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## Latest Updates...

The return to school, after the winter break, is an exciting time for students and staff as we begin a new calendar year. We are excited to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, marking our unofficial halfway point of the school year! So many successes thus far, and so many possibilities of what is yet to come. The winter holidays are now a distant memory and we are busy planning and looking forward to the rest of the school year.

As the month of February denotes the half-way point in the school year, we invite you to participate in the second round of Parent-Teacher interviews during the day of Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Please note that this round of interviews is focused on next steps for students who would require further strategies for success. If your child requires an interview at the teachers request, they will reach out. Parents, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher at this time, you will be able to book an interview time with their teachers. Please watch for the email to book your interview time!

We are excited to welcome back Mr. Kalarus into our FI Grade 4/5 class, and extend our greatest appreciation to Mme. Oren and Mme. Martinez for helping us over these last few months.

We would like to acknowledge the amazing Dallington community who has come together and continues to offering their unwavering support. We are so grateful for your kindness.

A Message from our School Council.

Happy February to all! We just completed our 1<sup>st</sup> term pizza lunches and our 2<sup>nd</sup> term pizza lunches have just begin. We are looking forward to another successful term with help from our student leaders and parent and guardian volunteers. We are currently planning for a couple of our fundraisers. We are bringing back **Movie Night** this year as well as our annual **Move-a-thon**. More info to come!

Our upcoming Parent Council meeting will be postponed to **Thursday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 on Zoom**. due to some scheduling conflicts. Sorry for any inconvenience. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

If you would like to help volunteer for the 2 fundraising events mentioned above, please e-mail: [dallingtonspac@gmail.com](mailto:dallingtonspac@gmail.com)

**Upcoming:**

**Parent Council Meeting #2:** will be held on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 virtually on zoom. A meeting link and agenda will be sent out closer to the date.

Thanks so much!  
Jackie Chau  
(PAC chair)



## Upcoming Events

- **Parent Council Meeting #3:** will be held on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website.

# Character Trait of the Month

## February – Fairness | La justice

### What does it mean to be a student that shows fairness?

Children’s ability to judge what is fair regarding their interactions with others is an important part of pro-social development. In February, we focus our learning on recognizing the uniqueness and value of each person within our diverse society, and on playing by the rules and not changing the rules to benefit ourselves.

Research shows that understanding fairness helps children recognize tolerance towards others. As well, social competence is related to children’s accurate judgments of what is fair. Thus, fairness is an important concept for a child to learn . Teaching and learning about fairness helps our learners be team players, do his or her share of the work, evaluate situations critically and respond appropriately, and developing a mindset of fairness helps children become more open-minded.

### Dallington Goals:

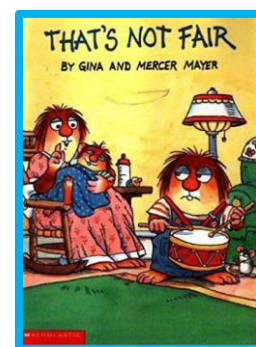
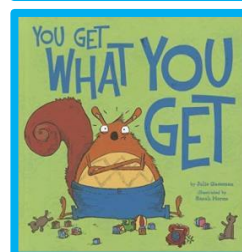
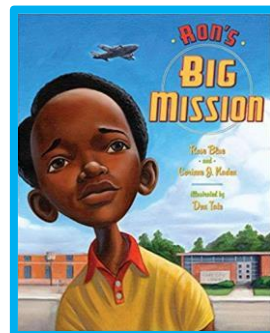
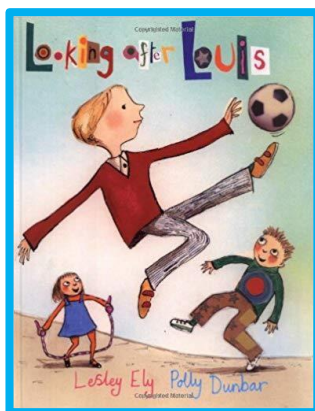
- To help our students understand fairness and equal behaviour;
- To help our students recognize fair behaviour in others and nominate each other appropriately; and
- To help our students challenge themselves to be more fair individuals within a more fair classroom, as part of a more fair school.

### Video links for the month:

[Video 1 - English](#)

[Video 1 - French](#)

### Suggested Reading:



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Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs on the city sidewalk.

For everyone’s safety, we ask that dogs are kept off school property during school hours.



## Kiss ‘n Ride A Reminder to You

A reminder to all of our families to drive safely. We have a drop-off area at the front of our school. Please use Trailside Dr. to enter Dallington and avoid 3-point turns.

Our parking lot is reserved for staff and daycare.

Please drive safely. Unsafe driving places all of our children at risk!!



# Dental Screening

Took place January 2024

SMILE 😊

Toronto Public Health (T.P.H.) provides dental programs to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by an oral health staff member using sterilized instruments. The oral health staff member will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant, and any other obvious dental needs.

As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children were screened will be notified and a note to that effect will be sent home with their child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from T.P.H. dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

Please be advised that this screening assessment does not replace the dental examination done by a dentist.

For additional information, please contact us at the phone number listed above or visit us at [http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children\\_youth.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children_youth.htm).

# Family Literacy Day

26 January 2024

By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities, parents are actively keeping their own skills sharp while at the same time strengthening the relationship among the family which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning.

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca>

We thank all of the parents who joined their child's class to read a favourite book!

Thank you for sharing in the love of reading!



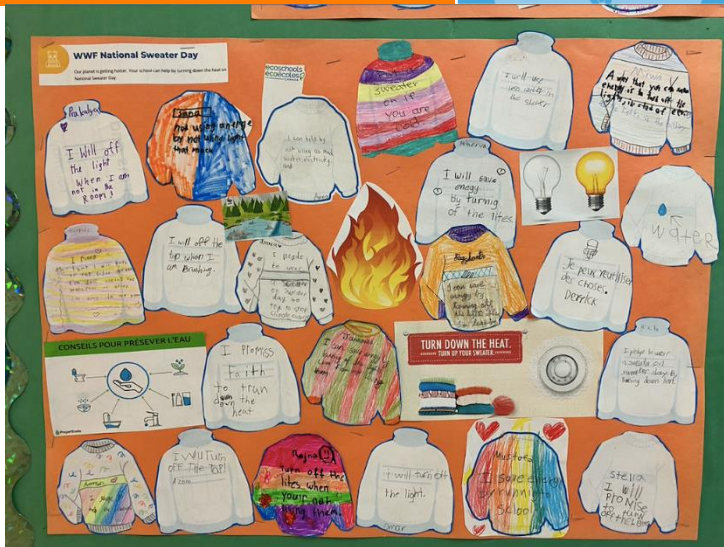
## EcoTeam Message

Our Eco Team raises awareness year round by leading events for all to learn how to combat climate change. We have so many enthusiastic learners from various classes and grades in 1-5 who come together every week to learn how to be more environmentally friendly, sustainable, and how to teach others to be interested to learn as well to take action!

### ***Important Eco dates this month!***

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - [WWF National Sweater Day](#)

National Sweater Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation. Our school will be turning down the heat and wearing a favourite sweater to stay warm. So many students participated and made pledges for energy conservation. #SweaterDay #TurnDowntheHeat.



### Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - [Winter Walk Day Starts](#)

- Keep active this winter and join schools across Canada to celebrate Winter Walk Day (WWD). Winter Walk Day is an annual celebration of winter walking that takes place on the first Wednesday of February. Increasing your daily movement makes for healthier bodies and clearer minds. If you can, try walking or wheeling to school!



### Monday, February 12, 2024 - Our school's first *Meatless Monday*

- Our school, led by our Eco Team, is launching its first ever Meatless Monday campaign to raise awareness about how the food we eat has an impact on our planet. Twice a month, we will all try to reduce our meat intake. If you can, try participating by preparing with your child(ren) meatless (animal free) lunches and snacks.

### Monday, February 26, 2024 - Second Meatless Monday of the month

- Try to send a meatless meal and an eco friendly one by using reusable containers.





# February is Kindergarten Registration Month!



TDSB's Registration for the 2024/2025 School Year opens on Thursday February 1 @ 9 AM for families to begin the registration process

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Registration>

Please note that to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2024, children must have been born within the year 2020.

Once you have completed and successfully submitted the online registration form, you will be contacted by the school directly via email to complete the process. Please note that we will require the below documentation:

1. Proof of Age (i.e. Birth Certificate, P.R. card, Passport)
2. Proof of address – must be current (we require 2 of the below acceptable documentation)
  - a. Utility Bill (Hydro/Gas/Water/Phone Bill)
  - b. Insurance Policy
  - c. Purchase/Rental/Lease Agreement
  - d. Tax Assessment/Government Correspondence
3. Citizenship documentation if child was **not born in Canada** (i.e. PR Card, Passport, Landing Letter, Parent/Guardian Work permit, TDSB Admission letter)
4. Any diagnosis/assessments if applicable
5. Custodial Documentation if applicable

Once the registration process is complete we will be having an Orientation Evening, usually occurs mid-May, for new families to come into the school and meet our fantastic Kindergarten staff. You will receive an email invitation once the time and date are confirmed. Please look for your invitation late April.

We look forward to meeting all our newest Dallington Family members!

The Dallington Office Team



# Pink Shirt Day

28 February 2024

Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year. Please join us next Pink Shirt Day on February 28th, 2024 in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives.

We have linked the Statistics Canada website here for you to have a look: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/o1/en/plus/3037-pink-shirt-day-anti-bullying-day>

Unfortunately, as communicated on the site above, 1/10 children experience bullying, with the most common form being made fun of, insulted, spreading rumors or being excluded from groups of friends or activities.

We ask that you please open the conversation with your children, and have discussions about what it means to be a good, safe and healthy friend.



## Outdoors at Dallington!



# TDSB February Days Of Significance

Thursday	01	<b>Imbolc*</b>	Wicca/Pagan	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/imbolc/">https://nationaltoday.com/imbolc/</a>
Friday	02	<b>Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord</b>	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)	<a href="https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2024/2/2/feast-of-the-presentation-of-jesus">https://www.passionistnuns.org/passionist-calendar/2024/2/2/feast-of-the-presentation-of-jesus</a>
Saturday	03	<b>Setsubun</b>	Buddhism (Shintoism)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/setsubun/#:~:text=Setsubun%20is%20celebrated%20on%20February,on%20the%20Japanese%20lunar%20calendar.">https://nationaltoday.com/setsubun/#:~:text=Setsubun%20is%20celebrated%20on%20February,on%20the%20Japanese%20lunar%20calendar.</a>

Monday to Sunday	05 - 11	<b>Children's Mental Health Week<sup>1</sup></b>	Canadian Mental Health Association	<a href="https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week/">https://www.family.cmho.org/join-us-for-childrens-mental-health-week/</a>
Tuesday	06	<b>International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting and Mutilation</b>	United Nations and World Health Organization	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_Zero_Tolerance_for_Female_Genital_Mutilation</a>
Wednesday	07	<b>Winter Walk to School Day</b>	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)	<a href="https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/">https://kawarthanow.com/2016/01/28/winter-walk-to-school-day/</a>
Thursday	08	<b>Isra'a and Miraj*</b>	Islam	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/isra-and-miraj/#:~:text=Within%20Islam%2C%20Isra%20and%20Mi,Prophet%20Muhammad%2C%20in%20two%20legs.">https://nationaltoday.com/isra-and-miraj/#:~:text=Within%20Islam%2C%20Isra%20and%20Mi,Prophet%20Muhammad%2C%20in%20two%20legs.</a> <a href="https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey">https://muslimhands.org.uk/latest/2019/04/al-isra-wal-mi-raj-the-story-of-the-miraculous-night-journey</a>

Friday to Thursday	09 - 15	<b>Chinese Spring Festival</b>	Government of China	<a href="https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/">https://publicholidays.cn/spring-festival/</a>
Saturday	10	<b>Chinese and Lunar New Year's Day<sup>2</sup></b>	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism	<a href="https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/">https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/</a>
Monday	12	<b>Sha'ban<sup>*3</sup></b>	Islam	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27an">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shab%27an</a>
Saturday to Monday	10 - 12	<b>Tibetan New Year</b>	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)	<a href="#">Tibetan New Year(Losar) — The Most Important Festival in Tibet</a>

<sup>1</sup> The Toronto District School Board recognizes Children's Mental Health week between Monday, May 06 and Sunday, May 12, 2024

<sup>2</sup> Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year have the same meaning, although the former is still the preferred term because Chinese New Year goes beyond the commonly known animal zodiac system and incorporates other cultural and religious elements from ancient Chinese culture.

<sup>3</sup> Mid-Sha'ban occurs in approximately the middle of the Sha'ban observance. This date is sometimes disputed.

Monday to Friday	12 - 16	<b>Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week</b>	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/message-from-the-minister-of-health-and-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions--sexual-and-reproductive-health-awareness-week.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/message-from-the-minister-of-health-and-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions--sexual-and-reproductive-health-awareness-week.html</a>
Wednesday	14	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php">https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php</a>
Wednesday	14	<b>Vasant Panchami</b>	Hinduism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/vasant-panchami/#:~:text=Vasant%20Panchami%20is%20celebrated%20on,it%20falls%20on%20February%202014.">https://nationaltoday.com/vasant-panchami/#:~:text=Vasant%20Panchami%20is%20celebrated%20on,it%20falls%20on%20February%202014.</a>

Wednesday to Thursday	14 to March 28	<b>Lent</b>	Christianity (Western)	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/lent/">https://nationaltoday.com/lent/</a>
Thursday	15	<b>Parinirvana Day - Buddha's Death</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/parinirvana-day-nirvana-day/#:~:text=Parinirvana%20Day%2C%20also%20known%20as,attained%20complete%20nirvana%20or%20parinirvana.">https://nationaltoday.com/parinirvana-day-nirvana-day/#:~:text=Parinirvana%20Day%2C%20also%20known%20as,attained%20complete%20nirvana%20or%20parinirvana.</a>
Monday	19	<b>Family Day</b>	Government of Ontario	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_Day_(Canada)#Ontario</a>
Tuesday	20	<b>World Day of Social Justice</b>	United Nations	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-day-of-social-justice/#:~:text=World%20Day%20of%20Social%20Justice%20is%20observed%20annually%20on%20February,from%20living%20a%20fair%20life.">https://nationaltoday.com/world-day-of-social-justice/#:~:text=World%20Day%20of%20Social%20Justice%20is%20observed%20annually%20on%20February,from%20living%20a%20fair%20life.</a>
Saturday	24	<b>Magha Puja Day - Lantern Festival</b>	Buddhism	<a href="https://en.dhammadownload.com/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/">https://en.dhammadownload.com/activities/magha-puja-the-light-of-peace-ceremony/</a>
Monday to Thursday	26 – 29	<b>Ayyám-i-Há - Intercalary Days</b>	Bahá'í Faith	<a href="https://www.bahai.org/action/devotional-life/calendar">https://www.bahai.org/action/devotional-life/calendar</a>
Wednesday	28	<b>National Pink Day (Last Wednesday in February)</b>	CKNW Kids Fund (Nova Scotia)	<a href="https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about">https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about</a>