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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a winter holiday filled with lots of rest and time with family and friends. It is exciting for our students to be back at school, eager to learn and be challenged by our curriculum expectations.

In January, we are approaching the end of our First Term of learning in the school year. With Term 1 Report Cards being distributed on February 12, 2026, we have had some parents inquiring about how student achievement is assessed and evaluated.

I would like to direct you to the **Ministry of Education's website:** www.edu.gov.on.ca. Here, you can find the specific curriculum expectations for each grade and each subject area. I will also highlight the Levels of Achievement and The Achievement Chart categories below. Each student's work is assessed against the categories provided by the Ministry according to the levels provided for educators.

Levels of Achievement – The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8

Level 1	Represents achievement that falls much below the provincial standard. The student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with limited effectiveness. Students must work at significantly improving in specific areas, as necessary, if they are to be successful in a subject in the next grade.
Level 2	Represents achievement that approaches the standard. The student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with some effectiveness. Students performing at this level need to work on identified learning gaps to ensure future success.
Level 3	Represents the provincial standard for achievement. The student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with considerable effectiveness. Parents of students achieving at level 3 can be confident that their children will be prepared for work in subsequent grades.
Level 4	Identifies achievement that surpasses the provincial standard. The student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with a high degree of effectiveness.

The Achievement Chart Categories – The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8

Knowledge and Understanding	Subject-specific content acquired in each grade (knowledge), and the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding)
Thinking	The use of critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes
Communication	The conveying of meaning through various forms
Application	The use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts

If you have any specific questions regarding the assessment and evaluation of your child's work, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

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

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



January is...

Tamil Heritage Month

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

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 55% completion rate of our start-up forms. Let's get our forms completed ASAP!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

JANUARY

Jan 1	Piyara M	Gr4
Jan 2	I. T.	Gr4
Jan 3	M. M.	Gr3
Jan 5	I. V.	Gr3
Jan 6	Khloe N	JK
Jan 7	Javior L	Gr5
Jan 7	A. M.	Gr4
Jan 11	Omera H	Gr5
Jan 11	A. F.	Gr3
Jan 13	Ayanna C	Gr7
Jan 14	Abigail P	Gr4
Jan 18	Akire W	Gr6
Jan 21	Ubaydah S	Gr2
Jan 23	Aria N	Gr8
Jan 23	Ismail A	Gr2
Jan 24	Mohammad G	Gr8
Jan 24	H. A.	Gr7
Jan 28	N. L.	Gr4
Jan 28	M. A.	Gr1
Jan 28	Skylar S	JK
Jan 29	S. B.	Gr4
Jan 30	M. S.	SK



LOOK AT OUR CDG THUNDERBIRDS...

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR DECEMBER –

KINDNESS & CARING

Student	Class
Q. B.	K EN
S. D.	K EN
Joyce K	K FI
Z. S.	K FI
R. B.	1/2 EN
Ubaydah S	1/2 EN
Kayson H	1/2 FI
M. A.	1/2 FI
Abigail P	3/4 EN
Taslyma	3/4 EN
Shalom S	3/4 FI
Vendan V	3/4 FI
D. B.	4/5 EN
Lithuli G	4/5 EN
Ayaan A	4/5 FI
Olivia V	4/5 FI
Raishaun W	6/7 EN
Tharshunan	6/7 EN
I. M.	6/7 FI
Zizou A	6/7 FI
D. T.	8 EN
Isaiah F	8 EN
O. T.	8 FI
T. R.	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 **December**

Room 110

Room 112

Room 200

Keep up the great work, Chief Dan George!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



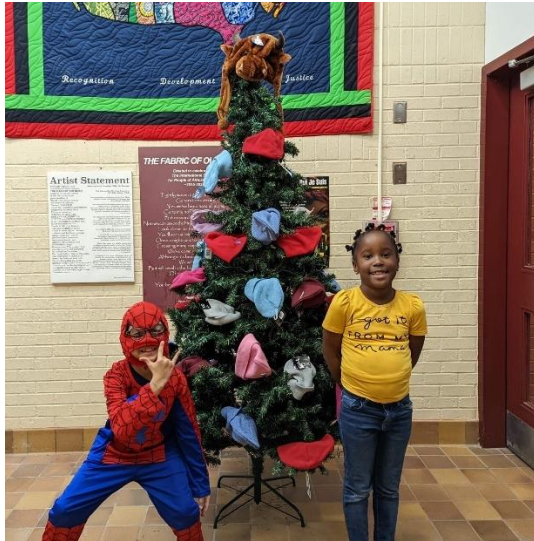
Did you know?

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 **DECEMBER!**

M. A.	Gr1	Amairah K	JK
Yasin A	JK	Dinura K	Gr7
Judaea B	Gr1	Harley K	JK
Keshvi B	Gr4	Braylan L	Gr5
S. B.	Gr2	Varsha M	Gr5
Shemar B	Gr4	A. M.	Gr6
Makayla C	Gr3	Sariah M	SK
Kaysen C	SK	A. N.	Gr6
Maliyah C	Gr7	Olasubomi O	Gr5
Taslyma D	Gr3	Remy O	Gr3
A. F.	Gr3	A. P.	Gr2
N. G.	Gr5	Hector R	Gr8
Courtney G	Gr5	Z. S.	SK
T. H.	Gr5	Skylar S	JK
S. H.	Gr4	Tassanae S	Gr5
Syed H	Gr5	Amira S	SK
Anya I	Gr5	K. S.	Gr7
D. J.	Gr5	I. V.	Gr3
D. J.	Gr8		

SPIRIT WEEK!





TDSB SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety.

Conditions warranting indoor recesses:

- Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold
- Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates – 20 to –28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions.
- Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September.

Alerts are posted on the Web site www.toronto.ca/health or available by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.

Other conditions: Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information.



CDG STUDENTS WEAR SNOWPANTS!



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.



Remember: Snow Stays on the GROUND

As winter is now upon us, we eagerly anticipate lots of snow coming our way. Remember, **for student safety, the snow must stay on the ground!**

Students are encouraged to:

- Build snow forts
- Build snow people & animals
- Make snow angels
- Make snow burritos (roll in the snow)
- Write their names in the snow

Let's keep our eyes and faces safe!!!





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

Please join us virtually this month!

meet.google.com/hjv-nejg-gbq

January 7, 2025

6:30 pm

CELL PHONE REMINDERS

Students are reminded to keep their cell phones
in their backpacks during school hours
unless specifically given permission during class time
for an assignment.



REMEMBER

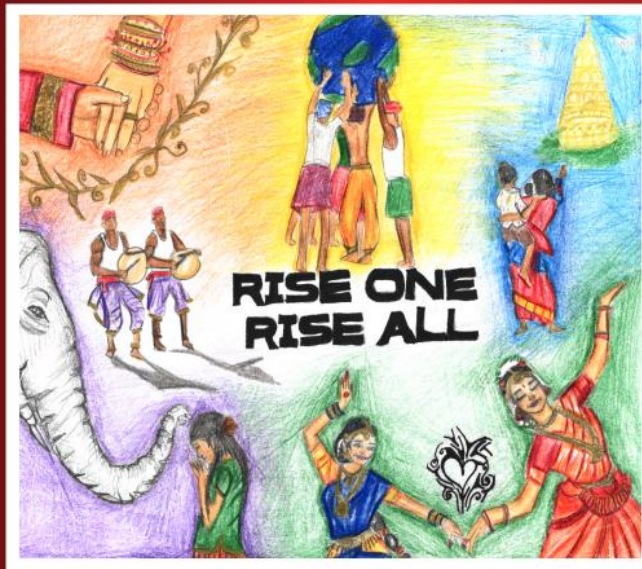


UPCOMING DATES:

- January 5 – Welcome Back!
- January 7 – School Council Meeting (Virtual)
- January 9 – Brave Education Workshops (Gr3-7)
- January 13 – Swim to Survive Starts (Gr4)
- January 16 – PA Day
- January 23 – Tamil Heritage Month Assembly
- January 30 – CDG Character Matters Assembly



Tamil Heritage Month



Riya, Grade 8, Thomas L Wells P.S.

January 2026

Unity is strength - Rise One, Rise All:

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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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