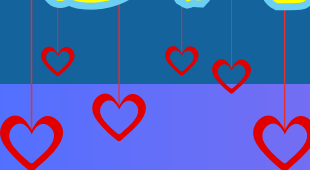


DALLINGTON PS

February Newsletter 2025



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AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH
February 2025

One Month Can't Hold Our History

LIFT EVERY VOICE

BLACK HISTORY

FEBRUARY 2025

Lift Every Voice

FAIRNESS MONTH

Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need.

Rick Riordan

When reporting a student absence please include our email address:
dallingtonps@tdsb.on.ca

Chinese Heritage Month

2025 CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH

Year of the SNAKE

TENACIOUS & TRANSFORMATIVE

LUNAR NEW YEAR

February 2025

Year of the Snake: Tenacious and Transformative



Dallington School Schedule

- **School Start: 8:10 AM**
- Period 1 = 8:15 - 8:55 AM
- Period 2 = 8:55 - 9:35 AM
- **Morning Recess: 9:35 AM - 9:50 AM**
- Period 3 = 9:50 - 10:30 AM
- Period 4 = 10:30 - 11:00 AM
- **Lunch: 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM**
- Period 5 = 12:00 - 12:30 PM
- Period 6 = 12:30 - 1:10 PM
- **Afternoon Recess: 1:10 PM - 1:25 PM**
- Period 7 = 1:25 - 2:05 PM
- Period 8 = 2:05 - 2:45 pm
- **Dismissal: 2:45 PM** (All classes)



Main Office: 416-395-2270

Stay connected by checking our website often at school.tdsb.on.ca/dallington and follow us @Dallington_TDSB



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Vice-Principal | Directeur-adjoint: Mr. Jared Baker
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Office Secretary: Ms. Monica Eder (AM)
School Council Co-Chairs: Alice Mansourian & Bonnie Wilkinson-Perhat

LATEST UPDATES

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please Join Us For Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, February 13th 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Friday, February 14th 8:00 am – 11:00 pm.

You will receive communication from your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible to secure your preferred time. We look forward to seeing you in your child(ren)'s classes!

Term 1 Report Cards

Go home on Tuesday February 12th, 2025



As we bid farewell to the cold of January, we look forward to an exciting and busy February ahead! Report cards are on the way, and parent-teacher conferences are fast approaching. Teachers will be reaching out to parents, guardians, and caregivers to arrange meeting times. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to connect and discuss student progress.

We also have a number of wonderful presentations lined up for the month. Brave Education will be working with our primary classes to discuss setting boundaries, and our school will be participating in bus safety presentations. We're thrilled to welcome back the Earth Rangers, which is always a fun and educational experience for the students. Keep an eye on the Rambler and website for more updates on these events, and check out the Newsletter Calendar.

The excitement continues with the school musical auditions having wrapped up and a buzz is building for Dallington Idol! We're so proud of the incredible talent we have at Dallington and appreciate our dedicated staff for organizing these events to showcase our young stars. The arts are truly an essential part of our school community.

Outdoor learning is also on the horizon. We're always eager to get our students active and out in the fresh air, and we have some great opportunities planned for later this month. In addition, our sports teams are hard at work preparing for their upcoming seasons, and we've already seen some thrilling house league games in action.

We are also wrapping up our Toronto Police Services Lunchtime Program. We'd like to thank our students for their warm welcome and the officers for their commitment to the program. We look forward to their next visit!

Lastly, we're excited about the events our Parent Council has planned for the near future. See what they have planned on the next page and stay tuned for more details! Here's to another fantastic month at Dallington!



**BRAVE EDUCATION
WORKSHOPS**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025



**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY
PRESENTATIONS**
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello, Dallington Families! We hope your February is off to a great start! Our first-term pizza lunches were a success, and we're excited to **kick off our second-term pizza lunches on February 13th**. We're looking forward to another amazing term with the support of our student leaders and the help of our dedicated parent and guardian volunteers.



Here's what's coming up in February: 

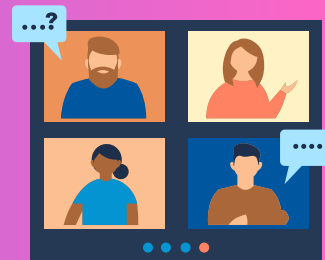
- **Family Tech Talk Night:** Tuesday, February 4th. Sponsored by the Parent Council and **presented by TELUS Wise**, this event will provide valuable insights for parents and guardians on how to support students in the digital world.



- **Movie Night:** Thursday, February 20th. We're excited to host our first fundraising night of the term! More details to follow, but we would love to have volunteers to help make the event a success. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us at 0085SC01@tdsb.on.ca.



Also, please note that our **Parent Council Meeting #3** has been rescheduled to **Thursday, February 27th at 6:30pm**, and it will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause. We encourage all parents and guardians to join us! A meeting link and agenda will be sent out closer to the date.

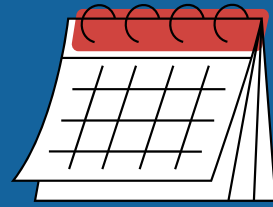


Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,
The Dallington Parent Council



UPCOMING DATES



2025 FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 	15
16	17 	18 	19 	20 	21 	22
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- Pizza Lunch - Please try to send a reusable container!**
- Subway Lunch**
- Dallington Idol Auditions**
- Eco Team Meeting**
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu**
- Winter Take Me Outside Day**
- WWF Sweater Day**
- Chess Club**
- Term 1 Report Cards Go Home**
- Earth Rangers**
- PA Day - School closed**
- Character Assembly**
- Family Day - School closed**

UPCOMING EVENTS



NATIONAL SWEATER DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025



Each year on the first Thursday of February many Canadians turn down their heat and bundle up in a fun sweater to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation. Wear your favourite sweater to school!

DALLINGTON IDOL AUDITIONS

FEBRUARY 3-12, 2025 @ LUNCH



Dallington Idol is back! Students in grades 1-5 are invited to try out an act. Interested students received forms with all of the information in January and their audition time. Please direct any questions to Ms. Pavuk, Ms. Bellitti, and Mme Goumakos.

WINTER TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025



We will have our second Take Me Outside Day of the school year organized by our Eco Team. Get ready to engage and play outdoors! Students are encouraged to dress warmly and to bring extra socks and gloves/mittens.

EARTH RANGERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

We will have Earth Rangers come to Dallington which is a positive science-based program to educate students about the threats facing animals and our environment with live animal demonstrations!



@ DALLINGTON

Alice in Wonderland Musical

This year, Dallington will be putting on a production of Alice in Wonderland. Auditions have taken place, roles have been decided, and practices will be ongoing over the next few months. Curtain call will be in April 2025! Thank you to Ms. Chung, Mme Pabani, Mrs. Mehta, Mme Golpayegani, Mme Siddiqui, and Ms. Alexander (Volunteer Teacher).



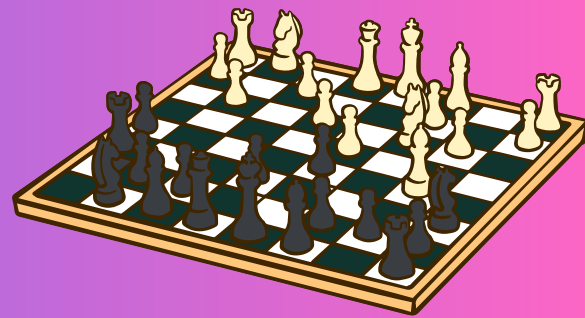
SWIM TO SURVIVE FOR GRADES 4&5 JANUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 20, 2025

The Swim to Survive program teaches three basic swim skills: recovery from an unexpected fall in the water, treading water for one minute and swimming 50 meters/yards. Students are participating at the Ethennonnhawahstihnen' Community Centre.

CHESS CLUB

JANUARY - APRIL 2025

Chess club is back at Dallington every Tuesday in the library and will continue until mid April. Please direct any questions to Mr. Kerley.



SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL

Many classes will be engaging in hands-on half day workshops with the popular Scientists in School. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have already and will be coming in to support their child's class with the programming. A special thank you to our Parent School Council for sponsoring these experiences.



JANUARY 2025



A great morning for whole class cooperative building in Ms. Barber's and Mrs. Vasantharaj's Kindergarten class.

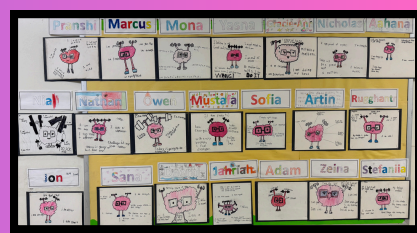
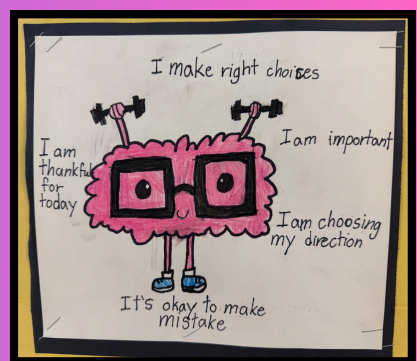
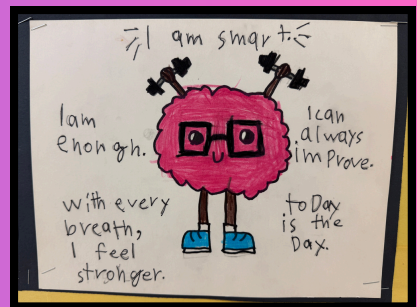
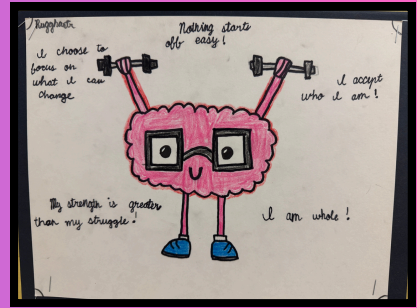


The children in Mrs. Forman grade 1/2 class made their own pizza on English muffins and then completed procedural writing, telling all about the steps they took to make them.



The student's in Ms. Burger's class (Room 112) learned about Vincent Van Gough as our new artist of the week. Check out our Vincent Van Gough inspired artwork we created.

In January, Ms. Bellitti's grade 3/4 students focused on goal setting and growth mindset represented visually by strong and healthy brains. We learned about surrounding our brains with positive affirmations to remind ourselves we are capable and valued!






FROM THE GYM...



Students taught by Ms. Pavuk learned how to play floor hockey in physical education. In Health, students have been working in pairs/groups learning about making safe choices and creating a poster and/or song. Check them out!

Healthy Poster Campaign

Grades 1 and 2: Teach others about allergy safety.
Grade 3: Teach others about the dangers of illegal drugs.
Grade 4: Teach others about the dangers of smoking.
Grade 5: Teach others about the dangers of underage drinking.

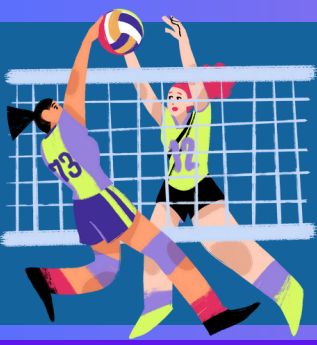




DALLINGTON ECO TEAM

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED, DONATED, PARTICIPATED, AND SUPPORTED OUR WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE AND SWAP. WE ALL TOOK CLIMATE ACTION TO DIVERT TEXTILES. STUDENT ECO LEADERS LED THIS ACTION AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT CLOTHING SWAP.



Did you Know? In Canada, each household throws away an average of 81lbs of textiles per year, making up for 5-10% of municipal landfills. -Eco Schools



DALLINGTON ATHLETICS



Girls Volleyball

Our girls' team has been training on Mondays and Thursdays. We will compete on February 19, 2025 @ Brian PS.

GO DRAGONS GO!

Boys Basketball

Our boys' team has been practising Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be competing on February 12, 2025 @ Northlea EMS.

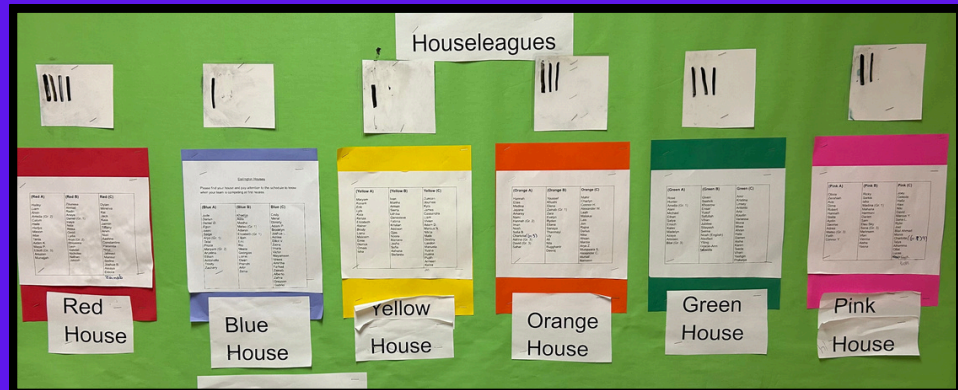
GO DRAGONS GO!



Indoor Cricket



Dallington Houseleagues



FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH

The chosen theme for 2024-25 is Lift Every Voice. This theme is drawn from the iconic first line of the Black National Anthem, and encourages collective strength, unity, diversity, and resilience.



To kick off African Heritage (Black History) Month, we are excited to extend an invitation to all students, staff, and the TDSB community to join us in marking this important month with performances by Black artists, creators, and noteworthy speakers. Please see below for details:

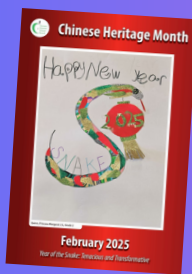


African Heritage (Black History) Month Virtual Launch Celebration
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 @ 10 - 11 a.m.

Live Stream Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-African-Heritage-Month.html>



FEBRUARY IS CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH



Click to see all of this year's poster contest winners!

This year, we celebrate the Year of the Snake: Tenacious and Transformative. We hope to encourage students, staff, and the TDSB community to make impactful changes amidst challenges.

The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most significant holidays of the Chinese heritage. The date is determined by the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar, and the celebration lasts 16 days. This year, the first day began on Wednesday, January 29. Festivities can include family gatherings, decorations, and of course, a feast!

*Information taken from the TDSB websites.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you

To the families for:

- Volunteering for pizza lunch
- Volunteering for the Winter Clothing Drive & Swap
- The volunteer drivers for all of the special events



A special thank you to:

- Dallington School Advisory Council (SAC)
- All of the teachers and staff members who contributed photos and info for this month's newsletter