



Chief Dan George PS

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SAFE ARRIVAL

Full Day Absence
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Principal

Andrea Chisholm

Office Administrator

Tonya Morra

Superintendent

Marwa Hamid

December 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Winter! The month of December is always filled with different temperatures from one day to the next. It is very important that we check the weather the night before, and get our appropriate outdoor clothing organized prior to setting off for school. It is essential that all of our students come prepared to play outdoors in any kind of weather. In the winter, appropriate clothing includes:

- Winter boots
- Winter jacket and snow pants (for ALL students K-8)
- Winter hat that covers the ears
- Waterproof mittens and a scarf
- Warm socks (and extra socks in their backpack in case a pair gets wet)
- Warm layers of clothing to wear indoors

We would also like to remind students that snow is very fun to play in, but we have to play safely. Students are encouraged to build snow people, snow forts, or any snow creation they can think of. Students are also encouraged to make snow angels or write their names in the snow. Students are NOT permitted to throw snowballs at any time. Unfortunately, snowballs can sometimes have little chunks of ice, salt, or pebbles in them which can cause serious injury to the eye or face. We appreciate your co-operation and reminders to our students to play safely.

Our staff has already started working on performances for our winter concert this year. Our **Winter Concert** will be held on **Wednesday December 17th at 2:30 p.m.** Our auditorium doors will open at 2:00 pm. We hope to see you all then!

The holidays are fast approaching, and we would like to remind everyone that December 19th is our last day of school prior to the winter break. We will be starting back to school in the New Year on Monday January 5th, 2025 at 9:10 a.m. sharp.

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season with your families.

As always, we remind students to: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



SPRIT WEEK

Show Your School Spirit

Monday December 15
Tuesday December 16
Wednesday December 17
Thursday December 18
Friday December 19

- Red & Green Day!
- Character Day!
- Backwards Day!
- Crazy Hat/Christmas Hat Day!
- PJ Day!

MEDIA RELEASE FORM REMINDERS



A reminder that we can only publish student names and pictures if we have a media release form signed.

This also impacts the student work we display, photos on the TV in the front hallway, and our Grade 8 Grad Composite.



These forms can be found in the TDSB Start-Up Forms that were sent to families by the TDSB in September.

We have been informed that Chief Dan George has only a 50% completion rate of our start-up forms. Let's get our forms completed ASAP!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

DECEMBER

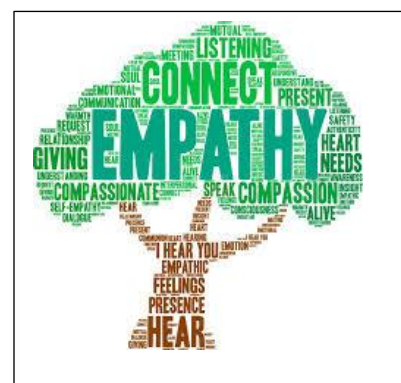
Dec 1	Z.G.	Gr3
Dec 4	N.O.	Gr1
Dec 5	PIRIYAN	Gr7
Dec 6	H.V.	Gr2
Dec 10	A.T.	Gr3
Dec 11	J.R.	Gr5
Dec 12	D.T.	Gr8
Dec 14	K.B.	Gr4
Dec 15	V.V.	Gr3
Dec 15	AMAIRAH	JK
Dec 17	O.G.	Gr7
Dec 18	K.K.	Gr3
Dec 21	ALI	Gr5
Dec 22	A.M.	Gr8
Dec 22	J.A.	SK
Dec 23	HARLEY	JK
Dec 25	S.B.	SK
Dec 27	VARNA	Gr5
Dec 28	REBECCA	Gr7
Dec 28	K.M.	JK
Dec 29	N.W.	Gr4
Dec 30	OLASUBOMI	Gr5



LOOK AT OUR CDG THUNDERBIRDS...

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR DECEMBER - EMPATHY

Student	Class
Asim	K EN
Skylar	K EN
G.H.	K FI
Sarahi	K FI
Alina	1/2 EN
H.V.	1/2 EN
A.P.	1/2 FI
Varuni	1/2 FI
Celine	3/4 EN
K.D.	3/4 EN
C.T.	3/4 FI
S.S.	3/4 FI
Courtney	4/5 EN
N.W.	4/5 EN
Norah	4/5 FI
Olasubomi	4/5 FI
L.M.	6/7 EN
Michael	6/7 EN
H.S.	6/7 FI
R.J.	6/7 FI
Don	8 EN
D.J.	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 **November**:

Room K1
Room 104
Room K2
Room 113

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 **NOVEMBER!**

J.A.	SK	Norah H.	Gr5	Remy O.	Gr3
D.A.	Gr7	Omayer H.	Gr4	N.O.	Gr4
D.A.	JK	Omera H.	Gr5	Aegan P.	Gr5
Pia B.	Gr3	A.I.	Gr4	A.P.	JK
Raenman B.	Gr5	D.J.	Gr5	S.R.	Gr6
S.B.	SK	S.J.	Gr3	T.R.	Gr8
J.B.	Gr8	Amairah K.	JK	A.S.	Gr8
S.B.	Gr2	Dinura K.	Gr7	Z.S.	SK
Chaya B.	Gr6	Lithuli K.	Gr5	M.S.	SK
Makayla C.	Gr3	Z.K.	Gr4	T.S.	Gr5
Kai C.	Gr4	Harley K.	JK	Daniella S.	Gr4
Abdultawwab D.	SK	Caleb K.	Gr1	Amira S.	SK
Taslyma D.	Gr3	Joyce K.	JK	Anisa S.	SK
Tazeem D.	Gr7	B.L.	Gr5	Muhammad S.	Gr2
Esther D.	Gr8	Hasthika M.	Gr8	Aranen S.	Gr3
W.E.	Gr7	U.M.	Gr6	Varma S.	Gr5
W.E.	Gr5	A.M.	Gr6	Kgosi T.	SK
Michael E.	Gr7	Ariah M.	Gr5	Tharshunan T.	Gr6
D.G.	Gr4	H.M.	Gr7	C.T.	Gr3
N.G.	Gr5	A.N.	Gr6	D.T.	Gr8
O.G.	Gr7	Daniel N.	Gr8	C.V.	JK
A.H.	JK	Kennedy N.	SK	H.V.	Gr2
S.H.	JK	K.N.	JK	O.V.	Gr4
S.H.	Gr4	Olivia O.	Gr1	A.W.	Gr6
S.H.	Gr2	Victoria O.	Gr7	S.Z.	Gr8

OUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS IN NOVEMBER!!!



HILLSIDE OUTDOOR EDUCATION SCHOOL

November 10, 2025

Snow art, bird feeders, chickadees, and roasted marshmallows - our Grade 1/2 students had a magical day of learning and fun at Hillside on December 10th!

Our Grade 1 and 2 students had an exciting outdoor learning experience at **Hillside Outdoor Education Centre**! As part of the **Nature-Inspired Art** program, students explored the snowy forest trails, observed the shapes, textures, colours of nature, and created beautiful art pieces/snow structures, using natural materials. They also added a burst of colour by **decorating their snow structures with food-coloured water bottles**, transforming the landscape into a beautiful outdoor art gallery.

Students also worked together to create **bird feeders** using natural materials like seeds, pinecones, leaves, and water. The feeders were **frozen in plates** and later **hung on trees**, providing a special treat for the forest birds.

One of the most exciting moments was when the children were able to **feed chickadees right from their hands in the forest!**

Students also enjoyed **tobogganing** down the snowy hill at the Hillside campus.

The experience at Hillside encouraged curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world. It ended on a sweet note as students gathered around the campfire to **roast marshmallows**.

A heartfelt thank-you to the **Hillside staff** and our **parent volunteers** for helping make this experience so meaningful and memorable for our students!

The Grade 1/2 Teachers
(Mrs. Khanna and Mr. Diop)

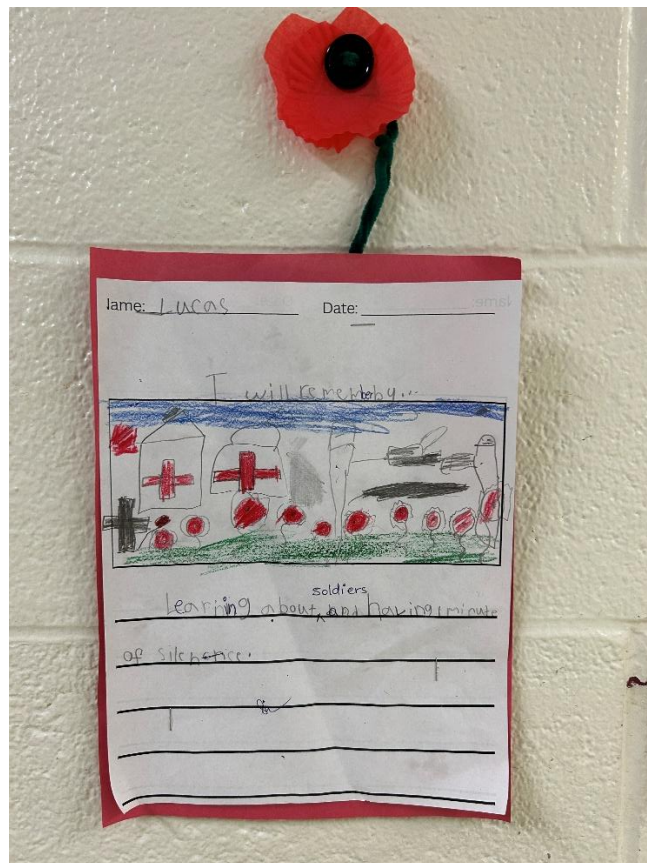
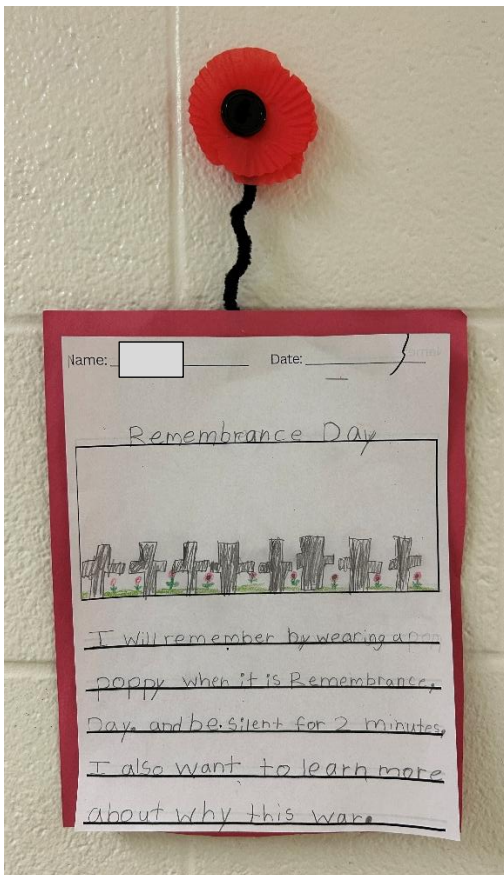
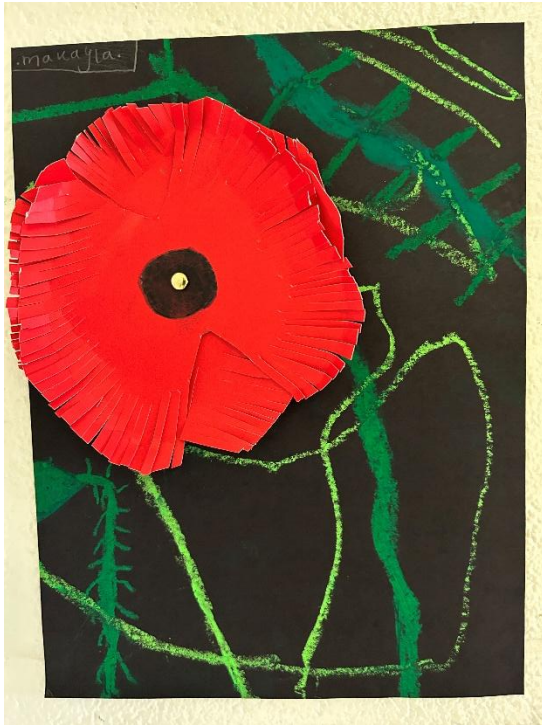
Quelle journée pour les enfants! Ils ont à apprivoiser la nature tout en s'amusant. Ils en redemandent encore. Merci pour cette journée inoubliable!



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

November 11, 2025





BEAT THE STREETS – WRESTLING AT CDG



"I love wrestling because it's kind of strict and kind of not. We do a duck-under and a half-nelson and others too. We do layouts, and it's pretty fun because people who don't win have to do 10 exercises." - O'Bryant, Gr4



**We help kids
dream big**

TRIBAL VOICES: VISIONS OF TURTLE ISLAND

On November 17, 2025 Chief Dan George PS welcomed Tribal Voices in order to learn about and celebrate Indigenous Education Month. The performers showcased First Nations powwow style singing and dancing, and explained to our students that these dances are a way of giving thanks to Mother Earth.





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

Please join us in-person this month!

**December 10, 2025
6:30 pm**



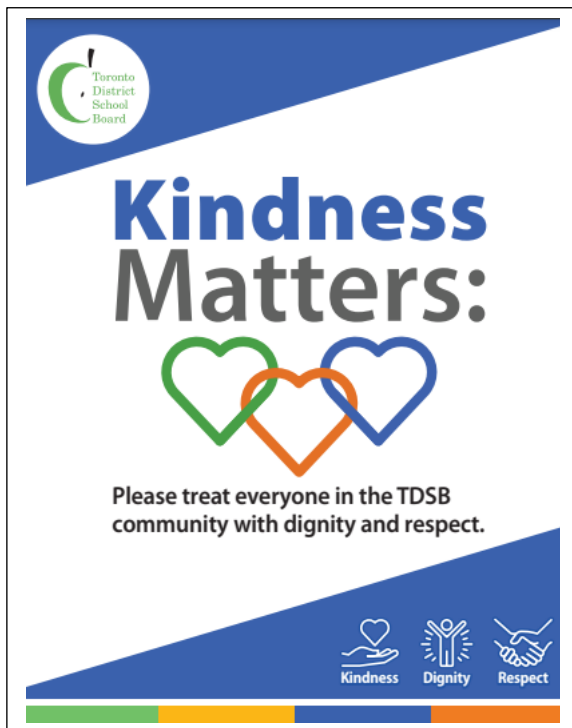
Winter is here!

Remember your winter coat, boots, hat,
mitts and... **snowpants!**



UPCOMING DATES:

- December 10 – School Council Meeting
- December 15-19 – School Spirit Week!
 - Monday December 15 – Red & Green Day!
 - Tuesday December 16 – Character Day!
 - Wednesday December 17 – Backwards Day!
 - Thursday December 18 – Crazy Hat/Christmas Hat Day!
 - Friday December 19 – PJ Day!
- December 17 – Winter Concert and Canned Food Drive
- December 19 – CDG's Character Matters Assembly





Professional Support Services



LIVINGWORKS



safeTALK

**SafeTalk Trainings At Huron Street JPS
For Parents & Caregivers
Free: Sat. Dec 6th 10-2:30pm**

[Registration QR Code](#)

- TDSB Trained safeTalk Trainers
- Provide half day (3-4 hrs) Suicide Alertness Training for Staff, educators, Parents and Caregivers
- Understand the principles of Suicide Alertness and learn to recognize signs to respond to potential need for help



HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987.

TEN AMAZING BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

- 📖 Strengthens your writing skills
- 📖 Improves your memory and focus
- 📖 Enhances your imagination
- 📖 Increases your vocabulary
- 📖 Expands your knowledge
- 📖 Stimulates your brain
- 📖 Boosts your mood
- 📖 Deepens empathy
- 📖 Helps you relax
- 📖 Lowers stress



Chief Dan George:
Let's all read 20
minutes each night!



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?
Please feel free to contact us at **416.396.6150**
or by email:

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