



JANUARY 2020

# KINDERGARTEN



## REGISTRATION IS COMING!

We will be holding Junior Kindergarten registrations on  
Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am to 3:30 pm,  
Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and again  
on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm  
in our main office.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



Please make sure you have the following information with you at the time of registration:

1. Two proof of address (i.e. current lease or purchase agreement, current bill or bank statement)
2. Birth certificate or passport if your child is born in Canada if not appropriate immigration documentation (ie. Permanent resident card or copy of immigration documents)
3. Health Card

You can still register your child after these days for JK but we would ask that you call and make arrangements to do so first at the school at **416-393-9455** and ask for Kathleen/Paula to make an appointment.



Opportunity made here.

To: **JK/SK Parents/Guardians for September 2020**  
From: Elaine Levy, V-P, Child Care & Family Services, 416.645.6000 ext. 1155  
Date: January 2020  
Re: Before and After Program –JK/SK

WoodGreen Community Services is the Third Party Operator for the Before & After School Program at four schools – Bruce Junior Public School, Duke of Connaught Public School, Morse Street Public School and Leslieville Public School. **Once you have registered for school**, please contact Jessica Wong (Child Care Central Manager) by e:mail [jwong@woodgreen.org](mailto:jwong@woodgreen.org) if you are interested in enrolling in WoodGreen's program for KG children.

**Please note: Placement in WoodGreen's program will only be confirmed once your child's registration is verified by the school. Jessica Wong will confirm placement via email. Please also note that, if your child withdraws from the TDSB Kindergarten program, he/she will not be able to remain in WoodGreen's program.**

For placement the following information is required. *Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*

1. child's first and last name
2. child's birthdate
3. name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s)
4. contact information for parent(s)/guardian(s) including telephone and e:mail information
5. name of school *where enrollment has been confirmed by the Toronto District School Board*
6. Client file# ( if receiving child care fee subsidy)
7. SELECTION OF CARE OPTIONS and corresponding fees:

• Option 1: Before School <b>only</b>	=	\$13.95/day
• Option 2: After School <b>only</b>	=	\$25.15/day
• Option 3: Before & After School <b>only</b>	=	\$34.55/day
• Option 4: Before & After School & non-instructional days	=	\$34.55/day
• Option 5: Before school + Non-instructional days	=	\$13.95/\$34.55/day
• Option 6: After school + Non-instructional days	=	\$25.15/\$34.55/day
• Summer camp: June 29 – Sept. 4, 2020 inclusive	=	\$49.20/day

Please note:

- Lunch and lunchtime supervision are NOT provided by WoodGreen on instructional days. This is done by the TDSB.
- Lunch IS provided by WoodGreen on Non-Instructional days if you have opted into the non-instructional day option.
- Children who cannot be confirmed due to over-enrollment in the program will be placed on a waiting list.

**Next Steps:**

- You will receive detailed information on the registration process and required forms from Central Manager when your space is confirmed.
- You are required to complete an in-person registration at the child care site
- Families who are NEW to WoodGreen are required to provide a \$50 cash deposit to reserve their child care space. **The deposit will be returned when the child starts in September.** If the child does not start, the deposit will be forfeited. Families who are currently enrolled at WoodGreen will be charged a \$50.00 cancellation fee if their child does not start after confirmation has been provided.





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## Bag To School Campaign

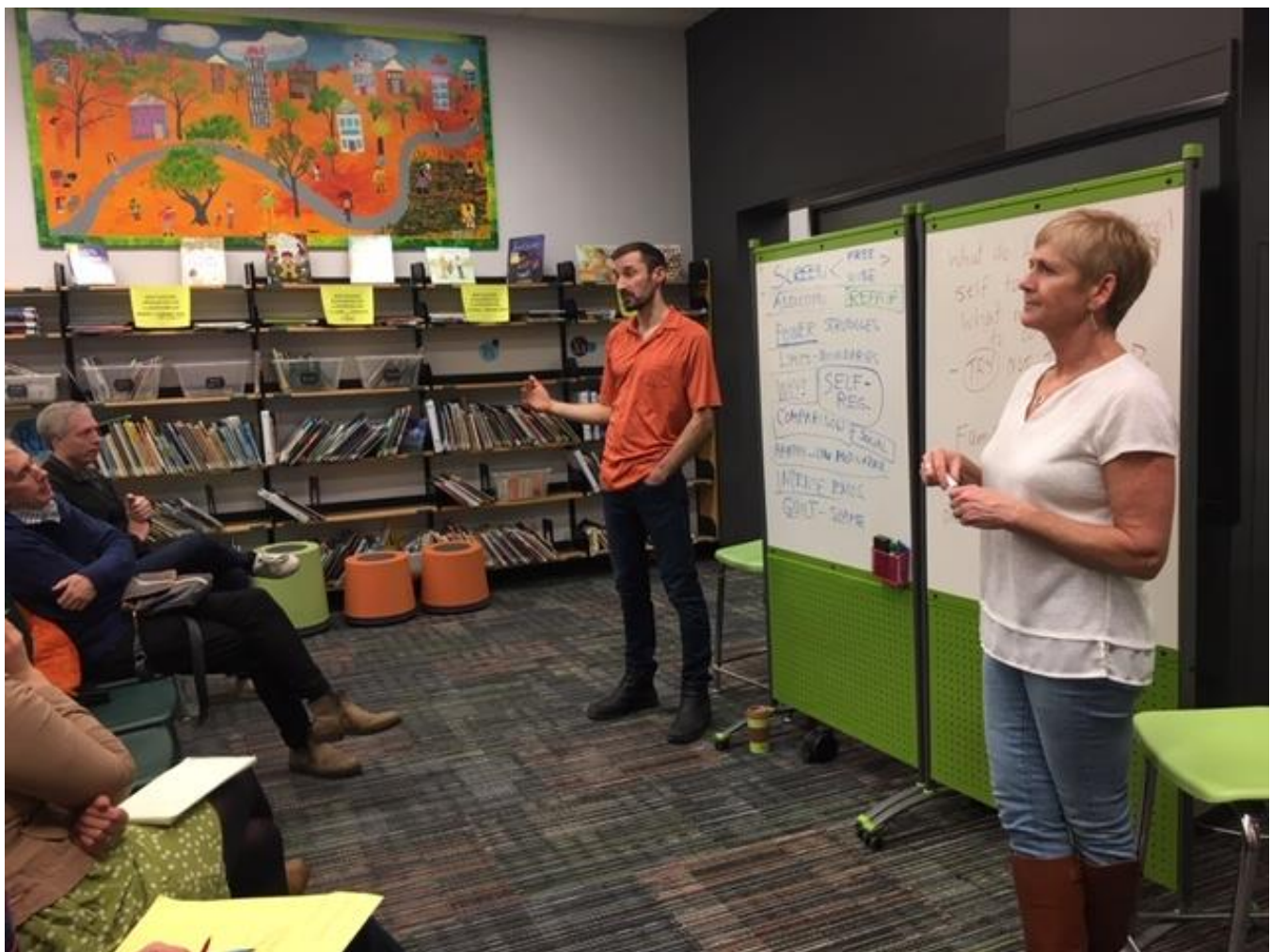
Thank you so much to everyone who participated in/promoted/supported this eco-endeavour. Our Bag2School Fundraiser was a success. We collected **570 kg/1256.63lbs** of clothing and other textiles that will now be rehomed as is -- or reimagined into something new. We raised awareness about the ecological expense of fast-fashion, and we prevented a lot of no-longer useful clothing from going into the landfill.

*An extra huge thank you to the enthusiasm and energy of Ms. Kerr's class. Ms. Kerr and her students helped us load all the bags of clothing into the truck in under 10 minutes!! We are so grateful!*



## Parent Workshop Evening with East End Community Health and CDI

Our January 15th evening Parenting Workshop was led by Joanne Gallagher of the East End Community Health Centre, and David Jurasek, originator of the Integra Young Warriors program at the Child Development Institute. The subjects covered were parent lead, and delved into such hot topics as screen time and addiction, self-regulation, family meetings, punishment/consequences, control, collaboration, and mental health. We had a great turnout, with nearly 100 people registered. It was wonderful to see our parent community come together in sharing and learning.



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# SAC

Happy New Year from your School Advisory Council (SAC) executive! Hope you are all enjoying our brisk winter weather and we look forward to an exciting 2020 at Duke!

Please join us for our Family Skate at Greenwood Park on February 13<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that if your little ones have outgrown their ice skates, you can borrow a pair for the season from our FREE skate library. Simply email [dukeskatelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:dukeskatelibrary@gmail.com) to arrange a time to find the perfect pair. The skate library is located in the basement of the Duke building. Parents will need to sign-in at the Main Office and then come down the staircase at the North end of the hall.

Our next [Movie Night is coming up on Thursday, April 9 at 5:30pm](#). Hope to see you there! And have you heard? [Our annual Adult Social is planned for March 28th](#) Keep an eye out for more details to come in an upcoming Need to Read. The Need to Read (NTR) newsletter contains updates, school info, and important dates. If you are not receiving the NTR, visit the SAC website to sign up: [www.dukesac.ca](http://www.dukesac.ca)

All parents are members of council and we hope to see and hear from more of you at [our next SAC meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm, in the cafeteria](#). Childcare will be provided.

There are many ways for you to get involved at the school. We are always recruiting volunteers to help with upcoming events. If you wish to get more involved, please email us at [info@dukesac.ca](mailto:info@dukesac.ca). It is only with volunteers that our community building and fundraising events happen. Let's continue to work together to keep Duke's school community strong!

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## Spirit T-Shirt Design Winner



We received hundreds of entries from all grades for our Kindness Matters Spirit T-Shirt design contest! Selecting a winning design was extremely difficult, with many excellent student designs. Congratulations to Linda from Ms. Astor's class for her winning design, which is reproduced here. It will now be worked onto a multi-coloured shirt. Look for details on getting yours soon!



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## Coding Workshop

The Logistics Academy was on hand on the 24<sup>th</sup> for several coding sessions with our Primary students in a program entitled “A Series of Unfortunate Events”, named after the Lemony Snicket. book series. Thanks to our senior students from the Lego Robotics Team for helping out: Analiese, Bronwyn, Maya, Claire, Charlie, Owen, Gabe Lucy, Meryem , Sarah, Ayaan and Aiden.



## Congratulations London!

London Ketchum, in Mr. Boccia's class, scored the highest mark in the world in the recent Caribou Math Contest. Well done London!



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# Curriculum in Action:

*The following is an example of persuasive essay writing in Ms. Papoff's Grade 7/8 class:*

## Is Social Media Bad?

People all around us are constantly on social media. When you are stalking one of our favourite accounts that isn't necessarily good for your mental health. While scrolling through someone's profile you'll see those *perfect* photos of the people you will never get to be as perfect as.

Social media affects your self-esteem. You can see a post about something fun that your friend did without you and feel left out, seeing too many of these kinds of posts and might make you feel anxious, stressed or even depressed. Depression usually includes dark thoughts like dying or self-harm. When these dark thoughts occur you *should* take a break from the source of your depression; social media, but instead you find yourself visiting it every so often. The reason why you keep opening that saddening app is because it's addictive.

This addiction is like a cycle; you open your Instagram and the first post catches your eye, whether you find it hilarious, incredibly stupid or just amusing, you would keep scrolling and hopefully find more of the kind, instead you are now looking at a flawless photo of someone who is not you, you notice the amount of likes; way more than on any of your posts, you would feel bad about yourself, why aren't you as good as others? But the post after that is one of your beloved memes, you keep scrolling coming across both posts that make you laugh and posts that make you stress. This cycle is called social comparison. If you feel like you are comparing yourself to others and you are putting yourself down, you should focus on the good things in your life, most posts are very unnatural so don't feel bad about yourself.

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There are also people on the internet who influence you to make bad choices, like posts where people are doing things they shouldn't be doing or showing to a younger audience, things like vaping in their pictures or having disrespectful body language or swearing in the caption every two words. Young people see these posts and copy them because they think it's 'cool' to be disrespectful.

People spend far too much time on their mobile devices, which, as you know, can strain your eyes. The symptoms of eye strain are: blurry or double vision, eye discomfort/pain, dry or red eyes, fatigue and headaches. If you start showing these symptoms you should try to limit your time in front of digital screens.

Some people say they can't live without social media, but they can. Humans did not always have social media, but they lived just fine. I'm not saying you shouldn't use social media at all because it can be helpful at times, but you don't need to check your phone every time you get a notification. Try to stay away from your phone for *at least* 30 minutes and try not to have your phone an arm's reach away so you won't always be reaching for it.

So overall try to spend as little time on your device as you can. Especially social media, so you can start feeling better about yourself and stop comparing yourself to others.

-By Elyssa

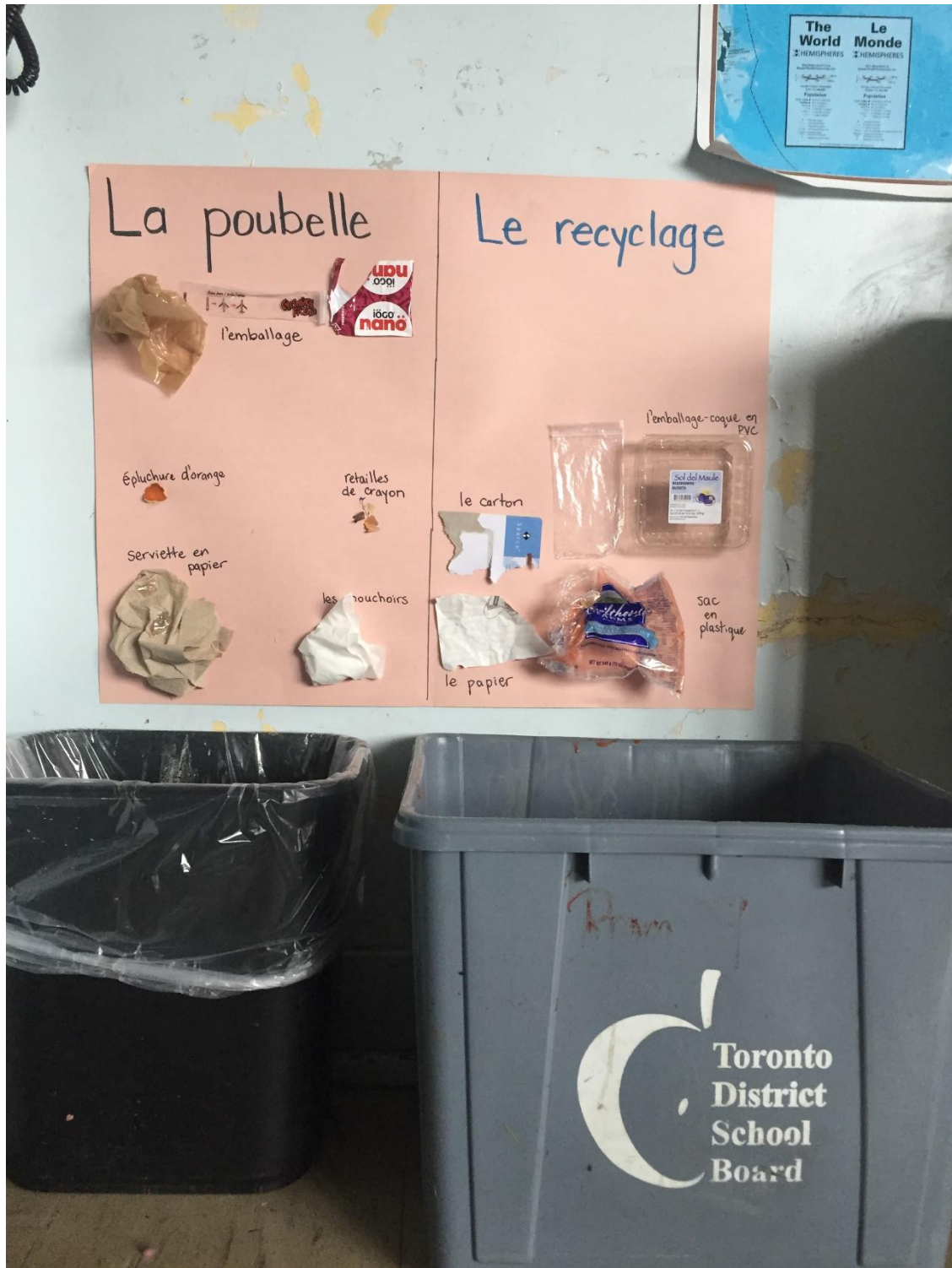
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Grade 5/ 6 Ski Trip



Lyam is proud of his work in literacy with Mme Kirk!



Mme Angeli's class created a visual to help them with recycling – keep thinking green!





## Trustee Jennifer Story

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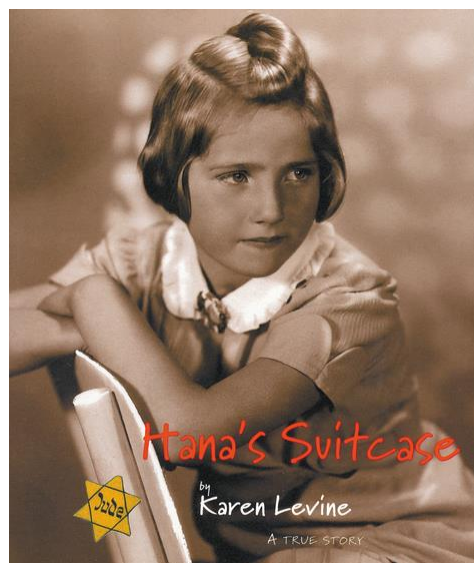
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### Jan 27, 2020 – One Book Event – Launch of Hana's Suitcase on International Holocaust Day

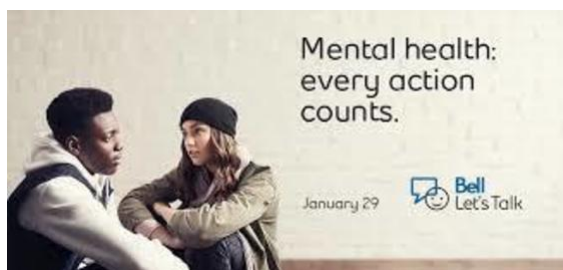
The TDSB is committed to creating a school system and workplace that is free from discrimination and harassment. As part of this effort, we provide opportunities for students and staff to learn about Holocaust and genocide prevention, and how to combat antisemitism and all forms of hate.

This week, to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the TDSB hosted a "One-Book Event" in partnership with Indigo and Second Story Press. All Grade 6 students (more than 17,000) throughout the TDSB received a copy of Hana's Suitcase.

This book is an excellent resource for introducing children to the Holocaust and is Canada's most awarded children's book including one from the United Nations and "the Ultimate Silver Birch Winner" in Ontario. It has been translated into more than 40 languages, produced as a stage play, and is the subject of a prize-winning radio documentary and feature-length documentary film.



[Here is a news clip from CTV about the One-Book event.](#)



### Bell Let's Talk Day is Wed, January 29

Bell Let's Talk is a multi-year charitable program dedicated to the promotion and support of mental health across Canada. Since 2010, Bell has committed over \$100 million to support a wide range of mental health organizations, large and small, from

coast to coast to coast focusing on anti-stigma, care and access, workplace mental health and

research.

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Bell will donate more towards mental health initiatives in Canada by contributing 5¢ for every applicable text, call, tweet, social media video view and use of our Facebook frame or Snapchat filter. For more information, please click <https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/>.

Student mental health and well-being is an important part of student success and a priority at the TDSB and in our schools. For more information click <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-Well-being>. #StopTheStigma

## Information About Coronavirus

Please check the TDSB website for a letter from Toronto Public Health <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1411/Information-About-Coronavirus>.

Please note the Ontario government website <https://www.ontario.ca/page/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov> will be updated daily.

As always, it is important to remember to cough into your sleeve, wash your hands as washing your hands properly can help prevent the spread of the germs and if you feel sick, stay home and/or seek medical advice.

## Labour Update

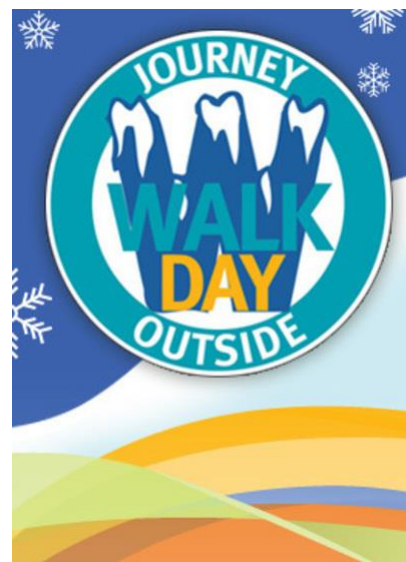
Please visit [this page](#) for the latest in labour negotiations as they relate to TDSB schools and students.

## Winter Walk Day - Feb 5!

On Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 – Let's get more kids walking and wheeling to school! Bundle up, walk and roll to school, and enjoy the winter season! On February 5th, join schools across the country in celebrating Winter Walk Day. Visit the [Ontario Active School Travel website](#) for resources including posters and event ideas.

Show us how you're celebrating!  
Share your Winter Walk Day event with us by tweeting [@EcoSchoolsTDSB](#) using the hashtag **#WinterWalkDay**.

To learn more about road safety, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Road-Safety>.





Parents as Partners Conference – March 28,

## 2020

You're invited to our annual Parents as Partners Conference!

The Parents as Partners Conference 2020 is on Saturday, March 28 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Kim Katrin, an internationally acclaimed award winning educator, writer, artist and consultant. With a focus on student life, Kim explores how intersections of race, sexual orientation, and gender impact mental wellness. Emphasizing these connections allows for an inclusive discussion and a holistic focus on mental wellness and community engagement.

Technology micro-sessions are also being offered to help parents develop their computer literacy as well as bring them up to speed on many online applications used by TDSB students.

Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference. Registration opens mid-February at [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca).



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## Local Restaurant Ascari holds fundraising brunch for Eastdale Collegiate, using produce grown at the school...

A fantastic good news story From Eastdale Collegiate principal Andrea Hicks:

"Eastdale and a local restaurateur, John Sinopoli, collaborated this past Sunday to kick-off the brunch service at local restaurant Ascari on Queen Street East.

The menu included items made with Eastdale-grown carrots and microgreens, as well as honey from Eastdale staffer David Servos' own apiary! Poached eggs, in several delicious options, were garnished with Eastdale microgreens as well.

For the record, it was beautiful and delicious!

Huge thanks to our Foodshare partner, Orlando Gomez, the founder of our Rooftop Farm, David Servos, and our School Trustee, Jennifer Story, for connecting us to this phenomenal local restaurant owner, John Sinopoli."



## East End Transit Alliance

The provincial government recently announced that they intend to upload and replace the TTC's planned Downtown Relief Line with the Ontario Line, which they currently intend to build above ground for the first 2km east of the Don River. The stretch from Broadview and Eastern through to Gerrard Square would have a significant impact on the homes, parks and community centres on the route. As a school board trustee, I am concerned about the potential impacts on health and safety, on our kids and construction impacts re: safe routes to

school. This stretch of the proposed route passes near a number of our schools, several parks and the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre. Alarming, there has been no environmental assessment on the proposed changes and there are no commitments at this time to conduct one.

The only good news out of this abrupt change is that there is a great local group that has sprung up to fight for a safer option -- the East End Transit Alliance.

There is a lot going on around this issue, and lots of ways you can get involved.

Please invite your friends, family, and neighbours to [sign-up here](#) for EastEnd Transit Alliance e-news updates.

Also, please let them know how you want to help out If you haven't done the survey yet, you can [complete it right now](#) - it is super quick and will help us help you get involved.





## **People for Education News**

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## **Parent Representative Participation in Vice-Principal Interviews**

The Toronto District School Board currently includes a Parent Representative on Vice-Principal Interview Committees and is seeking interested parent volunteers to be part of the interview team. The interview team is composed of one superintendent, two principals and one parent representative.

In order to participate in the Spring 2020 Vice-Principal interview process, parents are required to:

1. Fill out an expression of interest [survey](#).
2. Attend a training session scheduled for February 11, 2020, between 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Board's main office on 5050 Yonge Street
3. Be available all day to participate on two of the planned interview dates as listed below:

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The survey closes on January 24, 2020.

Should you require additional information contact [Colleen Russell-Rawlins](#) or [Michelle Munroe](#).

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## Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance Policy: Virtual Public Consultations – January 30, 2020

As you are aware, the TDSB is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities. As part of this review, the Board is also reviewing the Optional Attendance Policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address. We have held four public meetings on both [Optional Attendance Policy \(P013\)](#) and [Secondary Program Review](#) in November 2019 and you can review this presentation [here](#). On January 30, 2020, we will be hosting two virtual information sessions as our final public consultations.

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