



Chief Dan George PS

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March 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We want to thank all of the students in the Black Student Alliance (BSA) for co-ordinating the school-wide and individual activities during African Heritage (Black History) Month. Also, the BSA planned, co-ordinated, and lead our African Heritage (Black History) Month assembly! Here, we had students from all grades sharing songs, stories and historical information for our entire school community. Thank you to Ms. Smith and Mme Assimi for ensuring our student leaders played a vital role in making the assembly meaningful and well-organized.

Spring has (almost) sprung! We are very excited about the events that are taking place in the month of March!

We are starting the month off with another fun-filled spirit week. We encourage all students to dress up and participate as much as possible. Our spirit days are as follows:

- Monday March 9 – Fun Hair Day!
- Tuesday March 10 – Cultural Day!
- Wednesday March 11 – Jersey Day!
- Thursday March 12 – PJ Day!
- Friday March 13 – Anything But a Backpack Day!

Finally, a reminder that we will be going outside whenever possible, even during damp spring days. Please ensure your children have rainboots, splash pants, a raincoat and umbrella, depending on the forecast. We want our students to be able to get as much fresh air as possible!

Our March Break this year is from March 16-20 inclusive. We encourage families to get lots of fresh air together around the community. We are very fortunate to have a natural conservation area right beside Chief Dan George! During your time together, try spending some time outdoors by going for nature walks, visiting local parks, biking along trails, or having a super-bundled picnic! You may also want to try a local outdoor skating rink or playing outdoor games together. Spending time outside not only keeps everyone active, but also creates meaningful opportunities to connect and make lasting memories together. Don't forget to take lots of selfies!

We wish every family a safe and healthy month of March.

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

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



March is...

Greek Heritage Month

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

MARCH

Mar 1	Leriyah C.	JK
Mar 5	Kennedy N.	SK
Mar 6	K.C.	Gr5
Mar 8	Naomi C.	SK
Mar 10	R.J.	Gr6
Mar 12	P.J.	Gr8
Mar 13	U.M.	Gr6
Mar 20	William G.	SK
Mar 20	Z.S.	SK
Mar 22	Aria B.	Gr2
Mar 27	Tassanae S.	Gr5
Mar 27	L.J.	SK
Mar 29	T.R.	Gr8
Mar 29	Zainab Y.	Gr8
Mar 29	M.E.	Gr6
Mar 30	P.S.	Gr2



LOOK AT OUR CDG THUNDERBIRDS...

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR FEBRUARY – FAIRNESS

Student	Class
D.A.	K EN
Kaysen C.	K EN
Amairah K.	K FI
William G.	K FI
N.O.	1/2 EN
T.M.	1/2 EN
Abigail H.	1/2 FI
Ismail A.	1/2 FI
N.P.	3/4 EN
Z.F.	3/4 EN
N.L.	3/4 FI
Javior L.	4/5 EN
Maddison L.	4/5 EN
N.G.	4/5 FI
Taijus S.	4/5 FI
A.N.	6/7 EN
D.A.	6/7 EN
A.M.	6/7 FI
K.S.	6/7 FI
E.G.	8 EN
Shafayet Z.	8 EN
P.J.	8 FI
D.N.	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 **February**

K2

Room 200

Room 202

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 **FEBRUARY!**

Pia B	Gr3	Varuni M	Gr2
Abdultawwab D	SK	A.M.	Gr6
Taslyma D	Gr3	Piriyam N	Gr7
Sarahi D	JK	A.N.	Gr6
W.E.	Gr7	Christiana O	Gr5
W.E.	Gr5	Olivia O	Gr1
D.G.	Gr4	Remy O	Gr3
N.G.	Gr5	Aadhaven P	Gr2
O.G.	Gr7	A.P.	JK
Armaan H	JK	Skylar S	JK
L.H.	Gr4	Tassanae S	Gr5
Syed H	Gr5	Charlotte v	Gr3
J.H.	Gr2	Liam v	SK
Amairah K	JK	Isaiah V	Gr3
Lithuli K	Gr5	Harper V	Gr2
Harley K	JK	Maaran V	Gr4
N.K.	SK	Vendan V	Gr3
H.M.	SK	Raishaun W	Gr7
N.M.	Gr2	Shafayet Z	Gr8
Varsha M	Gr5		

PERFECT ATTENDANCE – JANUARY





Congratulations
to Remy (Gr3)
and S.H. (Gr4)
who have
received our first
CDG ball caps
for having 5
months of
perfect
attendance!



OWARE

February 5, 2026

Written by: P.J., Grade 8

On Thursday, February 5th, our BSA members and Ms. Smith were invited to **Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute**. There, we learned about one of the oldest games in the world, called Oware, which is 15,000 years old and originated in Africa. As we played, we discovered important life lessons, such as not keeping everything for ourselves and being kind and thoughtful toward others. We also learned that the game connects to big world ideas, like farming techniques, showing us how important sharing, strategy, and critical thinking are.

Jeudi 5 février, les membres de notre club BSA et notre professeure, Mme Smith, ont été invités à **Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute**. Là-bas, nous avons appris à propos de l'un des plus anciens jeux du monde, appelé Oware, qui a 15 000 ans et qui est originaire d'Afrique. En jouant, nous avons découvert des leçons de vie importantes, comme ne pas tout garder pour soi, être gentils et penser aux autres. Nous avons aussi appris que le jeu est lié à de grandes idées mondiales, comme les techniques agricoles, nous montrant à quel point le partage, la stratégie et la pensée critique sont essentiels.





Students from our BSA will be teaching families how to play Oware at our upcoming family games night. Stay tuned for an announcement about the date and time.

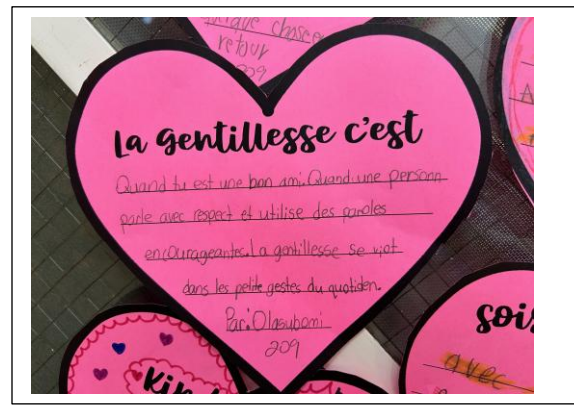
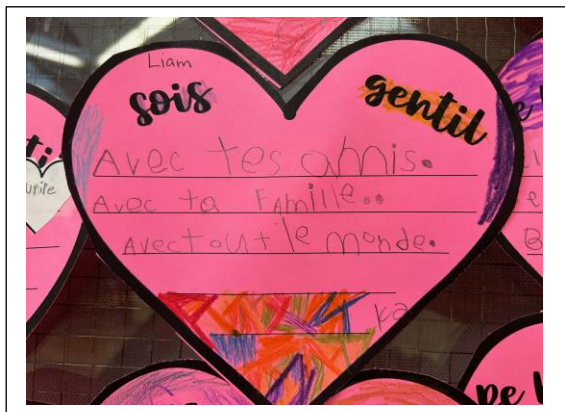
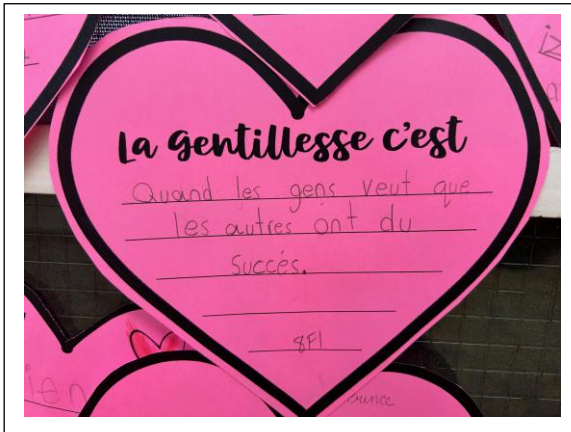
PINK SHIRT DAY

February 25, 2026

Pink shirt day is an annual even against bullying, held in Canada. People wear pink shirts to show that bullying is not accepted. The day is designed to support people who are facing bullying. In 2007, Grade 12 students David Shepherd and Travis Price of Berwick, Nova Scotia, bought and distributed 50 pink shirts because a student named Chuck McNeil was bullied just because he was wearing a pink shirt. Looking at what David and Travis did, we can see their initiative, support and kindness. This proves that we are all capable of supporting each other! We can all learn to accept and care for each other, and prevent bullying together.







Be kind.

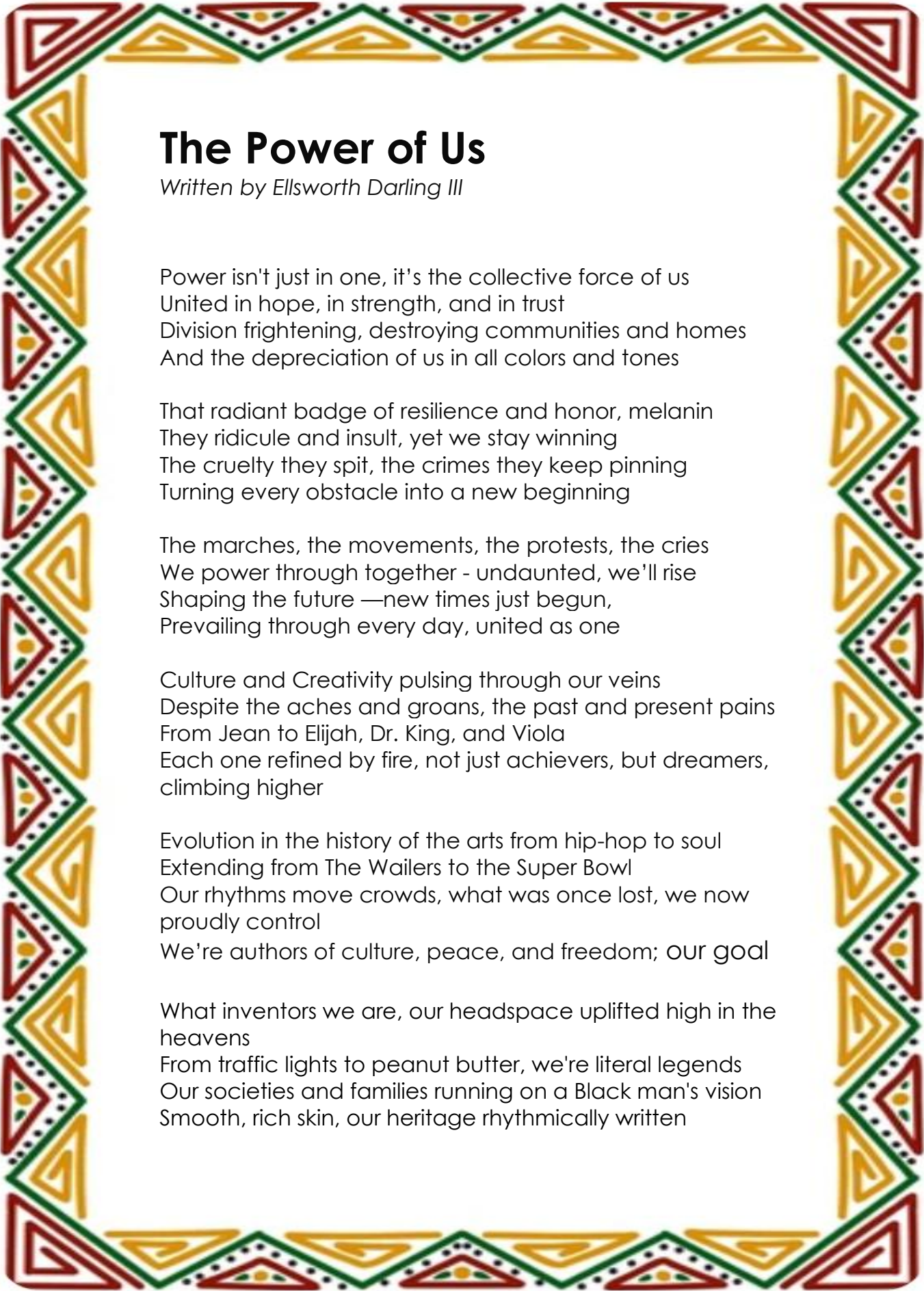


PINK SHIRT DAY FEB 25 2026

FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH







The Power of Us

Written by Ellsworth Darling III

Power isn't just in one, it's the collective force of us
United in hope, in strength, and in trust
Division frightening, destroying communities and homes
And the depreciation of us in all colors and tones

That radiant badge of resilience and honor, melanin
They ridicule and insult, yet we stay winning
The cruelty they spit, the crimes they keep pinning
Turning every obstacle into a new beginning

The marches, the movements, the protests, the cries
We power through together - undaunted, we'll rise
Shaping the future —new times just begun,
Prevailing through every day, united as one

Culture and Creativity pulsing through our veins
Despite the aches and groans, the past and present pains
From Jean to Elijah, Dr. King, and Viola
Each one refined by fire, not just achievers, but dreamers,
climbing higher

Evolution in the history of the arts from hip-hop to soul
Extending from The Wailers to the Super Bowl
Our rhythms move crowds, what was once lost, we now
proudly control
We're authors of culture, peace, and freedom; our goal

What inventors we are, our headspace uplifted high in the
heavens
From traffic lights to peanut butter, we're literal legends
Our societies and families running on a Black man's vision
Smooth, rich skin, our heritage rhythmically written

Setting new heights daily; renewing what's known
Whose life is it to cherish and claim, but our own
Ancestors grew and fell, yet never lost the dream they
chose to foster.
Alone, you might flourish for some time, but together we
prosper

Black is geographical—just look around the globe.
Black is the origin—there's no need to cope.
Black isn't what you only see its our identity
Building up each day to fulfill our destiny

From Africa's sunrise to city lights gleaming,
We carry tomorrow, forever believing-
Believing for a future with equality and freedom
To build brighter days for all who succeed them.

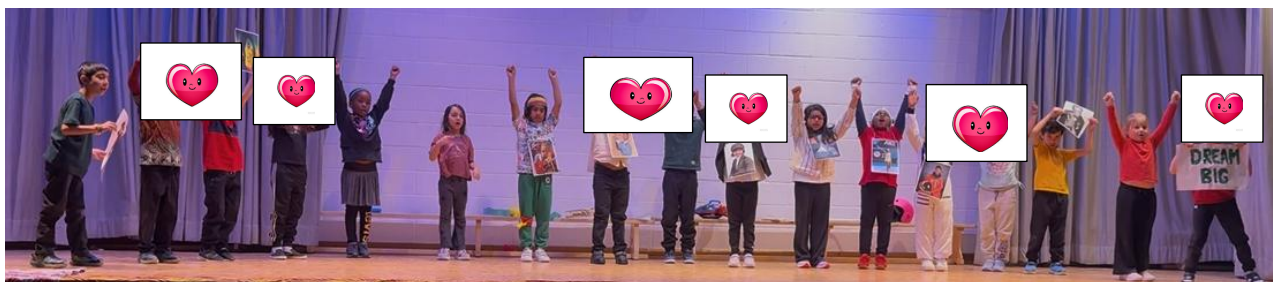
So as Black History's pages continue to turn,
May the mind gears of the younger generation continue to
churn
Let us instill the power in us to spin this world on its axle
No obstacle is ever too big for us to tackle.



Ellsworth is currently a Grade 8 student at Chief Dan George PS and is looking forward to attending St. Mother Teresa in Grade 9. Ellsworth loves creative writing and any opportunity to expand his artistic expertise.

AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH ASSEMBLY

February 26, 2026





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

Please join us virtually this month!

meet.google.com/hjv-nejg-gbq

March 4, 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.





UPCOMING DATES:

- March 4 – School Council Meeting
- March 9-13 – School Spirit Week!
 - Monday March 9 – Fun Hair Day!
 - Tuesday March 10 – Cultural Day!
 - Wednesday March 11 – Jersey Day!
 - Thursday March 12 – PJ Day!
 - Friday March 13 – Anything But a Backpack Day!
- March 16-20 – March Break!
- March 23 – Welcome Back!
- March 26 – Learning Buddies
- March 27 – Chief Dan George's Character Matters Assembly



TDSB's Requirements for Volunteers are changing!

If you are interested in volunteering (even on a one-day field trip) caregivers will now need a Level 2 Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC).

Please see the following page for details.



Parent Information: Volunteer Requirements for School Activities

We value and appreciate the support of our parent and community volunteers. To ensure the safety of all students, the Toronto District School Board requires specific police background checks for individuals volunteering in our schools.

Types of Police Checks Required

1. Day Trips and In-School Volunteers

Parents or guardians who volunteer **only for in-school activities or day excursions** are required to complete a **Level 2 Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC)**.

- This check is **free for volunteers**.

Additional requirement to be provided when submitting request for level 2 clearance. Volunteers requesting a **Level 2 clearance** must also provide a letter from the school on official school letterhead.

Please see that the letter you provide is on school letterhead and confirms the following:

- that you will be volunteering in the school
- that your role involves working within the vulnerable sector as part of daily school activities
- it will be signed by the **designate**.

2. Overnight Trips and Coaching Volunteers

Parents or guardians who volunteer for **overnight field trips** or who **coach students** must complete a **Level 3 Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)**.

- The fee for a VSC is **\$26.72 for volunteers**.

How to Apply for Your Police Check

Volunteers may complete their VSC online through Toronto Police Services:

Toronto Police Service – Police Record Checks

<https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

TDSB Code: 202309TPSOND7EFC

Police checks must be completed with the police service for the area in which you **reside**. The code above is only for volunteers that reside in Toronto and are using Toronto Police Services to attain their clearance.

Submitting Your Completed Police Check

Once you receive your police clearance results, please email a scanned copy to the policeclearancecheckoffice@tdsb.on.ca for processing. Schools should not keep any copies of clearances for volunteers. Please ensure when emailing the PRC office with your scanned copy of your police clearance you include the following declaration in the body of your email with the attachment and the school you are volunteering at.

"The attached document is a copy of the original, and it has not been altered in any way."

Your Student Email Address is Being Updated

Your Student Email Address is Changing

From firstname.lastname@student.tdsb.on.ca
(e.g., "John.Smith@student.tdsb.on.ca")

To Student#@tdsb.ca
(e.g., "333123456@tdsb.ca")

For more information or
questions please visit
<https://t2m.io/tdsbFAQ>





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

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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**
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Principal	Andrea Chisholm	andrea.chisholm@tdsb.on.ca



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

