



Chief Dan George PS

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SAFE ARRIVAL

Reporting Absences
1.833.250.2290

Principal
Andrea Chisholm

Office Administrator
Tonya Morra

Superintendent
Marwa Hamid

September 2026 WELCOME BACK!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy September! We are so excited to be back to school! We are eager to see all of our returning students, and welcome our new students and families to the Chief Dan George school community. We would also like to welcome Mr. Owens to CDG who will be joining us in Grade 7/8 EN.

As always, during the month of September, will be focusing on student safety and well-being. Please be sure to review the Chief Dan George Code of Conduct with your child, prior to the first day of school.

Student Absences:

- If your child is feeling ill, please DO NOT send them to school
- Contact the school's Safe Arrival Line (**1-833-250-2290**) prior to 8:30 a.m. to report your child's absence

Parking Lot Safety:

- The parking lot is for CDG staff ONLY
- Please do NOT park your car in the lot to ensure student safety

Lunch Reminders:

- Students are to either stay at school or go home for lunch every day
- Please pack a lunch and send it with your child in the morning
- In order to be environmentally friendly, a reminder that the school does not provide forks, spoons or cups, so please pack reusable items!

Outdoor Clothing

- Chief Dan George PS is an **all-weather** school!
- Please ensure your child is prepared to be outside for both recesses and lunch every day
- If it is raining, please send your child in rain boots, a raincoat, and bring an umbrella

Please ensure you complete the **TDSB's Start of Year Package** that was sent out to schools on September 1st. Our **First Day Package** will be coming home on September 8th. Please complete all forms and **return it** to the school by **Friday September 11th**. We require all information as soon as possible so we can provide the best care for your children. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

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

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB OBSERVES...



September 30

Orange Shirt Day

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



CHIEF DAN GEORGE STAFF 2026-2027

Principal: Andrea Chisholm
Office Administrator: Tonya Morra
Head Caretaker: Victoria Frank
Evening Caretaker: Andrew Gonsalves

Class	Room	Staff
JKSK En	K1	Kyle Blackson & Cassandra Peach (ECE)
JKSK Fl	K2	Vessna Romero & Aissata Diop (ECE)
1/2 En	104	Shalini Khanna
1/2 Fl	202	Cheikh Diop
3/4 En	200	Julia Kennedy
3/4 Fl	201	Carmen Dorelien
5/6 En	113	Vicky Spina
5/6 Fl	110	Hasna Assimi
7/8 En	111	Kristian Owens
7/8 Fl	112	Lisa O'Dell
Library/Prep	Library	Jackie Dixon
Prep	Gym	Brian Lucas
Prep/SERT	Music Rm	Charlene Daniell
SERT	105	Rashyne Smith
SNA		Wasana Gamage
SNA (am)		TBD

Lunchroom Supervisors: Mina Alam
 Ereline Braham
 Andeela Ferheen
 Gnanaranjini Sathivel (Ms. G)

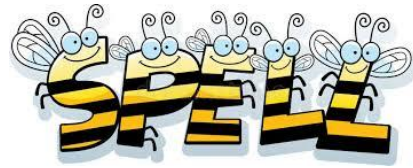
BIRTHDAY WISHES

SEPTEMBER

Sept 2	A.I.	Gr5
Sept 5	A.N.	Gr7
Sept 6	ALIZA	Gr5
Sept 9	BRAYLAN	Gr6
Sept 9	SAFFRON	Gr3
Sept 11	A.C.	SK
Sept 12	G.D.	Gr8
Sept 13	KHALIL	JK
Sept 14	J.F.	Gr8
Sept 14	J.O.	Gr2
Sept 15	JETOLUWA	Gr3
Sept 16	CADEN	Gr4
Sept 17	OMAYER	Gr5
Sept 17	CALEB	Gr2
Sept 18	LEVI	Gr3
Sept 19	K.D.	Gr6
Sept 23	VARSHA	Gr6
Sept 25	C.B.	Gr7
Sept 25	M.E.	Gr3
Sept 30	W.E.	Gr6



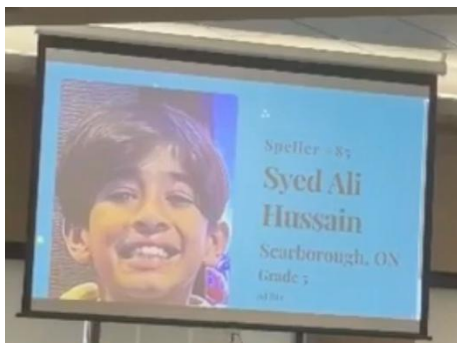
SPELLING BEE UPDATE



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners who attended the Spelling Bee National Finals in Ottawa this July 2026! Their dedication and hard work have clearly paid off, as they competed against hundreds of spellers across Canada!

Congratulations to:
Maaran who tied for 118th place in Grade 4
Varsha who tied for 80th place in Grade 5
Ali who tied for 118th place in Grade 5

We hope to see many more spellers this year!



VIP BLUE JAYS EXPERIENCE

Written by Sarah Smith, Beat the Streets Parent Rep.

This summer, five CDG students along with students from Joseph Brandt were treated to a VIP Blue Jays Experience from Beat the Streets and Eli's Place Canada! Our day started at 11am from the front of CDG where I drove Braylan, CJ, Makayla and Charlotte downtown where we met Deshawn and the rest of the coaches.

We got to enter through Gate 13 which is the Executive Suites only! From start to finish the kids and I had an amazing time. Even though we lost in the extra inning; we enjoyed the whole experience! Pizza from Pizza Nova, amazing chicken tenders, ballpark hot dogs, popcorn, fruits and veggies, and drinks were all included and unlimited.

We had a visit from the Jays mascots Ace and Ace Jr in our suite, and the kids were featured on the jumbotron! They also received a Blue Jays bag and Metal Blue Jays water bottle.

This whole experience was provided by the Beat the Streets team and the Eli's Place Canada, who invite kids' charities to come and join them in their box and watch the game every year. It was an amazing opportunity for our CDG students who participated in the program this year. Students were selected by the coaches based on their attendance, attitude and overall behavior during this past wrestling season. This is an annual experience for the students, and hopefully CDG students will get selected again next year!





eli's place
where recovery grows



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.

Chief Dan George will continue celebrating our students with perfect attendance each month! Look out for awards that will be given to students throughout the year who have multiple months of perfect attendance!

Remember:

- ***Students should be IN LINE between 9:00-9:10 am when the entry bell rings***
- If you are picking up your child for lunch, please meet them at their exit door promptly at 12:00 pm
- Students returning from lunch need to be IN LINE by 12:55 pm SHARP when the entry bell rings
- Please meet your students at their exit door promptly at 3:45 pm dismissal
- Students who are waiting for parents will be outside by their exit door. Please do NOT come to Door 1 to pick up students.

STUDENT SUCCESS BEGINS WITH... YOU!!!



LUNCH REMINDERS



To ensure student safety, we are asking all families of students to confirm the following:

- If your child will be going home for lunch EVERY DAY
- If your child will be staying at school for lunch EVERY DAY

If your child is staying for lunch, they are expected to remain on school property for the duration of the lunch hour. Attendance is taken daily by our lunchroom supervisors. This confirmation of permission will ensure that the classroom teacher, lunchroom supervisor and student are all aware of whether the student will be going home or staying for lunch.

If your child usually stays at school, but you would like to sign your child out for lunch, we will require you to come into the office to sign your child out, as you would any other absence. *Students will not be permitted to call home to request verbal permission to leave, nor will we be able to release students with a parent calling the office.*

Remember:

- Send your child with lunch EVERY DAY
- Pack all utensils needed
- ***Please do not send food via delivery service.***
- ***Please do not drop off food for student pick up***
- Be ON TIME (12:00 pm) to pick up students going home! Meet at exit doors.
- Be ON TIME (12:55 pm) for student drop off in the afternoon!



Delivery services are unpredictable and can arrive late causing your child to miss out on outdoor lunch recess, or even learning time if it arrives after 1:00 pm.
Plan ahead with your child to prepare lunch the night before!



BELL TIME REMINDERS

Morning Entry	9:10 am
Lunch	12:00 pm
Afternoon Entry	12:55 pm
Dismissal	3:45 pm

Communication:

Due to enhanced privacy requirements under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, TDSB is no longer permitted to use communication apps such as Classdojo. Classroom information will be shared via **email** and **Google Classroom/Brightspace**.



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

If so, be sure to fill out the nomination form that will be sent home. Please send all nominations to the office by September 17, 2026 at 3:45 p.m.

PARKING LOT SAFETY



Did you know that more accidents happen when parents try to “run” their children through a school parking lot than in any other school zone area?

Keep Chief Dan George students SAFE!

Walk students to school, or park on the road according to City Parking Guidelines.

CELL PHONE REMINDERS



A reminder that the Cell Phone Policy at Chief Dan George remains in effect.

**ALL cell phones need to remain out of sight
in a backpack or pocket for
THE ENTIRE DAY
including RECESS and LUNCH.**

**This is to ensure there are no unsolicited
photos or videos taken during school hours.**

**Cell phones are NOT allowed to be used
in washrooms.**

***Student are permitted to come to the office to make a
phone call if necessary.***

WHEELS, WHEELS, AND MORE WHEELS!



A reminder that students must disembark all wheely-items once they reach school property.

This includes:

- Bicycles
- Tricycles
- Scooters
- Electric scooters
- Skateboards
- Unicycles
- Anything else with wheels!

We do not have the ability to store any item inside the school. All wheely-items should be taken home by family members once the child has reached school property.

Reminder: **Chief Dan George's Playground** is **closed** from **9:00-9:15 am** and from **3:45-4:00 pm**. Please come back any time after school hours to enjoy the playground with your family.





IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF TORONTO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

E-scooter Safety

Usage of e-scooters among children and youth continues to grow, as do serious injuries caused by e-scooters! Please remember that e-scooters are not a toy, they are not safe and are **not legal** to ride in Toronto.

Find more information from the City of Toronto Transportation Services, in partnership with Toronto Public Health and The Hospital for Sick Children at:

- toronto.ca/e-scooters
- www.aboutkidshealth.ca/e-bicycles-e-scooters-safety.



CHIEF DAN GEORGE IS CASHLESS!

If you do not yet have an account, be sure to register!



Purchase
School
Items
Online

Check out the latest items on *School Cash Online*! Pay for things like field trips, spirit wear, and activity fees, without the need to take out cash.

Go to the URL below to register or check for updates!

REGISTER TODAY AT:

www.schoolcashionline.com



- GET STARTED – open a profile
- Say YES to receive EMAIL
- You will receive an email to activate your account
- My Account – ADD your children
- Check ITEMS



UPCOMING DATES:

- September 2 – PA Day
- September 3 – PA Day
- September 8 – First Day of School
- September 11 – First Day Forms Due
- September 17 – School Council Nominations Due
- September 28 – Terry Fox Run
- September 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 – Chief Dan George's Character Matters Assembly



Tips for a Healthy School Year

Simple steps to support a healthy, safe and successful start to the school year

Stay up to date with vaccines!

- All required school vaccines are publicly funded.
- Report vaccine records online with ICON – it's fast and secure.
- Need help reporting your child's vaccines? See our how-to video or our guide on how to submit vaccination records in ICON.



Get regular eye exams

Regular eye exams help children learn in school.

- Yearly eye exams are covered by OHIP for children from birth to 19 years of age.
- Book your child's eye exam before school starts. Visit optom.on.ca to find an eye doctor near you.



Stay healthy, keep others healthy

- Wash hands often. Cover coughs & sneezes.
- Keep your child home when they are sick. Send them to school when they are well enough to learn and participate.



Seek dental care

Toronto Public Health provides free dental services to eligible children and youth.

Create healthy routines

- Pack a nutritious lunch with vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and protein foods. Save money by using leftovers, and choosing protein foods such as beans, lentils, eggs, or canned fish. Add a reusable bottle for water.
- Have healthy screen time limits based on your child's age. toronto.ca/ScreenTime
- Aim for a healthy bedtime routine.



Walk, wheel or roll to school!

- Consider walking to school and remember road safety rules.
- Biking to school? Wear an approved and properly fitted helmet.
- E-scooters: Not a toy, not safe, not legal to ride in Toronto. Learn more at toronto.ca/e-scooters.



More information for parents and caregivers



WELCOME BACK!







CONTACT US



Have a question or a concern?
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or by email:

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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

