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Latest news and bulletin updates

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The Monthly Scoop

The latest updates from our office

School is now in full swing! The weather is finally beginning to cool down and we are settling into the learning year wonderfully! As temperatures are on the decline, please remember to ensure that your child is dressed warmly and for the weather. We are still heading outside for fresh air and sunshine, so please have your child bring the appropriate clothing!

September was a particularly busy month. Our Kindergarten learners started school, and we brought in our French Immersion Junior Kindergartens for the first time. We were welcoming our new and returning families, and are looking forward to connecting with many of you as our year progresses.

What a fantastic first month of school. It is so great to be together again and see our students. Everyone seems excited to be back and are enjoying the new school year and incredible learning that we are seeing.

This month a lot of forms were electronically distributed for signing. Please make sure that you fill out and submit them as soon as possible. **THESE ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.** This is the information that we have in our computer system for contact information, custody arrangements, etc. It is particularly important we have your accurate phone number if we need to contact you regarding your child during the school day. Also extremely important is that we have your accurate email address. This is how you are able to get messages from the office and access your child's report card throughout the year. Please review these carefully and submit them to school promptly.

We are excited to announce that teams and clubs are beginning again. Please remember to follow us on Twitter (@Dallington_TDSB) to see some of the wonderful things we are doing at Dallington. As well, we will send out weekly communications as a monthly newsletter with information and highlights from our learning and our exciting Dallington adventures.

We have already started some clubs and teams, and welcome you to come out and support our brave Dallington Dragons. To date, we have started offering Borden Ball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Eco Club, Library Helpers, and Officers Announcers, and will continue to add to our list of opportunities available to our students.

We had our in-person Meet the Teacher Night from **6:30pm to 7:30pm** on Monday, October 3rd. Thank you to all those who joined us for our community pizza dinner and enjoy a chance to meet your child's fantastic teachers. We were excited to say hello to familiar faces and meet the new members of our Dallington community.

Thank you to our amazing Teachers, Office Staff, Custodial Team and parents for helping us start our September in such a positive and enthusiastic way. Thank you to our students who have already done some great learning and have produced tremendous work of which they should be incredibly proud. At Dallington, we are working together to make this a successful year for all, and so far we are off to a strong start.

If you have any questions or need support, please always feel welcome to reach out to our office and we will do our best to meet your needs.



School Activity Council

Welcome Dallington Parents and Guardians both old and new, as well as students who are attending school online! And a special welcome to our new Principal Mr. Costa!

The start of the school year is always busy and we hope everyone has adjusted well and settled in to the new school routine.

In collaboration with the school, we are pleased to share that we are slowly phasing in our regular fundraising events and activities at the school which include Pizza Lunch, Movie Nights, Move-a-thon, Bake sales etc.

As we head into October, please continue to check our school calendar on the Dallington website. It is a live document and lists all school events.

Our first **Parent Council meeting** was held virtually on Sept 29 and our next meeting will be on **Thursday December 8th**. We will let you know if this will be in person or online. These meetings are a great opportunity to stay connected to other parents, become better acquainted with the school and the community. We are still looking for parents to hold council positions as many of our current members will have children graduation Dallington soon. We look forward to working with you and wish everyone a successful school year.

Upcoming:

Parent Council Meeting #2:

When: Thursday December 8th at 6:30 TBA in person or virtual. All parents and guardians are invited. Please share your thoughts and meet your community.

Note: If you are interested in running for a council position for either this year or shadow and run for the following year, please contact us at the email below. A nomination form and a brief biography will need to be submitted prior to the meeting.

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

Please RSVP to: dallingtonspac@gmail.com

Have a great October!, Jackie Chau (PAC Chair)



Upcoming Dates at Dallington

The latest updates

- Oct. 4th - Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 7th - PA Day (No school for students)
- Oct. 10th - Thanksgiving (School is closed)
- Oct. 11th - Picture Day
- Oct. 11th- Oct. 28th - CCAT
- Oct. 20th - Borden Ball Tournament

What's Happening in the TDSB

The latest updates

- Oct. 6th - Welcome to the New School Year
<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99295815248>
- Oct. 16th - Mental Health and Well-Being Parents as Partners
- Oct. 22-23 -Parents as Partners Conference

Reminders

The latest updates

October is Islamic Heritage month and Somali Heritage month proudly celebrated in and by the TDSB and our communities.



September Newsletter



Please follow our twitter account at where we will keep the community updated on tryouts and tournaments. Go Dragons Go!

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@DPSSPORTS_TDSB

So far this year we have started Track and Field, Cross Country and Borden Ball.

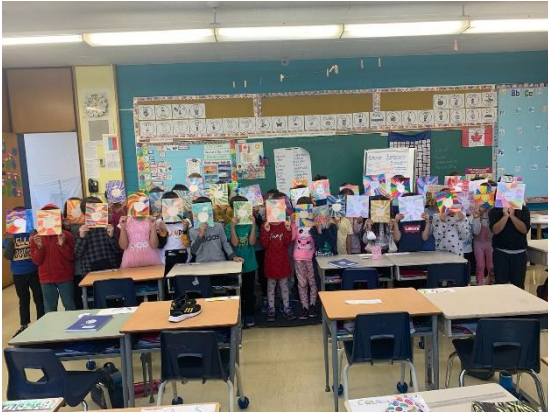
Here is the beautiful sunrise as we run as a team at morning practice.

Families of Dallington athletes and leaders, please always feel welcome to join us at our competitions. Although we cannot accommodate you on our bus, we are always so happy to see you come and support all the time, effort, energy and hard work we invest into our training. Come on out and cheer for our incredible school.



See Our Work

The latest updates



Mrs. Foreman's Class make New Year's Cards.

NEWS TODAY with TERRY FOX!

"We run for Terry Fox", our students chanted as they walked their 30 time on Thursday September 28th. Every student at Dallington participated either through walking, running, chanting and making signs, donating or being a participant in lessons created by their teachers highlighting the impact that one of Canada's heroes has on our country and the conversation about bravery, Cancer, and making a change. Our kindergarten learners walked from 8:30 - 9:00, our primary students from 9:00-9:30 and our juniors went out after their morning recess. We had numerous staff running with, in front and behind our student body, showing leadership, strength and dedication to a national cause. Thank you to those parents who joined us and walked beside us. We appreciate you coming out and supporting our school and your children, and it is always nice to see you involved.



Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start.

It is a time for people to reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done.

They can also think about their priorities in life and what it important to them.

The festival also marks a time of judgment, when Jewish people believe that balance is restored between a person's good acts over the last year with their bad acts, and decides what the coming 12 months will be like for them.

**International Dot Day****The scoop of the day**

The latest updates

On September 15, 2003, author and illustrator of children's books, Peter H. Reynolds released his book "The Dot." In the story, Vashti felt like she couldn't draw – but her art teacher wouldn't accept that. "Just make a mark, and see where it takes you," the teacher said to Vashti. So, she marked her parchment paper with a small dot. The next day, Vashti was surprised to find her paper with the dot on the classroom wall. Vashti was so proud of her work that she started creating drawings with different kinds of dots.

Eventually, Vashti was able to pass the lesson about confidence that she had learned from her teacher onto someone else. A dot might be small, but it's a powerful way to show your unique individuality and creativity. And that's the story that inspired International Dot Day.

"The Dot" has inspired millions of children and adults. It is used by teachers as a method to encourage creativity and instill confidence in students. One teacher in Iowa, Terry Shay, introduced the book to his entire classroom on September 15, 2009. This led to the observance of International Dot Day every year on September 15. The flow of creativity and courage is celebrated by millions of teachers and students around the world. Such is the widespread influence of "The Dot" that it is currently celebrated in 192 countries by more than 19 million people! (Taken from <https://nationaltoday.com/international-dot-day/>)





Junior Hallway

Harry Potter at Dallington?

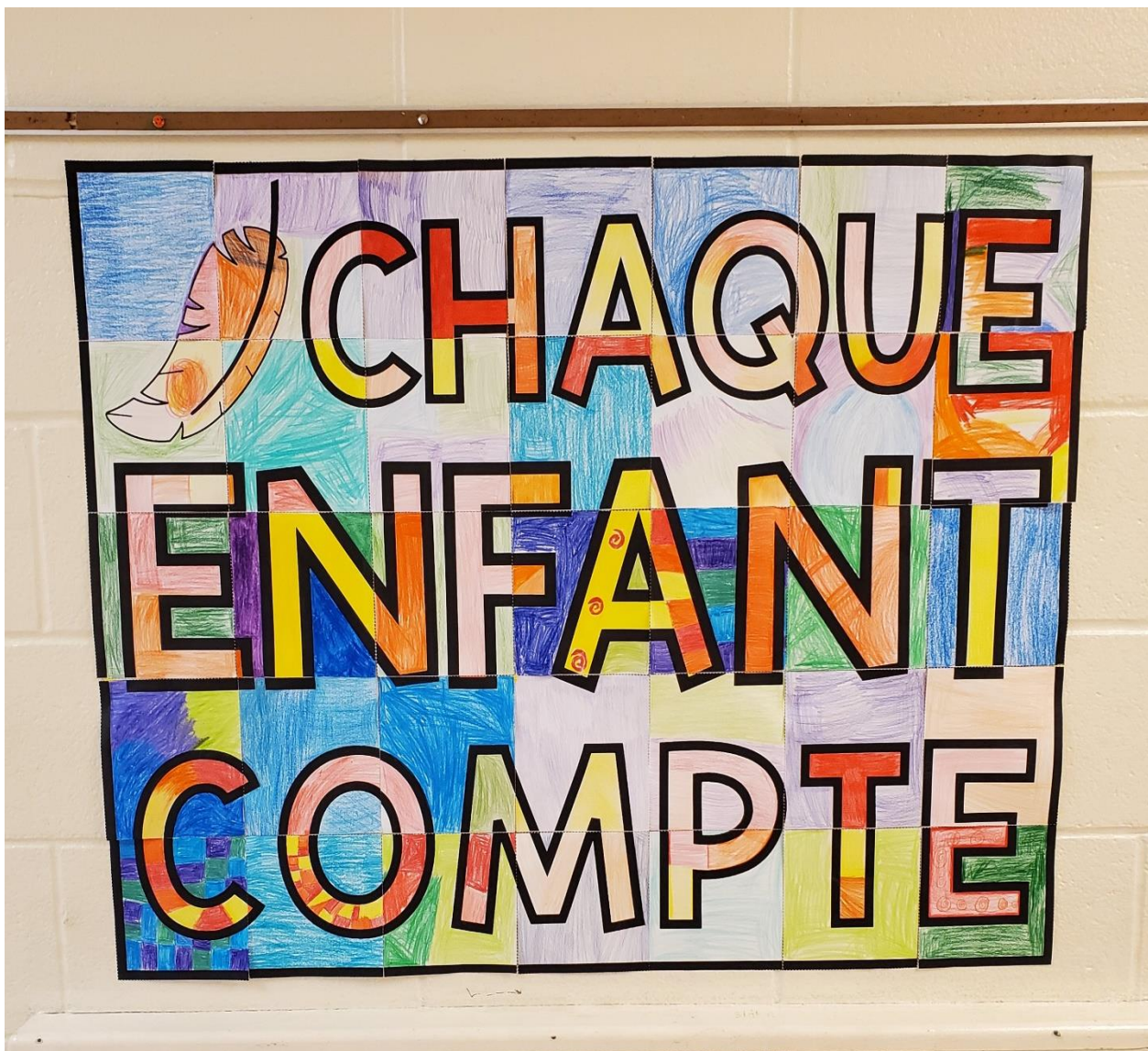
Our Junior hallway has created a fantastic experience of community building, teamwork and learning, as they have each joined a Harry Potter team/classroom and work together to win a trophy awarded to the class who demonstrates the best leadership in the school. Our Juniors are divided up into 4 “houses” (aka classrooms). Mme. Raymond’s classmates are the Hufflepuff’s, Ms.

Pavuk’s students are the Ravenclaws, Ms. Chung’s learners are the Gryffindor’s and Mr. Kerley’s team is referred to as the Slytherin’s. Points are awarded to students in any class using the following system: a student gets 1 point every time a teacher (who is not their homeroom teacher) gives positive feedback about the class, 1 point is given for every student that signs up and participates in an co-curricular activity at school (club, sports, leadership opportunity), and 1 point gets awarded when a student perseveres and completes a co-curricular that they initially signed up for. The points are then tallied at the end of the month, and the “House”/classroom that has earned the most points get presented with a trophy. September winners were Mme. Raymond’s Hufflepuffs took home the coveted trophy for September.

Congratulations Hufflepuffs!

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30th we recognized the importance of listening and learning about the history of our Indigenous peoples by wearing orange and participating in lessons centered in discussions about Canada's history and its relations with all our people.



September 30th is Canada's official and national day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student himself.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. Former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told [her story](#) of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected

(Taken directly from www.orangeshirtday.org)

To find out more, please visit <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

FRIENDS OF DALLINGTON PARK INVITE YOU TO THEIR

11TH PUMPKIN WALK!

BRING YOUR LEFTOVER JACK O' LANTERNS TO THE PARK AND WE WILL LIGHT THEM UP AT 6.00PM!

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NOVEMBER PM

THE PUMPKINS WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THE BIN AT 7.30PM. DO JOIN US IN THE FUN AND AFTER THE SPECTACULAR DISPLAY, HELP RETURN THE PARK TO NORMAL!

WWW.DALLINGTONPOLLINATORS.COM

From our Dallington Pollinators

Annual Pumpkin Walk

Mirjam Nilsson

What do you do with those Hallowe'en pumpkins that are carved, or the many fall decoration pumpkin that are now 'out of season' in November? Please bring them to Dallington park, and come and celebrate with the Dallington Pollinators in their spectacular display

of lit-up jack-o-lanterns and pumpkin drop off. It is all free and starts at 5:00 pm on November 1st. See you there 😊

News You Can Use

Information from the Toronto District School Board Site

In Ontario, over 800,000 students use school vehicles every day to get to and from school. Other students regularly use school vehicles for special programs, field trips and special travel needs. School vehicle's travel is extremely safe. Parents can help to ensure that it remains safe by stressing school bus safety with their children.

What makes school vehicles safe?

- all buses built since 1980 meet safety standards developed by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA 0-250) and set by Transport Canada
- the size and bright yellow colour make school buses very visible
- the school bus is designed to protect passengers from impact. The floor is raised, the window glass is shatterproof, and there are strengthened reinforcements along the sides of the bus
- the flashing lights and stop arm that warn motorists that they must stop for a stopped school bus
- the high penalty (six demerit points and a substantial fine) for motorists who fail to stop for a school bus
- school bus drivers receive special training and licensing, rigorous examinations and must maintain a good driving record

September Start-up

Transportation planning for the next school year begins in the spring when parents/guardians receive a Student Transportation Application from the school. Parents/guardians are required to complete the Student Transportation Application and return it to their child's school according to the due date. The applications are forwarded to the Transportation Department via your child's school office before the end of June.

Transportation service will not start unless the Transportation Department has a completed application on file for your child. The transportation carriers receive a copy of the applications. In the case of emergency, information on the application may be released to a medical practitioner.

Parents/guardians will be contacted during the last week of August by the bus driver to advise them of their pick-up and drop-off times. If you are not contacted prior to the first day of school, you are responsible for contacting the transportation company to confirm the times.

It is a parent responsibility to keep the school and transportation company up to date on any changes to your child's medical health. Also, it is critical that phone numbers for parents/guardians and emergency contacts be accurate at all times throughout the year.

Please keep the following telephone numbers in a convenient location for easy reference.

Stock Transportation (East) (416) 754-4949
Stock Transportation (West) (416) 244-5341
Stock Transportation (Richmond Hill) (905) 883-6665
Cardinal Coach Lines (416) 444-7030
McCluskey (416) 246-1422
Laidlaw (905) 764-6662



October 31st - Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Staying safe while Trick-or-Treating



Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
 - Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
 - Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
 - Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
 - If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe.
 - Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
 - With older children be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
 - Set time limits when children should return home.