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## What's Happening at Dallington?

Springing into Action: Celebrating Earth Hour and Beyond!

As we bid farewell to winter and embrace the blooming beauty of spring, our school has been buzzing with excitement and activity! From heartwarming moments to exhilarating events, there's no shortage of reasons to celebrate our vibrant community.

Most recently, we observed Earth Hour, a testament to our commitment to environmental stewardship. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Eco Team, we've embarked on initiatives aimed at nurturing our planet right here at school.

But that's just the beginning! Our calendar is full of events that cater to diverse interests and talents. Get ready to embark on a magical journey as our student prepare to present a captivating play adaptation of Peter Pan. On the sports front, cricket and all-gender volleyball are well underway. In academics, our students are gearing up for enriching experiences through field trips and outdoor education, fostering hands-on learning opportunities. Plus, we've had the privilege of welcoming esteemed guest speakers who've enriched our learning environment.

As always, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our parents, guardians, and caregivers. Your dedication and involvement truly make a difference, whether it's organizing movie nights or treating us to pizza days.

Let's continue to embrace the spirit of community and learning as we forge ahead into the joys of spring!

A Message from our School Council.

Happy April to all! We are into our 2<sup>nd</sup> term of pizza lunches and looking forward to another successful term with help from our student leaders and parent/guardian volunteers. Many thanks to everyone who help us every lunch! All are welcome, so please feel free to pick a date and stop by if you would like to volunteer.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our upcoming fundraiser will be our **Movie Night!** We haven't had one since the pandemic and are so excited to bring it back. The event will be held on **Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening.** The students have voted, and the top 2 movie choices are:

**-Spiderman Across the Spider-Verse                      &                      -Super Mario Brothers**

There will be a 5:30pm showing and a 6:00pm showing. Flyers with more info will be distributed to students and tickets are available for purchase through cash online. Food will also be available for purchase for this event. FYI – there will be a discount for advance purchases/combos made online. Also, special thanks to **Alice Mansourian** who will be chairing this event with the support of the parent council.

**The minutes for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Council Meeting** are posted on the website. Thank you to all those who attended our meeting. There is lots of great info on the upcoming construction that will be starting this spring around the front of the school. As always, all parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

\***Call to Council:** Also, as mentioned in our previous PAC meetings, the bulk of this current parent council and several long-standing members will be leaving this school year, as our youngest kids are graduating Dallington. We are hoping to have a chance to **set up the next group of parents for success.** If you are curious on hearing more about what is involved or what we do, please email us.

PAC plans on hosting 1 or 2 **Q/A info sessions** for any parents interested. We are hoping for a smooth and gentle transition with room for new ideas as we plan for the future. Stay tuned!

### **Upcoming:**

**-Parent Council Meeting #3:** will be held on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 online. Minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website.

**-Movie Night: Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:30 and 6:00 in the upper and lower gyms. Tickets and food can be purchased through cash online.

**-Move-a-thon:** will be held in the school gym date (TBA)

If you would like to contact us:

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Thank you!  
Jackie Chau  
(PAC chair)

# Character Trait of the Month

March – Honesty | Honnêteté

## Your child can show honesty by:

- sharing his or her feelings and being truthful
- telling the truth, even though he or she may know that there will be consequences
- being reliable and responsible in completing a job

## Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be honest? Discuss different ways to be honest with yourself, with your peers, and with others.
- What should you do if you need to tell the truth, but you know there will be consequences?
- How do you feel when someone else has been dishonest with you? What would you do?
- Once trust has been broken, what can you do to get it back? Have you ever lost someone's trust? Has someone lost your trust?
- What's the difference between being honest with your own family and being honest with someone you've just met?

## Projects to do together:

- Watch TV shows or movies. Talk about the ways in which the characters were honest or dishonest with each other.
- Read the story entitled *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, and discuss the importance of being honest.

## Encouraging honesty in your child:

- Give your child opportunities to tell the truth.
- Make sure that you explain to your child that you always want the truth, even though he or she may be afraid that you might be angry.
- Encourage and praise your child when he or she is honest.
- Model honesty by returning lost items.

April – Co-operation | La coopération

## Your child can show co-operation by:

- playing and working peacefully with others in the family
- listening to adults and being respectful of their requests
- working with others to complete a task and/or achieve a goal
- helping to find a compromise when there are family disagreements

## Questions to discuss with your child:

- What is co-operation, and what does it mean to be co-operative in a family?
- What are some things you do at home or at school that require co-operation?

## Projects to do together:

- Make a list of things that your family does that require co-operation.
- Watch for situations on television that demonstrate co-operative behaviour, and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted co-operatively with each other.
- Work together on chores at a time when all members of the family can work together to finish them.
- Complete a fun project that involves all family members (e.g., putting together a jigsaw puzzle, making a homemade pizza).

## Encouraging co-operation in your child:

- Praise your child when he or she is co-operative.
- Help your child become aware of his or her own co-operative or unco-operative behaviour.
- Share your own experiences of co-operative/unco-operative behaviour and how it affected a goal.

**Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.**

## Eco Team Message

Despite being a shorter month at school, our passionate and dedicated Eco Team has been busy! So many wonderful climate actions and events have taken place and there are more to come.

### Winter Take Me Outside Day

We ended up having our second annual Winter Take Me Outside Day on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, where the entire school community learned, played, and explored the outdoors for the entire day. The entire event was planned, promoted, and implemented by the Eco leaders and student voice and input made the day a successful one. Bird watching, ring toss, drawing and reading in nature, box pal building, corn hole, sports, scavenger hunts, relay races, and more!



Eco Club continues to meet every Wednesday every week during lunch from 11:00 - 12:00 pm indoors and outdoors. We are always looking for family community volunteers and any relevant new experiences to be presented or shared with the students. If you have something you want to share or teach the kids, please reach out to Madame Goumakos to connect at [alexandra.goumakos@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:alexandra.goumakos@tdsb.on.ca)

### Mark your calendars for Eco Events in April:

Thursday, April 4th, 2024 - [National GOOS Paper Day](#)

Thursday, April 4th, 2024 - Eco Pizza Lunch - Send a reusable container for your child's pizza

Monday, April 8th, 2024 - Meatless Monday @ Dallington

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 - National Wildlife Week Begins

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 - Earth Week Begins

Thursday, April 18th, 2024 - Eco Pizza Lunch - Send a reusable container for your child's pizza

Monday, April 22, 2024 - [Earth Day](#)

Monday, April 28th, 2024 - Meatless Monday @ Dallington

# World Water Day - The Great Gulp

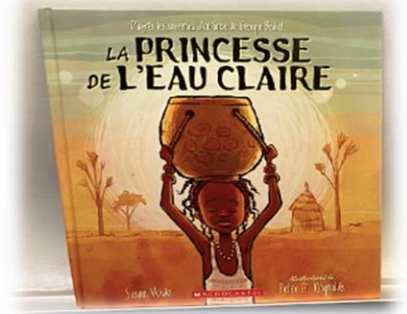
## WWF Earth Hour

22 March 2024



Students in Eco Club and across the school engaged in learning about the importance of water and celebrated World Water Day on March 22nd with [The Great Gulp](#). We all took a sip of water at the same time from a reusable bottle or cup and engaged in conversations about the importance of water conservation and the need to protect it. Water is life!

So many wonderful books are being used to help learn about the importance of protecting water and especially making an emphasis to include different perspectives and voices such as those who are affected the most negatively by water.



We also participated in WWF Earth Hour on the same afternoon to take action for climate change. Many classes were able to keep the learning going with lights and technology off for the last hour of the school day. Mme Pabani and Ms. Alexander taught two Kindergarten classes about water pollution. Mrs. Chung used this time as an opportunity to sing and build community in her music class with Mrs. Mehta's students. Many classes worked on writing their Earth Hour pledges for 1 action they can take to change their habits and others outside!

Mme Pabani and Mme Veneat's class observed World Water Day by learning how their actions can impact the world water supply. Led by Ms. A., students added different items to the clean water of their sponge fish. Each item represented a real threat to our water ways such as pollution and climate change. After adding all items, students could see that the water was no longer a healthy habitat for the fish. As a group, students came up with ideas on how they could help ensure our water stays clean such as disposing of chemicals in the proper way, recycling, and using reusable water bottles.

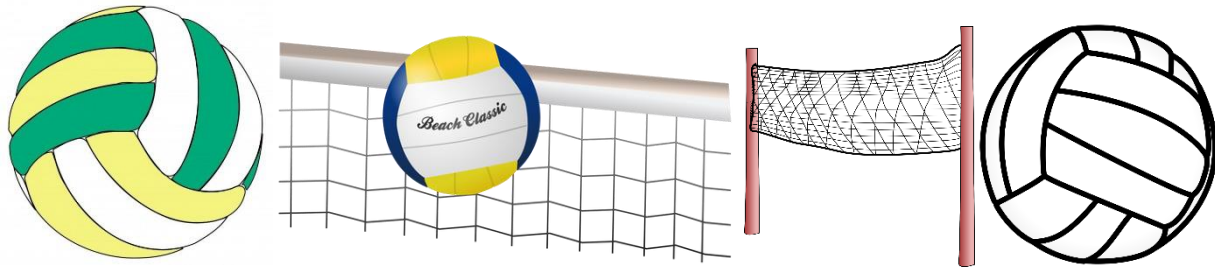


**Eco Water Tip:** Turn off the water when brushing your teeth, when washing the dishes, and take shorter showers and baths.

**Eco Energy Tip:** Lights off when you leave a room and unplug unnecessary cords and appliances. Reduce your [phantom power!](#)

# Volleyball

Dallington is running an All-Gender Volleyball Team this year and the players are working hard. It was so great to see a high turn out of kids come to try out and show off their skills. The team has been made, practices have begun and we will practice together for this very short season until our upcoming tournament in a few weeks. Our initial tournament will be on Monday, April 15th, 2024 at McKee Public School. Go Dragons Go!



# Scientist in the School – Sponsored by School Council

On March 4th, the JK/SK students in Room 213 became scientists for the day! They made yeast grow, analyzed footprints for clues as to which animal they belonged to, explored how friction impacts movement and examined gems, fossils, and insects. The students look forward to continuing to explore these concepts over the next few months. The class would like to extend a big thank you to the Parent Council for sponsoring Scientist in the School again this year.



# CHESS CLUB

Congratulations to Nasim Latifi who finished in first place. Also impressive were the performances of Alberto Bedirian and Lucas Prostein who finished second and third respectively. Students from the Chess Club showed tremendous dedication to improving their skills and it showed in the competitive weekly matches.

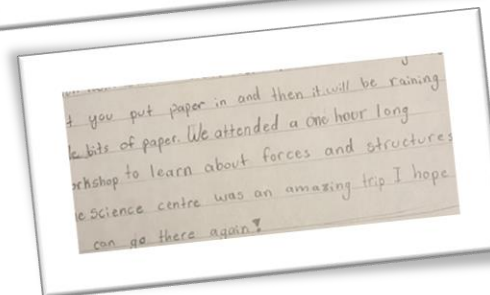
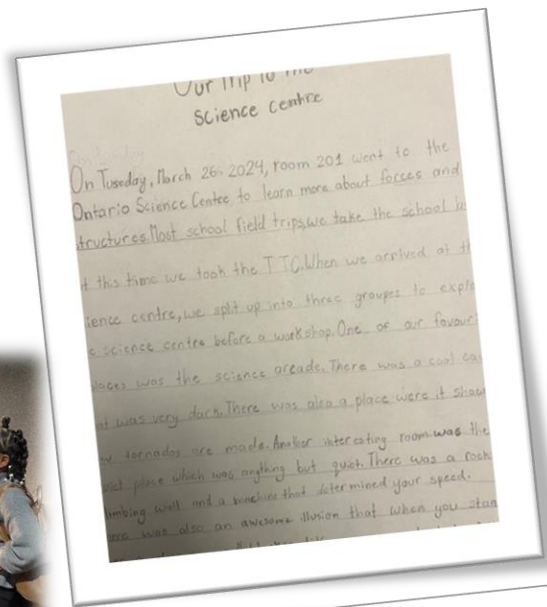


## Science Centre

By: Celine and Laila

Our trip to the Science Centre

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, room 201 went to the Ontario Science Centre to learn more about forces and structures. Most school field trips, we take the school bus but this time we took the TTC. When we arrived at the science centre, we split up into three groups to explore the science centre before a workshop. One of our favourite places was the science arcade. There was a cool cave that was very dark. There was also a place where it shows how tornados are made. Another interesting room was the quiet place which was anything but quiet. There was a rock-climbing wall and a machine that determined your speed. There was also an awesome illusion that when you stand over a glass square that looks like you are about to fall in. A fun room was the craft room there was a big tube that you put paper in and then it will be raining little bits of paper. We attended a one hour long workshop to learn about forces and structures. The science centre was an amazing trip I hope we can go there again



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or 416-395-2270.



Character Trait of the Month:

Co-operation / La coopération

Sunday dimanche	Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi	Saturday samedi
	1	Day 2 2 Toonie Tuesday Treat Day 	Day 3 3 Lunch box – Hero Burger 	Day 4 4 Pizza Lunch 	Day 5 5	6
7	Day 8 PA Day Solar Eclipse No School	Day 2 9 Toonie Tuesday Treat Day 	Day 3 10 Lunch box – Hero Burger 	Day 4 11 Parent Council 6:30pm	Day 5 12 Jump Rope for  Family Movie Night 5:30pm	13
14	Day 1 15	Day 2 16 Toonie Tuesday Treat Day 	Day 3 17 Lunch box – Hero Burger 	Day 4 18 Pizza Lunch 	Day 1 19 Character Ed. Assemblies	20
21	Day 1 22 Earth Day 	Day 2 23 Toonie Tuesday Treat Day 	Day 3 24 Lunch box – Hero Burger 	Day 4 25	Day 5 26	27
28	Day 1 29 Meat – less Mondays	Day 2 30 Toonie Tuesday Treat Day 	MAY 1 Peter Pan 6:30 	MAY 2 Peter Pan 6:30 		



# TDSB April Days Of Significance

## APRIL 2024

Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Monday	01	<b>Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Monday">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Monday</a>
Monday	01	<b>Kha b-Nisan Spring Festival - Akitu</b>	Assyrian Diaspora	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/assyrian-new-year/">https://nationaltoday.com/assyrian-new-year/</a>
Tuesday	02	<b>World Autism Awareness Day</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day</a>
Friday	05	<b>Jumu'atul-Wida*</b>	Islam	<a href="https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/muslim-festivals/ramadan/jamat-ul-vida-date-time.html?year=2024">https://www.drikpanchang.com/calendars/indian/muslim-festivals/ramadan/jamat-ul-vida-date-time.html?year=2024</a>
Friday	05	<b>Laylat al-Qadr - Night of Power</b>	Islam	<a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/2024">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/2024</a>
Sunday	07	<b>Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day</b>	Government of Canada (Recognition)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide</a>
Sunday	07	<b>World Health Day</b>	World Health Organization	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-health-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/world-health-day/</a>
Monday	08	<b>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (See Footnote Number 22 Previous Page)</b>	Christianity Western	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity</a>
Monday OR Tuesday	08 OR 09	<b>Eid al-Fitr*1</b>	Islam	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr">https://www.britannica.com/story/eid-al-fitr</a>
Wednesday	10	<b>International Day of Pink</b>	International Day of Pink Organization	<a href="https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home">https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home</a>
Friday	12	<b>International Day of Silence</b>	GLSEN	<a href="https://www.holidaycalendar.com/event/the-day-of-silence/">https://www.holidaycalendar.com/event/the-day-of-silence/</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)</b>	Hinduism/Sikhism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/vaisakhi-baisakhi-vishu/#:~:text=Sikhs%20around%20the%20world%20celebrate,takes%20place%20on%20April%2013.">https://nationaltoday.com/vaisakhi-baisakhi-vishu/#:~:text=Sikhs%20around%20the%20world%20celebrate,takes%20place%20on%20April%2013.</a>
Wednesday	17	<b>Sri/Rama Navami</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/ram-navami/">https://nationaltoday.com/ram-navami/</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Mesha Sankranti - Solar New Year</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/sankranti?date=2024">https://panchang.astrosage.com/festival/sankranti?date=2024</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Sinhalese New Year</b>	Government of Sri Lanka and Buddhism - Theravada	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinhalese_New_Year</a>
Saturday	13	<b>Tamil New Year</b>	Government of Sri Lanka and Hinduism	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puthandu</a>
Sunday	21	<b>First Day of Ridván*</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/">https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-first-day-of-ridvan/</a>
Sunday	21	<b>Grounation Day</b>	Rastafarian holy day	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grounation_Day</a>
Monday	22	<b>Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day)</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/various/earth-day">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/various/earth-day</a>
Tuesday	23	<b>Hanuman Jayanti</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://www.thedivineindia.com/hanuman-jayanti/5925">https://www.thedivineindia.com/hanuman-jayanti/5925</a>
Tuesday	23	<b>Yonge Street Van Attack - Remembrance Day</b>	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-toronto-marks-fifth-anniversary-of-devastating-van-attack-with/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-toronto-marks-fifth-anniversary-of-devastating-van-attack-with/</a>
Tuesday to Tuesday	23 - 30	<b>Pesach - Passover*2</b>	Judaism	<a href="https://www.calendardate.com/passover_2024.htm">https://www.calendardate.com/passover_2024.htm</a>
Wednesday to Friday	24 - 26	<b>Theraváda New Year</b>	Buddhism (Theravada)	<a href="https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/buddhist/2024">https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/buddhist/2024</a>
Wednesday	24	<b>Armenian Genocide</b>	Government of	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/armenian-genocide-">https://nationaltoday.com/armenian-genocide-</a>

<sup>1</sup> Eid al-Fitr in 2024 is expected to fall on Monday, April 8th or Tuesday, April 9th, subject to the sighting of the moon.

		<b>Commemoration Day</b>	Canada (Recognition)	<a href="#">remembrance-day/#:-:text=Armenian%20Genocide%20Remembrance%20Day%20is.remember%20the%20genocide%20that%20happened.</a>
Thursday	25	<b>Feast of St. Mark</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mark-the-Evangelist</a>
Sunday	28	<b>National Day of Mourning – Canada</b>	Canadian Labour Congress	<a href="https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/42645.html/">https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-day-of-mourning-in-canada/42645.html /</a>
Monday	29	<b>Ninth Day of Ridván *</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-ninth-day-of-ridvan/">https://www.bpl.org/blogs/post/the-origins-and-practices-of-holidays-the-ninth-day-of-ridvan/</a>

<sup>1</sup> **Pesach/Passover:** work should be suspended on April 23 – 24 and April 29 - 30 - Work is permitted only on Friday, April 26 with certain restrictions

