

# David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

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Twitter: @dhornelltweets **March Character Trait – Honesty**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now at almost 2 years of pandemic life. Thank you for your patience and diligence with following the changing protocols and adapting to the many pivots that we have had to make to keep our community safe throughout this difficult time. As we approach Spring and the anticipation of a return to some form of “normal” in the coming months, we will keep you informed and up-to-date should there be any changes with respect to the TDSB policies and procedures in place for schools.

With so much happening in the world right now, it is sometimes difficult for us to remain optimistic and positive. However, it is our job as parents and educators to promote hope and peace for our children for the future. At school, we will continue to provide fun and engaging opportunities for our students so that they remain happy and focused on the positive each day. We look forward to a sunny, warm Spring with a renewed feeling of optimism and hope.



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School Hours:

**8:50 Entry Bell**

**10:15 – 10:30 Recess**

**11:20 – 12:30 Lunch (1-5)**

**11:30 – 12:40 JK/SK  
Lunch**

**1:55- 2:10 Recess**

**3:10 JK/SK Dismissal**

**3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal**

### **School Council Meeting**

The David Hornell School Council consists of a very dedicated, active group of parents and staff who have done incredible work over the years and continue to do so. March's zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 2, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please email [dhparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dhparentcouncil@gmail.com) and a link will be shared with you prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!

### **TDSB Earth Hour 2022**

On Friday, March 25th, schools across the TDSB are recognizing Earth Hour from 2-3pm. Schools are asked to reduce their electricity usage for one hour.

During Earth Hour, our school will be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, gym, cafeteria. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend.



More information is available on the EcoSchools website at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools>.

### **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.

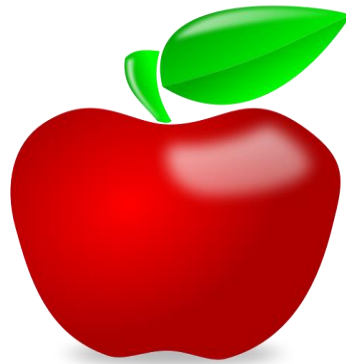
Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

## **The Great Big Crunch!**

The Great Big Crunch started in 2008 and was created by FoodShare Toronto. It is now a Canada-wide event that demonstrates anti-silence in support of a universal school food program by crunching together at the same time in an apple. There are many different fun activities that can be organized to celebrate healthy food at school.

To date, more than 1 million participants have joined the Great Big Crunch!

This year's theme is unity and resilience. We are excited to bring the Great Big Crunch to David Hornell on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.



## **March is Greek Heritage Month at the TDSB**

March is Greek Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board! It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Greek Canadians to Canada, and an occasion to mark and enjoy the history of Greek culture.

The theme for this year is “Harmony of Life – Healthy Mind, Healthy Body”

### **Absences and Lates**

It is important that we teach our children good habits starting at a young age. Regular attendance at school is important starting right from Junior Kindergarten. Studies have shown that students who do not attend school regularly may be at risk for lower school achievement and this can have negative consequences that can last a lifetime. Numerous studies have linked early absenteeism to poor language and reading achievement.

Parents can help improve school attendance rates by helping their children arrive at school on time every day, establishing a daily routine, being prepared with the proper tools and developing healthy habits that will benefit them at school and in life.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 2 – Parent Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

March 10 – The Big Crunch! 1 p.m.

March 11 – Tropical Spirit Day! – Wear your bright and flowery clothes!

March 14 – 18 – MARCH BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

March 22 – World Water Day

March 25 – TDSB Earth Hour – 2-3 p.m.