

Denlow Dispatch

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Issue 7

Principal's Message **Mr. Friberg**

"Truly wonderful the mind of a child is."

~ Yoda, Star Wars

Happy New Year! I trust that you all had a relaxing break filled with memorable times with family and friends. The classrooms continue to hum with activities as students & teachers wind down the 1st term of learning units. **Thanks to SAC for contributing** to all students playing the sport of **curling** in the gym.

Please read the bulletins emailed this week to the parent community from the TDSB & Toronto Public Health (TPH) regarding both the labour situation as well as the coronavirus.

Re: the coronavirus - As mentioned from TPH, the risk to the public remains low. Schools are not advised to take any additional precautions at this time nor deny entry to students, at this time. TPH recommends that students do **not** wear medical masks. This unnecessarily heightens anxiety. We are recommending to students what the Chief Medical Officer of Health is:

- Wash your hands frequently & thoroughly with soap & water;
- Cover your mouth & nose when you cough or sneeze;
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm;
- If you or your family members are ill, stay home; and
- Get a yearly influenza vaccination.

Re: the ETFO teacher labour situation – "Should no agreement be reached, ETFO has announced strikes on the following dates that will impact all TDSB elementary schools:

Thursday, Feb. 6th – province-wide strike

Friday, Feb. 7th – rotating strike impacting the TDSB

Should the strikes take place, the TDSB would, once again, have no other option but to close all elementary schools to students on **Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7** as there would not be sufficient supervision to ensure their safety. Parents/guardians should start making alternate arrangements for their children on these dates."

Students Coming LATE to school



We have a large number of students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 coming late to school on a regular basis. This is not only unacceptable as they **disturb their classmates and the teacher** when they arrive late when the program has started but it is also **not teaching children the necessary life skills of responsibility and obligation to be on time**. We will be tracking the lates for students and there will be progressive discipline & discussion with those that continue this bad habit.

Reminder of morning school bell times:

8:30 a.m. Teachers are on duty outside

8:40 a.m. Bell to announce entry into school

8:45 a.m. 1st period begins / attendance taken



Please note the front main door is not a student entry door. **It will not be opened to students from 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.** each morning. Ms. Lopez, Ms. Stamadianos, and I greatly appreciate all families full cooperation with this.

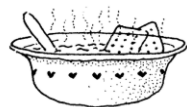
Friday Feb. 14th PA Day & Interviews

The TDSB sent a letter to the parent community on January 21st and also today January 29th outlining that due to the current labour situation, that Term 1 Report Cards would not be completed nor sent home to parents.

As per the recent TDSB letter:

Parent-Teacher Interviews Elementary parent-teacher interviews scheduled to take place during the PA day on Friday, February 14 **will continue as normal.** Teachers continue to evaluate and assess students and are committed to keeping parents/guardians informed. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teachers directly to make arrangements to receive a progress update on their child.

In addition to the PA day, parents/guardians can also contact their child's teachers to set up an interview/phone call as long as it falls within the reduced workday as per ETFO's sanctions (30 minutes before the start of the instructional day and 15 minutes after the end of the instructional day). As always, if teachers have concerns about a student's progress/achievement, they will proactively contact parents/guardians to discuss. Teachers may have indicated to you if they feel an interview is required at this time.



HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunches – Wednesdays – Kid's Kitchen

Every Wednesday parents can order a hot lunch program that is delivered by 11:25 Wed. Ordering is easy - Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (Tuesday)



Valentines Activities & Food

Some classes may be having activities where class parents will be arranging food items to come in for this special celebration. Other classes may be making the decision to avoid food altogether. Please remember to be very cautious on your contributions as we have students who have life threatening allergies. **No nut products. Please also check on packaging for "Items That May Contain Nuts" should not be brought into school.**

Upcoming Dates to Know

Fri. Jan. 31st Extended French Gr. 4 app.
Deadline for students Gr. 3
Fri. Feb. 14th PA Day no school –students
Parent-Teacher Interviews
Mon. Feb. 17th Family Day – no school
Wed. Feb. 19th Grade 5 GRAD PHOTOS
Thurs. Feb. 20th SAC Meeting 7:00
Thurs. March 5th Denlow Move-A-Thon
and "Be Unique" Spirit Day
March 16th – March 20th March Break

Enrichment Extracurriculars at Denlow



Register by this weekend! We have some amazing programs to highlight and we still have room:

- **Little Yogis** - yoga for all ages!
- **Art by Nancy** - visual arts for your budding artist
- **Kangoo** - using Kangoo jump boots to play fun interactive games
- **Multi-sport** - A selection of top 3 favourites - dodgeball, tennis, floor hockey
- **Python programming** - building on the fundamentals of coding

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration Time is Here

Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed. We know early learners learn best through doing; so our four and five year olds are introduced to math and science through play as part of programming. To inspire a love for learning, kindergarten classrooms use inquiry and exploration through science activities, math games, art projects and more.

How to Register for Kindergarten at Denlow PS
On-Line Registration begins on **February 3rd, 2020**. [*Preferred method of registration*]

1. You can access the online registration system at: www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten
2. Once you have completed the online portion of the registration process, you will receive a confirmation via email advising you of the next steps to complete your registration
3. You will be required to present the documents listed to the main office to complete the registration process. Please do not come without being contacted for a registration time.

OR

In-Person Registration – Please contact the school for a time to register. This will take place between the hours of 9:30 – 12:00 from Feb. 3rd – Feb. 13th, 2020. You will need to come and pick up the paper package to fill out ahead of the documentation & registration time.

Please bring all required ORIGINAL documents to complete the registration.

1. Proof of age (a birth certificate or baptismal record or passport)
2. Proof of address (pieces of identification that show you are in district address which must include your property tax bill or your lease agreement as well as one of the following – your utility bill, your telephone bill or correspondence from Revenue Canada).
3. Proof of immunization (yellow card that shows a list of needles your child has received).
4. Your child's Ontario Health Card

Optional Attendance Status – Denlow PS **“Closed” for 2020-2021**

Each year, the TDSB classifies schools as “limited” or “closed” to optional attendance based on the space they have available for the upcoming school year (s).

- A school classified as “**limited**” can accept students on optional attendance.
- A school classified as “**closed**” cannot accept **any** students on optional attendance. Only students having homes within the school's attendance area will be accepted. Students enrolled in the school-based child care centre have the option of attending the school in which the child care is located.

This means that we will only be able to accept students whose residence is within the Denlow district.

Move A Thon & Spirit Day–March 5th

This is advance notice of a March activity day



Many schools have “moved” / danced to a DJ for a number of years to raise funds for many worthwhile endeavours. In a one hour fun and active period, students will have dances taught from the instructor and then have free dance time to a variety of music selections.

The funds raised go to three areas where Denlow is raising extra funds in 2020: student chosen charities, our grade 5 graduates, and for school enrichment and enhancements:

- 1) This Spring the school *We Club* student fundraising group are raising money for *Right to Play* (an organization that provides badly needed equipment to children who lack sports tools), as well as, the *Red Door Shelter* for women and children;
- 2) Our grade 5s raise funds for the end of year festivities, an annual event that our graduating students have before leaving us that all Denlow students eventually will benefit from;

3) We are also raising funds for continuing our technology & STEM enhancements to our classrooms where technology is put in the hands of our students (robotics, engineering & building materials, iPads and laptops). We are also investigating putting a projection system in the gym for whole school presentations.

The top 3 students from each class that raises the most money and the participants from the class that raises the most money will have a movie & popcorn party hosted by Mr. Friberg & the *We Club*.

To make the day even more fun, we would like **March 5th** to be where all our staff and students stand out in their most uniqueness.

They could have very interesting hair styles and/or clothing costumes. Do whatever you want to be unique or just wear an old Halloween costume. Prizes will be awarded for the most unique and creative and homemade.

Parents can opt to use both cash online as well as cash/cheques. Some donors may not be TDSB parents so we can accept cash or cheques (made out to **Denlow PS**). Contributions over \$25 by cheque & online can opt to receive a tax receipt from the TDSB.

The envelopes & online contributions will begin at the end of February. Let's get moving!

Thanks in advance for your contributions!



Ward Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin

Our Ward 11 School Trustee has included a comprehensive update on education matters. Please review as there is some interesting information

<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/ijxuwc/68de780f86a5bd31b78f7a0ef01f38e9>



Immunization Records & Suspension

Each year, schools receives a list from Toronto Public Health of students who do not have current/up-to-date Immunization records with Toronto Public Health.

Some of you may or may not know, that it is the responsibility of the parent to update with Toronto Public Health each time their child receives an immunization.

Records can be updated on-line (toronto.ca/studentvaccines) The system is secure, fast and easy to use. Please do not bring the records into the school – it can only be done through Toronto Public Health.

We have just received our list of students who **DO NOT** have up-to-date records with Toronto Public Health.

Letters have been sent to all the parents whose children are not up to date or in the TPH system.

Parents have **until April 7th, 2020 to update the records**. TPH will send us an updated list on that date. Otherwise, students who are not in compliance with the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* **will be suspended from school**.

If you are unsure of your child's status with immunizations, please contact **Toronto Public Health (416-392-1250)** or immunization@toronto.ca.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance with this matter!