your family can create little animals, objects, or other out-of-this-world creations!

We look forward to another exciting month of learning here at Chief Dan George! As always, we remind students to: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



April is...

**Earth Month
Genocide Awareness Month
Latin American History Month
Sikh Heritage Month
World Autism Month**

For more information, please go to www.tdsb.on.ca

BIRTHDAY WISHES

APRIL

Apr 2	Amina S.	Gr1
Apr 3	Ellsworth D.	Gr8
Apr 6	Taslyma D.	Gr3
Apr 6	Armaan H.	JK
Apr 8	D. T.	Gr8
Apr 10	D. N.	Gr8
Apr 11	Abigail H.	Gr1
Apr 11	Bryce M.	JK
Apr 12	A. C.	Gr3
Apr 13	L. H.	Gr4
Apr 13	Aswarya T.	Gr4
Apr 13	J. C.	Gr2
Apr 14	Nadiya N.	SK
Apr 14	Dorothy A.	JK
Apr 16	J. B.	Gr5
Apr 19	Kaitlyn L.	Gr5
Apr 24	Shafayet Z.	Gr8
Apr 24	Courtney G.	Gr5
Apr 24	Christiana O.	Gr5
Apr 26	Abdultawwab D.	SK
Apr 29	Hamza	Gr7



LOOK AT OUR CDG THUNDERBIRDS...

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR MARCH – HONESTY

Student	Class
Yasin A.	K EN
Shastika D.	K EN
K.M.	K FI
Kgosi Tello	K FI
J.C.	1/2 EN
Jackson O.	1/2 EN
Saffron B.	1/2 FI
Nila M.	1/2 FI
Zahra G.	3/4 EN
Isaiah V.	3/4 EN
Pia B.	3/4 FI
Vendan V.	3/4 FI
Raenmar B.	4/5 EN
Keshvi B.	4/5 EN
N.G.	4/5 FI
Aswarya T.	4/5 FI
Piriyana N.	6/7 EN
Victoria O.	6/7 EN
Chaya B.	6/7 FI
O.G.	6/7 FI
E.D.	8 EN
Jahmai W.	8 EN
Noah T.	8 FI





GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

The students at Chief Dan George are working hard to earn the weekly Golden Broom Award by keeping their classrooms and hallway spotless.

Our winners in **March**

Room 113

Room 201

Room 104

Keep up the great work, Chief Dan George!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Did you know?

Students who miss 13.5 days of school every year from JK to Grade 12 will miss **1 full year** of learning by the time they graduate! You can make a difference on your child's absences going forward.

Congratulations to the following students for having perfect attendance in the month of **MARCH!**

M.A.	Gr1	Courtney G	Gr5	Aisiwariya N	Gr6
Yasir A	Gr8	Lucas G	Gr2	N.O.	Gr1
Sirine B	SK	William G	SK	Neemat O	Gr4
Keshvi B	Gr4	Syed H	Gr5	Aadhaven P	Gr2
Saffron B	Gr2	Anya I	Gr4	Aegan P	Gr5
L.B.	Gr1	Demari J	Gr5	Avinash S	Gr8
S.B.	Gr4	Deshawn J	Gr8	Daniella S	Gr4
Aria B	Gr3	Dinura K	Gr7	Kimoni S	Gr7
Clayton B	Gr6	Lithuli K	Gr5	S.S.	Gr5
Aliza B	Gr4	Harley K	JK	Tharshunan T	Gr6
Chaya B	Gr6	Caleb K	Gr1	Akaarsh T	Gr1
Maliyah C	Gr7	Joyce K	JK	Aswarya T	Gr4
Abdultawwab D	SK	Javior L	Gr5	Kaaviyan V	SK
Taslyma D	Gr3	Varsha M	Gr5	Maaran V	Gr4
Tazeem D	Gr7	Varuni M	Gr2	Vendan V	Gr3
W.E.	Gr7	Tayba M	Gr4	Akire W	Gr6
W.E.	Gr5	A.M.	Gr4	Zainab Y	Gr8
Danile G	Gr4	Sariah M	SK	Shafayet Z	Gr8
O.C.	Gr7				

Perfect 
Attendance

PERFECT ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY





Congratulations

To Harley (JK), Harper (Gr2) and Aisiwariyan (Gr6) who have received our first CDG ball caps for having 5 months of perfect attendance!



Keep up the great work, CDG!
Let's see how many more ball caps
we can hand out by June!

STRUM, SMILE, SHINE: OUR UKULELE STARS PERFORM!

Under the direction of Ms. Dixon, our Grade 4/5 French Immersion class demonstrated their skills on the ukulele! Small groups performed different songs such as “You Are My Sunshine”, “Three Little Birds” and “Lava”. It was a strumming success!



SPIRIT WEEK! March 9-13, 2026

Pictures by: Esther, Gr8

Fun Hair Day!





Cultural Day!

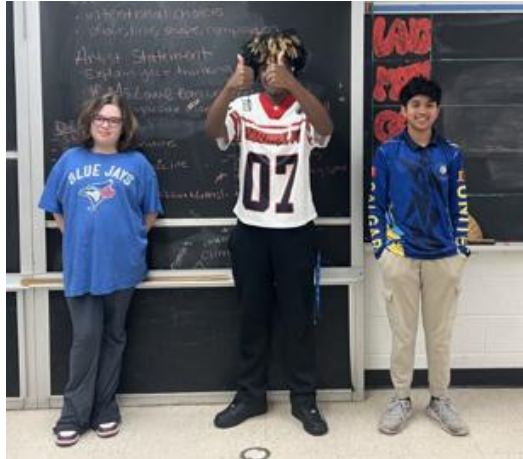




Jersey Day!







PJ Day!





Anything But a Backpack Day!







Are you interested in joining Chief Dan George's School Council?

Please join us in-person or virtually this month!

meet.google.com/hjv-nejg-gbq

April 1, 2025

6:30 pm

RAINY DAY REMINDERS...



On those rainy days,
remember:

- Raincoat
- Rain boots
- Splash pants
- Umbrella



UPCOMING DATES:

- April 1 – Grade 5 Trip to the ROM
- April 1 – School Council Meeting
- April 3 – Good Friday Holiday
- April 6 – Easter Monday Holiday
- April 10 – Gift of Sight & Sound Program
- April 13-17 – French Scholastic Book Fair!
- April 13 – Grade 4 Trip to Ripley's Aquarium
- April 21 – Move-a-Thon Blast Off Assembly!
- April 23 – Learning Buddies
- April 24 – Chief Dan George's Character Matters Assembly
- April 29 – Jr/Int Spelling Bee
- April 30 – Grade 6 Digital Star Lab



Our Move-a-Thon Blast off Assembly
with Riff Whims is on April 21st!

This will be our chance to raise as much money as
possible for Chief Dan George PS!

Stay tuned for more fundraising details!

Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?

Student A reads
20 minutes



Results in:

1,800,000 words read per year

Scores in the **90th percentile**
on standardized tests

VS

Student B reads
5 minutes



Results in:

282,000 words read per year

Scores in the **50th percentile**
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987





2025–26 Information

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 1, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	September 26, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	October 10, 2025
Thanksgiving	October 13, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	November 14, 2025
Winter Break	December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026
Elementary School PA Day	January 16, 2026
Secondary School PA Day	January 29, 2026
Board-wide PA Day	February 13, 2026
Family Day	February 16, 2026
Mid-Winter Break	March 16 – 20, 2026
Good Friday	April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	May 18, 2026
Elementary School PA Day	June 5, 2026
Secondary School PA Day	June 25, 2026
Board-wide PA Day	June 26, 2026

The first day of classes for students is Tuesday, September 2, 2025.
The last day of classes for elementary students is Thursday, June 25, 2026.
The last day of classes for secondary students is Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Find Your School & School Superintendent:

www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School

Board Office at 416-397-3000 or GeneralInquiries@tdsb.on.ca

School Year Calendar

For additional key dates, please visit:

www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar

To contact the Office of the
Supervisor, please contact
supervisor@tdsb.on.ca

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Parent Concern Protocol

Step 1 - Classroom Teacher

The first place to go about any classroom-related question or concern is your classroom teacher. They can help you with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

Step 2 - School Principal

If you would like more information or if you have questions that are beyond the classroom, talk to your school principal. They can help with:

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Homework and assignments
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

Step 3 - School Superintendents

Superintendents are responsible for a Family of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals
- Matters that have not been resolved at the school level



CONTACT US



Have a question or a concern?
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Chief Dan George

Public School

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Chief Dan George PS is to empower all students to reach their full potential and to acquire the knowledge, critical thinking skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society. To accomplish this mission, it is essential that we continue to provide a positive, supportive and safe learning environment where co-operation, personal responsibility and respect are valued and demonstrated.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct outlines our expectations that students will be safe, responsible and respectful members of our school and community. Chief Dan George students are:

SAFE

- Follow school rules
- Think before you act
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves
- Report unsafe behaviour

RESPONSIBLE

- Be honest and make good choices
- Admit when you're wrong
- Arrive on time and ready to learn

RESPECTFUL

- Follow **The Golden Rule**: Treat others as you wish to be treated
- Use positive, polite words and actions
- Take turns speaking and listening to others
- Be kind and appreciate people's differences
- Give space and ask permission first

