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Hindu Heritage Month
Indigenous Education Month



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Important Dates



- November 5-11: Treaties Recognition Week
- November 6: Young People's Theatre Trip (French Immersion Grades 1-5)
- November 10: Remembrance Day Service
- November 15: Progress Reports Go Home
- November 16: Photo Retake Day 📷
- November 16: Interviews Begin
- November 17: PA Day - Interviews (AM only)
- November 30: Parent Council Meeting
- Pizza Lunch: November 2, 16, and 23

Latest Updates

As we begin to prepare for a change in season and daylight savings, our hope is that families enjoyed the beautiful end to October and start to November. We hope that those who celebrated Halloween stayed safe and warm. November has started as another busy and exciting month. We have recognized Remembrance Day, started new sports teams, and are looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming interviews. We appreciate your continued support and partnership. Dallington is lucky to have such a great community.

Mr. Frank Costa | Principal

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Dallington School Schedule

- **School Start: 8:10 AM** (Please be on time!)
- Classes 8:10 AM - 9:20 AM
- **Morning Recess: 9:20 AM - 9:35 AM**
- Classes 9:35 - 10:55 AM
- **Lunch Start: 10:55 AM**
 - Primary classes eat lunch
 - Junior students are outside
- **Lunch Switch Over: 11:30 AM**
 - Junior classes eat lunch
 - Primary students are outside
- **Lunch Ends: 12:00 PM**
- Classes 12:00 - 1:10 PM
- **Afternoon Recess: 1:10 PM - 1:25 PM**
- Classes 1:25 PM - 2:45 PM
- **Dismissal: 2:45 PM** (All classes)



NOVEMBER IS
**INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION
MONTH**

November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is important to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples histories, contemporary realities and voices. For classrooms across the TDSB, this is an opportunity to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, Indigenous leadership, resistance, resurgence, brilliance and creativity.

Toronto District School Board is committed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and throughout the month of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non Indigenous Peoples in what we call Canada today.

Please see [MyPath](#) for virtual events for Treaties Week, Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, and Louis Riel Day.
[Click here to access resources](#)

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symbol to learn more!**



Many special and fun opportunities coming to Dallington this month!



Dallington School Council

Happy November to all! As we head into the upcoming month, we are looking forward to more exciting fall events at Dallington.

Our **Pizza Lunch fundraiser** has been successful. Special thanks to our pizza lunch parent volunteers and student helpers. We appreciate any and all help, even if it's just one lunch.

We had our 1st Parent council meeting last month. Thank you to all the parents and guardians that attended. We had a great turn out online. One of our big updates is that our **Long Term Master Plan** (found on the school website). [Read the full update here.](#)

Reach out to us: dallingtonspac@gmail.com

Jackie Chau (PAC chair)

Kids Nature Lab
&
Kids Nature Lab
Donations



MEETING INFO

Our next school council meeting will be held virtually at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 30th, 2023

For families that are interested in attending, we would love to see you.

Dallington's School Policies



No pets allowed

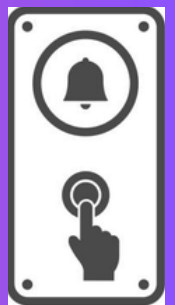


Guide dogs and assistance animals welcome

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. Thank you!

Secure Access Systems - A Reminder to You

We have a secure access system at our main entry that gives our Staff more control over who enters our school. This means that when you arrive at Dallington, the outside doors will be locked and a buzzer system is to be used to gain access to the school.



Parents are asked to enter the school using the main doors and to stop at the front foyer during school hours. A staff member will escort your child to class, if needed. Please do not bang on any of the doors after 8:10 am.

Thank you! Merci!

EMPATHY


Character Trait of the Month

EMPATHY - L'EMPATHIE

Empathy is the character trait of this month and it fits well with Remembrance Day to honour school wide our commitment to be understanding and empathetic during difficult situations.

Dallington Goals:

- To help students learn what empathy means;
- To help students identify empathetic behaviour in themselves and others; and
- To help students challenge themselves be more empathetic individuals, in a more empathetic classroom, and in a more empathetic school.

Learn more about Remembrance Day 



"Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another."

ALFRED ADLER



PROGRESS REPORTS

Important

On Wednesday, November 15, students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will receive their Progress Report.



It focuses and highlights:

- Work habits
- Attitude towards learning
- Child's progression so far

Interview Info

All parents/caregivers will meet with their child's teacher (and ECE in Kindergarten) to discuss strengths and nexts step this month.

Appointments available on the online system to connect with your child's teacher.

Available until November 15th.



- **Thursday, November 16, 2023**
- **Friday, November 17, 2023**



Remembrance Day Service - November 10th, 2023

We held a Remembrance Day assembly to remember those who contributed to Canada's peace and freedom, and for those who continue to work to keep our country safe. Each student had the ability to get a poppy sticker on this morning and any and all donations were appreciated! We did not show any videos or images depicting activities of war, and focused our assembly on peace. Each class made and shared a wreath that were showcased in the gymnasium. Many classes also shared poems, songs, and artwork to commemorate this day. Thank you to the Kindergarten team for preparing their assembly and all grades 1-5 classes who had one assembly. A big thank you to Ms. Massos and Mme Raymond for preparing our assembly with care and sensitivity. Thank you to Mme Goumakos for providing learning resources for all, including peace cards to share with Veterans and soldiers.

IMPORTANT

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



We share
the **AIR**

Let's keep it
**SCENT
FREE**



We truly appreciate all of the families who have been entering Dallington from Trailside Drive and using the Kiss 'n Ride and not idling.

Please be in and out of the Kiss 'n Ride area quickly, to allow for the bus to drop-off students.



ALERT: COLD WEATHER IS HERE !

With the colder weather upon us, please ensure to send your child dressed to be warm and comfortable outside every single day. We encourage students to check the lost and found for missing items.





Girls Basketball has begun! *Tryouts are over.*

Tryouts: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3-4pm

Boys Volleyball will begin!

Tryouts: November 6, 8, 9 @ lunch from 11-11:30am

Practices: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday @ lunch



* These are Grade 5 Teams. However, Grade 4 students may try out and may be chosen to join.



A big thank you to all the parents and coaches!



Congratulations to all the athletes who worked hard this past early fall season for cross country, soccer, and borden ball!

Extracurricular Activities

Eco Club



Take Me Outside Day

was a huge success! The day is showcased on our Eco Club bulletin board. Students were the leaders in this event and chose the activities to have fun to learn and engage outside!

What gets YOU outside?

Dallington Public School
Take Me Outside Day
La journée amène-moi dehors

Activity Legend:

- 1) Obstacle Course/Relay Races
- 2) Nature Scavenger Hunt
- 3) Read Outside
- 4) Draw in the Garden
- 5) Plant Identification
- 6) Basketball
- 7) Soccer
- 8) Borden Ball
- 9) Nature Art
- 10) Jump Rope
- 11) Kindergarten Only
- 12) Nature Walk
- 13) Parachute
- 14) Chalk
- 15) Guess Who Animal Game
- 16) Dance and Gymnastics
- 17) Dodgeball
- 18) Sand Box

Book Club

Students meet on Wednesday's at lunch to explore books and other fun activities. Happy reading!



Events, Trips, & Opportunities

Many students will have the opportunity engage in pizza making workshops with Pizza Nova!



THANKS TO PIZZA NOVA

Session #1 – Ms. Hariz, Mme Pabani, and Mme Raymond

Session #2 – Mr. Lavee, Ms. Mehta, and Ms. Robbins

Session #3 – Mme Faurshou, Mrs. Forman, and Ms. Massos

Ms. Pavuk's/Ms. Bellitti's and Mr. Kerley's classes had a blast at the Ontario Science Centre on October 18th!



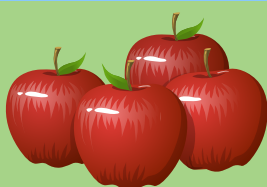
All of the students in grades 1-5 in the English stream went to Young People's Theatre on October 30th to watch a play called Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish.

French Immersion classes in grades 1-5 went on Monday, November 6th.

Many students had such an amazing time at Willowgrove Farm learning outdoors engaging in many fun activities this fall!

Pumpkin Focus: Mrs. Forman, Ms. Mehta, Ms. Hariz, and Ms. Massos

Apple Focus: All Kindergarten Classes



September 18th



October 10th



Your Health Matters

TDSB MENTAL HEALTH

GUIDED MEDITATIONS BY ANNAKA HARRIS

Try out Mindful Hearing



Listen here.



"In this exercise, children are guided through an experience of paying attention to sounds. After some practice, children may find this exercise to be helpful in their daily lives – before doing homework, when they are having difficulty settling down at bedtime, or at other any other time when it would be useful to settle the mind." (A. Harris)



TDSB PSYCHOLOGY: HEARTS & MINDS

We encourage you to explore the information, tips, and resources in the Fall flyer from TDSB Psychology: Hearts & Minds

You will find information on:



- ✓ Dyslexia and Learning Disabilities Awareness Month (October)
- ✓ Growing Resiliency in Students with Learning Disabilities: How to Help
- ✓ Developing Healthy Coping Skills
- ✓ TDSB Community Corner

OTHER TDSB RESOURCES

- Speaking with Students About Tragic Events
- Mental Health Toolkits and Choice Boards
- Health and Active Living



A heartfelt thank you to all the families who contributed to our school Terry Fox fundraising campaign. We are happy to work with a generous and collaborative school community. The total amount collected was just under \$3000.00 !

Virtual Drop-in Hours

OPEN TO ALL TDSB PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS!

Join our Virtual Drop-ins on Google Meet

Wednesdays* 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

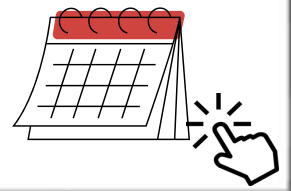
www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport





































*Check website for specific dates offered

Connect with Professional Support Staff to explore ideas related to your child's mental health & wellbeing, including students with Special Education & Complex Needs



November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  Pizza Lunch	3	4
		 Grade 4/5 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3-4:00 pm	 Grade 4/5 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3-4:00 pm	 Grade 4/5 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3-4:00 pm		
5	6 Young People's Theatre: French Immersion Grades 1-5   Grade 4/5 Boys Volleyball Tryouts 11:00 am 	7  Practice 3-4 pm	8  Practice 3-4 pm Grade 4/5 Boys Volleyball Tryouts 11:00 am 	9  Practice 3-4 pm Grade 4/5 Boys Volleyball Tryouts 11:00 am 	10 Remembrance Day Service @ Dallington 	11 Lest We Forget 
12 Diwali Begins 	13  Practice @ lunch	14   Practice @ lunch	15   Practice @ lunch Progress Reports Go Home !	16   Pizza Lunch  Photo retake day Interviews begin	17 P.A. Day No school for students Interviews will be held in the morning only	18
19	20 	21  	22  	23   Pizza Lunch	24	25
26	27 	28  	29  	30  PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm		

Spotlight on November

November is Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB

Dallington is dedicated to Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action.

Throughout the month, students, staff, and community members honour a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn from our shared histories, and to strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

Below is a list of significant dates throughout the month of November:

- **Treaties Recognition Week is the first full week of November, November 5-11.**
- **November 7 is International Inuit Day.**
- **November 8 is National Indigenous Veterans Day.**
- **November 16 is Louis Riel Day in Ontario.**



November is Hindu Heritage Month

During the month of November several Hindu Heritage Month educational opportunities are being organized for all TDSB students to further learn about Hindu traditions. These offerings include primary students having an opportunity to engage in an author reading and various workshops.



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Day of Week	Date	Event	Source	Website
Wednesday	01	All Saints Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day
Wednesday	01	Karva Chauth	Hinduism	https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/karva-chauth
Wednesday	01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan	https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/samhain
Wednesday and Thursday	01 – 02	Dia de los Muertos* Day of the Dead	Government of Mexico	https://www.wheniscalendars.com/when-is-dia-de-los-muertos/
Thursday	02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian holy day	https://royalwatcherblog.com/2020/11/02/coronation-of-emperor-haile-selassie-of-ethiopia-1930/
Saturday	04	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism (Tibetan)	https://publicholidays.asia/bhutan/descending-day-of-lord-buddha/
Sunday to Saturday	05 – 11	Treaties Recognition Week	Government of Ontario	https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week
Monday to Friday	06 – 10	GLSEN Ally Week	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network	https://www.glsen.org/
Tuesday	07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada	https://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/about-icc/
Wednesday	08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples (Veteran Affairs Canada)	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1605286948270/1605287188462
Saturday	11	Remembrance: Veterans' Day	Government of Canada	http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/remembrance-day/
To Be Announced		Remembrance: Veterans' Day (Lieu Day)	Government of Canada	SEE 11 NOVEMBER
Sunday	12	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali
Monday to Friday	13 – 17	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	The Canadian Homeschooler	https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week
Tuesday	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Diabetes_Day
Thursday	16	Louis Riel Day Riel's Execution	Métis Nation	https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/louis-riel

Asterisk * indicates religious holy day or other event begins on the **Evening Before** the beginning date indicated

NOTE: holy day / holiday dates may vary from the indicated date due to date conflicts between websites, regions where observance takes place, Ecclesiastical Declarations, etc.

Saturday	18	Gyan Panchami	Jainism	http://blessingsonthenet.com/indian-festival/festival/id/111/gyan-panchami-festival/
Monday	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwendolyn_Ann_Smith
Monday	20	World Children's Day	United Nations	https://www.google.com/search?q=world+children%27s+day&rlz=1C1GCEA_enCA924CA1024&oq=World+Children%27s+Day&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i13i131i433i512j0i13i512l8.10446j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8
Tuesday	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation_of_Mary
Friday	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism	https://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Martyrdom_of_Guru_Tegh_Bahadur
Saturday	24	National Holodomor Memorial Day ¹⁵	Ukrainian Canadian Congress	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holodomor_Memorial_Day#:~:text=Day%20of%20memory%20for%20victims,the%20fourth%20Saturday%20of%20November
Saturday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women
Sunday	26	Day of the Covenant*	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.checkiday.com/2d000c6cb00f8095c45a3bbffa1c10cb/day-of-the-covenant
Sunday	26	Kathina Festival	Buddhism	https://www.buddhistcouncil.org/buddhist-festival-dates/
Tuesday	28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá*	Bahá'í Faith	https://www.bahai.ca/holy-days/
Thursday	30	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib	Sikhism	https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/guru-nanak-birthday

¹⁵ National Holodomor Memorial Day Toronto District School Board commemorates this event on the Friday before the fourth Saturday of November

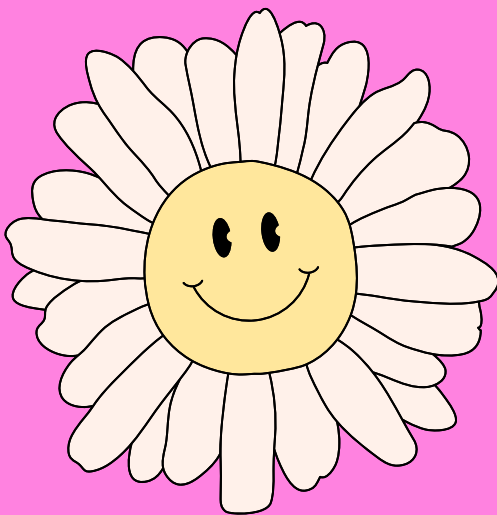
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you

To the families for:

- Volunteering for pizza lunch
- Volunteering for field trips and special events that take place at our school
- The volunteer drivers for all of the sporting events
- Kindness and support!



Beyond Grateful!

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