

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

April 2022

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now that spring is here we are looking forward to longer, warmer days with many activities happening at school both inside and out.

In April we have, International Day of Pink, Earth Day, and our school yard clean-up, just to name a few.

Spring is also a time when schools begin looking at enrolment and staffing for the next school year. If you have not informed the school of any changes for your children in the upcoming year or have not registered children who will be starting in September 2022, please be sure to do so as soon as possible. It is critical for us to have the most current information when preparing classes for next year. Your attention to this matter is much appreciated.



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School Hours:

8:50 Entry Bell

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

11:20 – 12:30 Lunch (1-5)

**11:20 – 12:30 JK/SK
Lunch**

1:55- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

School Council Meetings

All parents are always welcome to attend our monthly school council meetings. It is a great way to learn about things happening at school as well as meet other parents and make connections. April's meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13, 2022** at 7 p.m. If you would like to attend, please email dhparentcouncil@gmail.com to receive the link.

International Day of Pink

April 13 marks International Day of Pink, a day of action where staff and students across the TDSB and all over the country wear pink in support of diversity and to raise awareness to stop discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia, and transphobia. Day of Pink is also a commitment to be open-minded, accept differences and respect each other all year long.



World Autism Day – April 2

Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism.

World Autism Acceptance Day aims to shine a light on autism to increase awareness about life for children and adults with autism. It's also an event used for tackling misinformation and myths about living with autism. Autism affects both men and women of all races in all countries. It has an especially large impact on children and is a very common condition. This is precisely why raising awareness of autism is so important!

Student Attendance and Punctuality

Regular student attendance and punctuality are important for students to be successful at school. The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their children attend school regularly. A student's academic progress depends on regular class attendance.

TDSB elementary schools practice the Safe Arrival Program that requires schools to perform a school-home attendance check. Notify the school when your child will be absent. Students are expected to fully participate in learning opportunities and complete all homework assignments and tests when they are absent so make sure your child is getting homework assignments when they are absent.

You can help ensure that your child is in school and on time for classes by:

- being involved in your child's education;
- knowing the school's schedule;
- communicating regularly with classroom teachers (use your child's planner to send notes to the teacher);
- calling the school if your child is going to be absent;
- writing a note if your child is late due to an appointment;
- ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep so that they have the energy they need for the next day.



Clean Toronto Together Event

Friday, April 22nd is the City of Toronto's School Yard Clean-up day. Students, staff, and parents from across Toronto are encouraged to help rejuvenate our city's green spaces by picking up litter in schoolyards, neighbourhood parks and our local community. At David Hornell we will participate in a school clean-up as part of our Earth Day activities and learning!

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and is reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

Ramadan

Ramadan begins April 2nd and continues until May 2 and is a holy month for introspection and prayer. During this time, Muslims around the world fast, which means that they do not eat or drink from dawn to sunset. The end of Ramadan is celebrated with a three-day festival known as Eid al-Fitr, which is one of Islam's major holidays. This year, Eid is celebrated from May 2-4th



Earth Day – April 22

April 22nd is Earth Day. More than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to help protect our planet from things like pollution, deforestation, climate change and waste of our natural resources. At David Hornell, we will be learning about the importance of protecting and caring for Mother Earth. We will also be learning about the relationship between the Indigenous Peoples and the earth. On April 22, we will participate in the City of Toronto's school yard clean-up day. This year's theme is "Invest in Our Planet."



April is Sikh Heritage Month!

During the month of April, we recognize the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made and the important role they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario!