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# Latest Updates

Dear ecole publique Dallington P.S. Community,

What a great time of the year! It is exciting to see the joy on the faces of our students during the fall/winter season. Due to the busy nature of the season, sometimes schedules and added responsibilities can cause stress. Co-curricular, parties, family visits and so many other events seem to be packed into a limited amount of time. Scheduling becomes an issue and we always seem to be looking for ways to complete our to-do list. We hope you take some time this holiday season to rest, rejuvenate and spend some time with those you appreciate, or even quietly on you own.

During this time of year we would like to say thank you to: • Parents and guardians who pack lunches, support homework, do pick-ups and drop-offs, and who support and spend quality time with their child (ren). • All the volunteers who give their time to make Dallington a better place for all students and staff. • Our council members, coaches, parent drivers, pizza lunch volunteers etc. • All the people in our community who are committed to giving their best to your children every day. For example: custodians, bus drivers, professional panels, student supports, secretaries, teachers, and members of the school board. • All of you who are doing your very best to send your child ready to learn every day.

We are proud of how much our community gives during this time, and throughout our whole year together. We have many programs that reflect the caring community culture that is growing through our population. Our students have started to gather canned food and toys for our hamper drive, in which we have partnered with Toronto Police Services to help support families in our neighbourhood. We always welcome and appreciate your support in all the endeavors we take on. Hopefully years from now, during the holiday season, you and your child(ren) will remember many wonderful times spent together. On behalf of the staff at Dallington Public School, we hope you have a safe and warm holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Yours in partnership,

**Dallington Public School** 

Happy December to all! As the weather gets colder and we are all unpacking our warmer coats, we hope everyone is doing well and finding creative ways to adjust to the changing weather around us.

Here are some important days of significance that are recognized and observed December by the Toronto.

For all of the somber and reflective events, we wish you support for those who recognize the importance and historical days below. For the celebratory days, we wish health and happiness to all those who celebrate.

December 1st - World AIDS day

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - International Day for the Abolition of

Slavery.

December 3rd - International Day of Persons with

Disabilities

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup> - Advent

December 6<sup>th</sup> – National Day of remembrance and Action

on Violence Against Women

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Bodhi Day

December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup> – Chanukah

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Human Rights Day

December 13th - Birthday of Imam Aga Khan

December 18th – International Migrants Day

 $December\ 22^{nd}-Fast\ of\ Tevet$ 

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

December 26th – January 1st - Kwanzaa

# Dallington School Council Corner

## **Parent Council Meeting:**

When: Thursday February 1st at 6:30pm – Zoom meeting (link to follow). All parents and guardians are invited. Please share your thoughts and meet your community.

Minutes from previous meetings are posted on the website and the agenda will be sent in the following weeks.

Please RSVP to: dallingtonpac@rogers.com

If you would like to be part of our volunteer list for any future events, please send us an email: dallingtonpac@rogers.com

## **Upcoming SAVE THE DATE:**

-Parent Council Meeting #2: will be held virtually on Thursday February 1st at 6:30pm. Minutes from the last meeting will be posted on the website.

Happy Fall and stay warm.

Jackie Chau (PAC chair)

## Parents Welcome



We value your partnership in supporting your child's learning and want to thank all those who participated to discuss your child's progress in November.

We invite you and your family to help us fill family holiday hampers with non-perishable goods, and new, unwrapped toys for school aged children. We will be collecting these items from Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Character Trait of the Month

December - Kindness and Caring | gentile et attentionne

Your child can show kindness and caring by:

- · demonstrating these attributes toward themselves and others, including family, friends, and pets
- · being aware of others' feelings without teasing or using put-downs
- · helping someone who is having a bad day

Questions to discuss with your child:

- How do we show kindness and caring toward each other in our family?
- · What other things could we do to show kindness and caring toward our family members?
- · What kinds of things can we do to show kindness and caring toward our friends?
- What does it mean to be kind and caring to animals?

Projects to do together:

- Engage your child in being kind and caring toward others by reflecting on his or her behaviour and identifying his or her acts of kindness.
- Write thank-you notes to those who have shown kindness and caring toward your child/family.
- Do something that shows kindness and caring for someone less fortunate.

Encouraging kindness and caring in your child: • Show your child the importance of being kind and caring by displaying kindness and caring to your child and others. • Share your feelings with your child, which provides him or her with the opportunity to be kind and caring. • Expose your child to the power of kindness through random acts of kindness toward people, animals, and the environment. • Read and discuss media stories that depict acts of kindness and caring. Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.



We say a BIG thank you all of our classes for their participation in our Remembrance Day Assembly. Our student's behaviour was fantastic, respectful, and solemn. Well done Dallington on recognizing such an important day of peace.



## Weather

### **Changing Weather**

All students are expected to go outside for some fresh air during recess and lunch breaks. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather: hats, mittens, warmer jackets, snow pants and boots are good suggestions.

#### Inclement Weather

A reminder to parents that should the weather warrant the cancellation of school buses, the buses are cancelled for the full day. The Board does not offer transportation later in the day. once the buses have already been cancelled in the morning. Information will be available on AM Radio: FAN 590, CFTR 680, CFRB 1010, CHUM 1050, CHIN AM-1540, CHOG-TALK 640 FM Radio: KISS 92.5, CHFI 98.1, CBC 104.5, CILQ 107.1, CHIN FM-100.7, CFMT, CFTO, CITY-TV, GLOBAL TV, www.globaltv.com, www.thestar.com

## Reminder for Holiday Shut Down

Please remember that our last day of classes for 2023 is Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our first day of learning is Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. We will be closed for classes between these days.

## Parent Resources

 $Introduction\ to\ Special\ Education\ and\ Inclusion\ in\ the\ TDSB$  For more information, please contact  ${\tt SpeciaEd@tdsb.on.ca}$ 

More Joy Reading Series Join Zoom Meeting https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/92447418432

Please see the link below for articles and videos on:

Two New Captioned Online Videos - A Guide to Parents Advocating for A Child with Disabilities in the School system and AODA 101 – An Introduction to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and How It Works

Toronto Public Library Workshop

<u>Toronto Public Library: Raising Confident Kids – Virtual Workshop</u> <u>for Parents</u>

# **Upcoming Dates**

### December 5th:

Boys Volleyball tournament

#### December 6th:

Girls Conference Final

Dufflebag Theatre Performance: Beauty and the Beast

## December 7th and December 14th:

Pizza Lunchs

## December 8th: PA Day:

No school for students.

## December 11th - 13th:

Grade 5 Overnight Trip to Albion Hills

## December 11th - December 14th:

**Book Fair** 

**December: Holidays and Break**\
Holiday Break: December 22-January 8

## Mindful Minute at Dallington

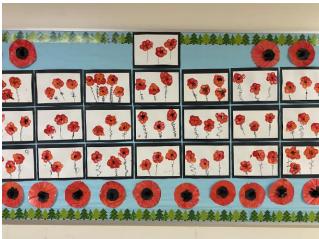
http://annakaharris.com/mindfulness-for-children/

This website has a number of prerecorded breathing exercises that can be listened too from the computer

Enjoy the student voices and artwork ringing throughout our hallways.













# **School Activities**

Please enjoy some photos of students engaging in activities during the month of November.













