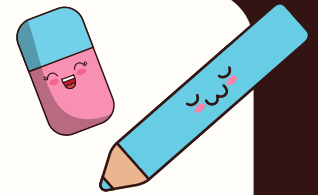




Danforth Gardens News



Great Start to the Year!

It has been a great start to the year at Danforth Gardens! There are smiling faces all around.

On September 12th, we held our first assembly. It was amazing to see some students attend their very first assembly and to watch others remember how much fun it is to meet as a group. The chants of, "Danforth Gardens! Danforth Gardens!" were music to the ears. We look forward to more opportunities to meet together where we can learn and celebrate our successes.



Upcoming Events

September 30th- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

October 6th- Curriculum Night

October 13th - Photo Day

October 14th- Terry Fox Run



A Few Reminders

- Please look for an email with your Permission Click forms. We would like to have information in as soon as possible.

Permission

- Click the link below to view a message from Toronto Public Health and to link to the updated screening tool

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/16>





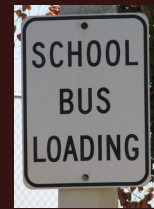
We Need Your Help!



The morning is very busy during drop off. We would like to draw your attention to a safety concern regarding traffic in front of the school. With cars stopping/parking in no stop zones and in our bus unloading zone, we end up with gridlock and an unsafe situation for students.

Some suggestions to help:

- Walk to school whenever possible
- Park legally on a nearby street and walk over
- Carpool



Let's work together to keep our students safe!

Extra Curriculars



We are very excited to see some extra curricular activities starting up in the next couple of weeks. We will see cross country running for our students in grade 1-8, intermural soccer and a cooking club. The cooking club will start with our intermediate students but will continue throughout the year with opportunities for our junior students to join in. A huge thank you to all of our staff for getting these activities started! More information will be shared as each activity starts.



School Council!

2022-2023

Click on the link to nominate yourself!
(nominations close at midnight Saturday
October 1st)

<https://forms.gle/cDNCmmQ5n58DfZrz7>

Your School Council Meeting

Three Ways to Get Involved

All parents/caregivers of students registered in the school are invited to attend meetings and events, help out and participate in their school community. However, only elected Voting Members vote on items brought to School Council.

1

Attend a meeting

School Councils have between 4-10 meetings each school year and this is an opportunity for you to speak to issues that affect the school community and student achievement.



2

Help out

Every school needs volunteers to get stuff done. You can volunteer once or many times. Small groups, called sub-committees, work on projects that need your helping hands. Ask a council member or a school staff to get involved.



3

Join as a Voting Member

Every September a new group of caregivers/parents are elected through a democratic voting process. Members guide the work of School Council through-out the year, supporting students and parents/caregivers.



All School Council activities are governed by the Ministry of Education Regulation 612 as well as the Human Rights Code of Canada.

Your School Council Elections

How School Council Elections Work

All parents/caregivers of students registered in the school are invited to attend meetings and events, help out and participate in their school community. They are also eligible to become Voting Members or Executive Members on the School Council if they are nominated and elected.

What is a Voting Member?

Voting members are the parents/caregivers elected on election day. They form the new council together with school staff, student (where applicable) and a community rep (appointed by the new Council). They vote on items through-out the year and are encouraged to be active in meetings and help coordinate events and initiatives.

What is an Executive Member?

Once the Voting Members are elected, they decide on roles like chair/co-chair/vice-chair, secretary, treasurer and any other position approved by the Council's Bylaws. These Executive roles hold the same power as Voting Members but take on more organizing responsibilities.



Your School Council

September



Election date is announced and nominations begin

- Election date is announced publicly at least 14 days before the election
- You can self-nominate or nominate someone to be included on the ballot in the vote for Voting Members*



Election Day

Every parent/caregiver gets one vote for every position available, as stated in Council Bylaws



Day 30

An election will be held within the first 30 days of school.



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*If there are less nominations than positions in your bylaws, all nominated parents/caregivers will be acclaimed as Voting Members.

Changes!

We have had a few changes to staff this year. We would like to welcome: Ms. Papachristos, Ms. Syeda, Mr. Kirsh and Ms. Baldissera! We wish the best to Mr. Kerswell, Mr. Leech, Ms. Thiagalingam, Mr. Moss, Ms. Strickland, Ms. Lionel, Ms. Mercury, Ms. Chowdhury and Ms Starr!

A shout out to our amazing caretaking staff: Chris Lyons, Amy Hayling and Mackenzie Duggan their efforts over the summer and into the new year have made a huge difference at Danforth Gardens!

Thanks!



Have a Question or Concern?

We are happy to talk! Please be sure to review the parent concern protocol to see who to contact.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>

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